

FATH @ HOME

2nd Sunday of Advent
December 10, 2023

Waiting for the Messiah

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First Reading: Isaiah 40: 1
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 85: 9-10,11-12,13-14
Second Reading: 2Peter 3: 8-14
Gospel: Mark 1: 1-8

[Full readings from the USCCB](#)



1. HEAR

Before reading this Sunday's Gospel, click [HERE](#) to watch a short video that will help you grow your prayer space beginning with this Second Sunday in Advent.

Grab your bible and look up the Gospel reading. Don't have one? No worries you can find the Gospel reading by clicking [HERE](#).

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

As an alternative to reading the Gospel, you can watch a short video with the proclamation for adults by clicking [HERE](#). (YouTube, 1:29 min)

The children can also watch a video proclamation of the Gospel by clicking [HERE](#). (YouTube, CartoonBible, 1:03 min)

2. PRAY

In today's Gospel, we heard how "John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins." We also heard John the Baptist proclaim: "One mightier than I is coming after me." Repeat, reflect and ponder these words from the Gospel in your heart as you begin to pray with Jesus.

Begin your prayer time by praying for all those people in your life that you may have hurt with your words or your actions. Ask Jesus to forgive you for the times you have chosen to not be a person of love and peace. Continue your prayer time by asking Jesus to help you forgive those in your life who have hurt you by their words and actions. Ask Jesus to help you be an ambassador of **PEACE** and to radiate His love to all those you encounter. With the help of the Holy Spirit, carry your renewed heart of peace beyond this prayer time. Make a conscious effort during this time of "Waiting for the Messiah" to be a loving and forgiving Disciple of Christ.

Close your prayer time by praying the responsorial psalm response: "**Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**" (Responsorial Psalm)

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3. TALK

Before you start this section, download the symbol for the Second Week in Advent we have provided [HERE](#). Then, gather as a family in one room of the home and reflect on one or more of the following questions:

- What does this Sunday's Gospel invite me to?
- How do I respond to Jesus?
- Can I also be a messenger of PEACE to my brothers and sisters?
- How can I recognize and bear witness to the Good News?
- What must I change to have a better relationship with my family? Write it on the symbol for the Second Week of Advent we provided and save it until you receive new instructions. *(Note: please print the symbol for the second week before gathering to do this Faith@Home.)*

4. RITE

During this season of Advent, we invite you to do a rite each week that will include a word and a symbol. The word for the second week of Advent is **PEACE** and the symbol is a **DOVE**.

- Sing one or two verses of the following Advent hymn: [O come, O Come, Emmanuel](#).
(Click the link to access the video.)
- One adult says the Prayer of Blessing of the Advent-Christmas wreath: Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, he is the Savior of every nation.

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Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

- The oldest adult male lights the second violet/purple candle and proclaims: Come Lord Jesus, Come!
- Invite each person to share out loud what they wrote on their symbol (Dove) and then place it on their Advent prayer space. When each person reads, all proclaim: Come Lord Jesus, Come!
- All recite the closing prayer:
Lord, may we be ready when you arrive, may we open our hearts to receive you, and may we be able to see you in our brothers and sisters. Amen.
- Sing another verse from the opening hymn: [O come, O Come, Emmanuel](#).

5. CHALLENGE

Keep in mind the intention written on the symbol for this Second Week in Advent (Dove) and open the eyes of the heart to be able to see Jesus in each member of your family.

- As a family or individually, pray a decade of the rosary every day for these intentions: **Monday**, for the countries that are at war so that they may make peace. **Tuesday**, for peace and harmony in every family. **Wednesday**, for all the immigrants who, like Joseph and Mary, must leave their homelands. **Thursday**, for family members who are far from God. **Friday**, for the poor and most needy.