

2nd Sunday of Advent  
December 8, 2024

# FAITH @ HOME

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**First Reading:** Baruch 5:1-9  
**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 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

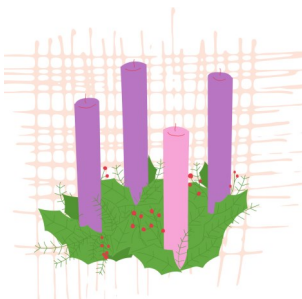
Grab your Bible and look up the Gospel reading. Don't have one? You can find the text [HERE](#).

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

The children can also watch a video proclamation of the Gospel by clicking [HERE](#).

### 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 PEACE

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 Peace. 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. Peace is a gift that we must be prepared for. God gives us the gift of peace 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 peace 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.