

Lectio Divina

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

December 4th 2011 2nd Sunday of Advent – Year B – Mark 1:1-8

In this week's 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:

Lord thank you for the people who have been John the Baptist in our lives by their encouragement and compassion. Forgive us for the times when we find ourselves becoming bitter or frustrated with our church because they are not achieving much. Help us 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.