

Prepare the way of the Lord!

This weekend we celebrate the Second Sunday of Advent. The readings this weekend focus on preparing for the Lord. In the Gospel of Luke, we are introduced to John the Baptist who is a cousin of Jesus. We will read about John this week and next Sunday because he is a major figure during the Season of Advent and focuses on preparation and repentance.

In the First Reading from Baruch, we read how a faithful servant of the Lord has good news for the people. Their sorrow will turn into joy. Jerusalem is told to forget the sufferings of the past because God is going to bring her exiled children to her. Baruch and John the Baptist speak of conversion and remind us that Advent is about preparing the way of the Lord, clearing space and making room for Jesus. In the Gospel of Luke, we read how John the Baptist calls the people to commit themselves to an immersive experience of repentance.

One of the most important things we can do this Advent Season is to prepare our own heart to receive Jesus. During this busy time of the year with work, school, Christmas shopping, writing out Christmas Cards, and attending various holiday gatherings and events, let us slow down and make time for Christ in our hearts.

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