

KEEPING FAITH FIRST- WORD SEARCH

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Catechizing Corner!

Today is the day we hear from the one who will prepare the way of the Lord. John the Baptist takes his place on salvation history's center stage to herald the *One More Powerful* who will follow him. One can almost feel the acceleration of time in forward motion. There is a "sense of nearness to the time of the Lord's coming, but there is also a sense of the universality of salvation."

Today's liturgy is an invitation to enter deeply into the work of transformation- to become attentive to one's relationship with God. The Lord will not delay; he wants everyone to repent so no one will perish. Yet we are aware that without God we are powerless.

Mary Birmingham, *Word and Worship Workbook*.

Cycle B, Paulist Press



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Disciple's Reflection for the Question of the Week

Second Sunday of Advent

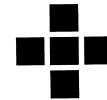
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A Call to Prayer

The Word of God
Mark 1:1-8

Faith Sharing
Questions of the week

Closing Prayer



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Call to Prayer

Begin by calling upon God: **In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.**

Let us pause for a moment and listen attentively to this week's passage.

The Word of God Mark 1:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God.

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River

Gospel Glossary

Inhabitants are people who live in a certain place.

To acknowledge means to admit or to confess.

To proclaim is to announce something important.

Thongs are straps.

as they acknowledged their sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

The Gospel of the Lord



Faith Sharing

Questions of the Week:

Children: What can you do this Advent to prepare for Jesus? Besides presents, what does Christmas mean to you?

Teen: John the Baptist was sent ahead of Jesus as a messenger to prepare the way. Do you recognize messengers of God in your daily life?

Adult: Advent is a time of cleansing while awaiting Jesus' arrival. Are there obstacles that can prevent you from welcoming Jesus at Christmas?

Family: John proclaimed "a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins." Are there words or deeds you would like to take back?

Closing Prayer

God of power and mercy, open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy, so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory. We ask this, as we ask all things, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

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