

2nd Sunday of Advent
December 5, 2021

FAITH @ HOME

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First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6
Second Reading: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11
Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

[Full readings can be found here!](#)

1. HEAR

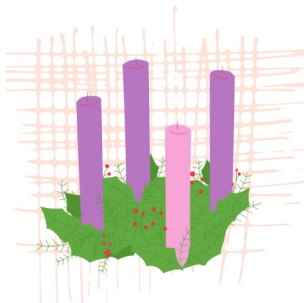
Grab your Bible and look up the Gospel reading. Don't have one? You can find the text [here](#).

[Check out this video](#) of the proclamation of the Gospel for children.

2. PRAY

In today's Gospel we hear John the Baptist proclaiming the words of the Prophet Isaiah to "prepare the way of the Lord." Take a moment of silence to reflect on these words.

- How are you being called to prepare the way of the Lord during this Advent season?
- How can you help those around you prepare for Jesus this Advent season?



Gather around your Advent Wreath and light the second purple candle, which represents HOPE.

Share with us how you are living out your faith at home. Use #LACatholicsBelieve and tag @LACatholics on social media.

Optional activity for the whole family:
Blessing of the Advent Wreath

Follow these instructions and involve the children, youth and adults in the ritual.

Leader: The second candle of Advent is the Candle of Hope. It is sometimes called the Bethlehem Candle to remind us of the place in which preparations were made to receive and cradle the Christ child. Hope is a gift that we must be prepared for. God gives us the gift of hope when we turn to him in faith. *(Ask someone from the family to light the 1st and 2nd candles in the Advent wreath.)*

All: Loving God, we thank you for the hope you give us through Jesus. Help us prepare our hearts to receive Him. Bless our worship. Guide us in all that we say and do. We ask it in the name of the one born in Bethlehem, Jesus our Lord. Amen.

(The two candles are allowed to burn during the evening meals of the second week.)

3. TALK

Have a conversation as a household/family. If you live by yourself consider hosting a virtual gathering or call someone to have a conversation.

"Prepare the way of the Lord..."
"Preparen el camino del Señor..."



Create your own "Advent Announcement." Write on a piece of paper what you might want to remember during this Advent season, as you prepare for Jesus' arrival. Share with each other and choose a place to place your announcement in your home.