

**Sunday, January 25**  
**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A**

**FIRST READING**

*A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 8:23-9:3*

First the Lord degraded the land of Zebulun  
and the land of Naphtali;  
but in the end he has glorified the seaward road,  
the land west of the Jordan,  
the District of the Gentiles.

Anguish has taken wing, dispelled is darkness:  
for there is no gloom where but now there was distress.

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom  
a light has shone.

You have brought them abundant joy  
and great rejoicing,  
as they rejoice before you as at the harvest,  
as people make merry when dividing spoils.

For the yoke that burdened them,  
the pole on their shoulder,  
and the rod of their taskmaster  
you have smashed, as on the day of Midian

The word of the Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*The Lord is my light and my salvation.*