

**Order of Mass**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent ~ December 16/17, 2017**

**PENITENTIAL ACT**

Lord Jesus, you bring glad tidings to the poor. Lord, have mercy.  
Christ Jesus, you heal the brokenhearted. Christ, have mercy.  
Lord Jesus, you call us to rejoice in you always. Lord, have mercy.

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

**Celebrant:** We bring our needs before you, our loving Father,  
confident that you hear our prayers.

- 1) For all members of the Church, the people of God, may we strive always to be a reflection of Christ's light to all people who seek the Lord...let us pray to the Lord,
- 2) For all who are alienated from God and his Church, may they open their hearts and respond to Christ's message of love and healing...let us pray to the Lord,
- 3) For this faith community, may our children experience God's presence and grow in their love and commitment to God...let us pray to the Lord,
- 4) For our beloved dead, may they be welcomed into God's heavenly presence with the saints and angels, especially Kathryn Beaver and for today's Mass intention...

+ TONY LEHR *(Intention at 5:30 Mass)*

+ JOANNE SCHMIDT *(Intention at 8:30 Mass)*

FOR THE PEOPLE OF ST. TERESA'S PARISH *(Intention at 11:00 Mass)*

...let us pray to the Lord,

- 5) And together we pray our vocations prayer ...

“O God, hear our prayer and let our cry come unto You. Bless our Diocese of Savannah with many vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life. Give the men and women You call the light to understand Your gift and the love to follow always in the footsteps of Your priestly Son. Amen.”

(priest MAY conclude with prayer)