

# *Gaudete in Domino semper!*<sup>1</sup>

## **Rejoice in The Lord always!<sup>2</sup> Pope Benedict XVI<sup>3</sup>**

“True joy is not merely a passing state of mind or something that can be achieved with the person’s own effort.

Rather, it is a Gift, born from The Encounter with The Living Person of JESUS and, making room within ourselves, from welcoming The HOLY SPIRIT, Who guides our lives!

In this Season of Advent, let us reinforce our conviction that The Lord has come among us, and ceaselessly renews His comforting, loving and joyful Presence” to us!

## **PSALM 33:20-22<sup>4</sup>**

<sup>20</sup> Our soul waits for The LORD;

He is our help and our shield.

<sup>21</sup> For our heart shall rejoice in Him,

Because we have trusted in His Holy Name.

<sup>22</sup> Let Your Mercy, O LORD, be upon us,

Just as we hope in You!

## **I THESSALONIANS 5:23<sup>5</sup>**

Now may The GOD of Peace Himself

sanctify you completely;

and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless

at The coming of our Lord JESUS CHRIST!

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<sup>1</sup> Gaudete Sunday, “Rejoice Sunday,” is The Third Sunday of Advent. We rejoice at The Coming of The Lord JESUS CHRIST on Christmas Day. New Advent Catholic Encyclopedia. Retrieved 12/13/2013. <http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/06394b.htm>

<sup>2</sup> NKJV, PHILIPPIANS 4:4.

<sup>3</sup> “Rejoice in The Lord always!” Pope Benedict XVI. The Magnificat, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012, p 256-257.

<sup>4</sup> NKJV, PSALM 33:20-22.

<sup>5</sup> NKJV, I THESSALONIANS 5:23.