

**The Second Sunday of Advent****Year C**

Sunday, December 9, 2018

Readings: 1) Baruch 5:1-9 2) Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11 3) Luke 3:1-6

**Sunday Liturgy**

The focus for today is: As we await the coming of our Lord and Savior, joy and hope fill our hearts in anticipation of the Messiah.

Prepare the way of the Lord! Today marks the Second Sunday of Advent, and we are filled with hope, joy and anticipation. The Lord enters the world to save us. Our paths will be made straight. Our burdens will be eased. Our darkness will be lightened. Salvation is at hand.

The first reading calls Israel to abandon mourning and misery and replace it with the glorious splendor of God. Paul's Letter to the Philippians is filled with hope and joy, embracing Christ's message and mission. Hope continues in the Gospel as John prepares the way of the Lord, baptizing in his name and proclaiming that salvation is near.

**GENERAL INTERCESSIONS****PRIEST:**

**Baptized in Christ, we join together as one voice to place our needs before God.**

**For Pope Francis, the bishops and all priests during this Advent season, may Christ's love strengthen them as they lead us all in preparing for the coming of Jesus.**

We Pray to the Lord. Hear our prayer.

**For every nation, now preparing for the day of Christ by working for peace and the good of all.**

We Pray to the Lord. Hear our prayer.

**For those who are sick in mind, body and spirit.**

We Pray to the Lord. Hear our prayer.

**For all those who have died.**

We Pray to the Lord. Hear our prayer.

**For this community of faith, may we prepare for the coming of Lord through love and charity.**

We Pray to the Lord. Hear our prayer.

**For our own personal intentions.**

We Pray to the Lord. Hear our prayer.

**PRIEST:**

**Lord, we present these prayers with humble hearts, and ask that you answer our needs in your infinite wisdom.**

**We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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