## Reflection Tuesday Christmas Week St John the Evangelist 2022

**St John the Evangelist.** James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were nicknamed by Jesus "the sons of thunder." John is involved in many of the central events of Jesus' life: the Transfiguration, the Crucifixion, and the discovery of the Resurrection. He is "the disciple whom Jesus loved" and the one to whom he confided the care of his mother Mary. He is mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles; later he was exiled to the island of Patmos. He is said to have died at Ephesus. He wrote a Gospel, three Epistles, and the Apocalypse. Be inspired with his wisdom:

- "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it." (John 1.1)
- Our love should not be just words and talk; it must be true love, which shows itself in action.
- God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him.
- In this is love, not that we loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.
- God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.
- Beloved, we are God's children now; it does not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.