



## *Reflection from Sally Dux*

Rejoice! What a glorious word! The third Sunday in Advent is known as Gaudete Sunday, Latin for Rejoice! Gaudete (gow-DET-te) represents Joy as we light the pink candle on our Advent wreath. Joy is rooted in faith and trust, bringing inner Peace through our belief in the promise of the Christ Child.

On this Joyous Sunday, as the Holy night draws near, we are called by God to put aside our daily concerns and stress. With His comfort, we light the third candle of Advent, also called the Shepherd's Candle. It serves to remind us of the Joy brought to Shepherds by the Angels, announcing the birth of Jesus. "Glory to God in the Highest, and Peace to all people on Earth." All people, you and me. God wants us to celebrate Joy in our hearts with faith that He will bring us to a better tomorrow. Rejoice!

For unto to us, a Son is born, a Child is given, and His name shall be called the Prince of Peace. Come Lord Jesus; we await your Peace. Come, fill our hearts with Joy.

*Peace,*

*Sally*