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2nd Sunday in Advent



PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD

CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH THE ARTISAN

DAILY ADVENT CHALLENGE

In the next few days, determine to spend some extra time with someone who needs you. It could be a son or daughter, a parent, a friend, or a co-worker.



2nd Sunday in Advent

"People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him." John the Baptist commanded quite a crowd. What was the attraction? Was it his unusual appearance--clothed in camel's hair? Perhaps it was his bizarre eating habits--feeding on locusts and wild honey. Or maybe people were captivated by the Baptist's remarkable humility in the face of such huge popularity--"I am not worthy."

Unlike our modern fascination with standing in the presence of superstars, the crowds who flocked to John weren't looking for a thrill. They weren't lining up for autographs. They were lining up for baptism. And they were acknowledging their sins at the same time. John was proclaiming "a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins." And people came because they were longing to experience the freedom of that forgiveness.

John called them to conversion. To convert means to turn, in this case to turn away from sin. And the crowds were anxious to do so in order to "prepare the way of the Lord." For these first-century Jews, the imminent approach of the Messiah came with a call for conversion and they took this call very seriously.

Now, for us, as twenty-first century Christians, the Church, like John the Baptist, calls us to prepare and repent during this season of Advent. Will we take the call seriously? Will we examine the areas of our lives that need to change? Will we pray for God's help to overcome our habitual sin and to make choices based on generosity instead of selfishness? Now is the time to heed the message. Now is the time to "prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Sat Evening: 7pm	Alfred Carr (A)
Sun: 9.30am	John O' Brien (A)
Sun: 11.30am	Stephen Kelly (M.M.), Marie Kelly (A)
Mon: 9.30am	Gerry Snowe (A)
Tues: 9.30am	The Meade Family (living)
Wed: 9.30am	Callie O'Hanlon (A)
Thurs: 9.30am	Alan Joyce (living)
Fri: 9.30am	Geraldine Murphy (A)

With Heartfelt Sympathy



*To the family of the late
David Hanlon R.I.P.*

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Mass Times
Sunday Vigil: (Saturday Evening) 7.00pm
Sunday: 9.30am & 11.30am
Monday - Friday: 9.30am
Saturday morning: No Mass

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WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

QUESTION:

For many Christians unfamiliar with the liturgical year, there may be some confusion surrounding the meaning of the Advent season. Some people may know that the Advent season focuses on expectation and think that it serves as an anticipation of Christ's birth in the season leading up to Christmas. This is part of the story, but there's more to Advent.

ANSWER:

Advent is the season of the year leading up to Christmas. It is observed with various traditions and rituals by Catholics and other liturgical groups such as Lutherans, Anglicans, and Methodists. In recent years, Advent celebrations of one type or another have been added to many evangelical services as well.

The word advent itself means "arrival" or "an appearing or coming into place." Christians often speak of Christ's "first advent" and "second advent"; that is, His first and second comings to earth. His first advent would be the Incarnation—Christmastime.

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The Advent season lasts for four Sundays. It begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas, or the nearest Sunday to November 30. Advent ends on Christmas Eve and thus is not considered part of the Christmas season. The Advent celebration is both a commemoration of Christ's first coming and an anticipation of His second coming. As Israel longed for their Messiah to come, so Christians long for their Saviour to come again.

INSPIRATION

John the Baptist announced, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." Does preparing a way for the Lord have priority in our lives? Often we spend more time preparing paths for ourselves rather than a path for God. Advent calls us to take the focus off ourselves and put it on God. We prepare a path for God by practicing and living the virtues, being holy and devoted, patient and repentant, and attentive and humble. We are asked to bring comfort and healing to people and to show others by the way we live our lives that we have a higher calling and purpose.

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