

The Second Sunday of Advent Year B

Sunday, December 6, 2020

Readings: 1) Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 2) 2 Peter 3:8-14 3) Mark 1:1-8

Sunday Liturgy

The focus for today's Mass is: God's promise of a savior brings us comfort and calm.

Each Advent we can choose to let the social pressures this time of year overwhelm us or to take a step back and include Christ in all our planning for Christmas. Today, as we hear of John the Baptist preaching in the desert, we need to remember our own need for repentance and our mission to make straight the way of the Lord.

Isaiah challenges us to be heralds of the good news and prepare the way of the Lord. In the second reading, Peter reminds us to prepare for the right things and to be at peace, and without spot or blemish. Saint Mark's Gospel begins today with people going out to hear and be baptized by John the Baptist. He tells them of one mightier than he who is coming.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

PRIEST:

**Let us call to mind the needs of the Church and the world,
bringing our concerns confidently before God's throne.**

**For our Holy Father and all Pastors, may they be true shepherds of God's flock.
We Pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**For local and national leaders in every country,
may they have courage to help build a just world.
We Pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**For all who are sick in mind, spirit and body,
For hope, help and healing.
We Pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.**

**For our beloved dead,
may they rest in peace.
We Pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**For love, tolerance and understanding in our community.
We Pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**For our own personal intentions... (pause).
We Pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.**

PRIEST:

**Father, in your goodness hear our prayers today and answer them,
we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.**