

December 8th 2024 2nd Sunday of Advent Year C Luke 3 :1 - 6

^{3:1}In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, ‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. ⁵Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; ⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.” ’

<p>➤ Read and re-read – out loud and slowly the Gospel.</p> <p>➤ Meditate - on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life.</p>	<p>➤ Pray - Thanksgiving – Repentance – Petition.</p> <p>➤ Action – Attitude (Call to change / to act /to do).</p>
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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.