
December 7th 2025 2nd Sunday of Advent Year A Matthew 3:1-12

³⁻¹In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, ²And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

³For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. ⁴And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan, ⁶And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

⁸Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance: ⁹And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.

¹⁰And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. ¹¹I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance. but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire: ¹²Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Read and re-read – out loud and slowly the Gospel.➤ Meditate - on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Pray - Thanksgiving – Repentance – Petition.➤ Action – Attitude (Call to change / to act /to do).
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In this weeks gospel we see Jesus sending his messenger to prepare the way for the Lord. We see John the Baptist appearing in the wilderness calling on people to move from a place of wilderness or despair to a state of hopeful and trusting expectation. Jesus himself was someone who knew how to wait.

When are the times in our lives when we fell deep into the wilderness with no glimpse of hope or trust?

Who have been the messengers' Jesus sent to tell us we are not destined to remain there forever that we can expect the good news to come into our lives if we are patient.

Have we been bearers of good news to others?

Prayer:

Thank You Lord for the people who have been John the Baptist in our lives by their encouragement and compassion.

Forgive us Lord for the times we were not attentive to those crying out in the wilderness and for not letting them know that the Lord has not forgotten them.

Help us all Lord to know that when we feel powerless you are more powerful because it is your sacred work we are doing and you will not let us down.