

The Second Sunday of Advent**Year B**

Sunday, December 07, 2014

Readings: 1) Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

2) 2 Peter 3:8-14

3) Mark 1:1-8

Sunday Liturgy

The focus for today's Mass is: **God's promise of a saviour brings us comfort and calm.**

In the first reading, Isaiah challenges us to be heralds of the good news and prepare the way of the Lord.

In the second reading, Peter reminds us to prepare for the right things and to be at peace, and without spot or blemish.

Saint Mark's Gospel begins today with people going out to hear and be baptized by John the Baptist. He tells them of one mightier than he who is coming.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**PRIEST:**

Called to live out the Gospel message, we implore the Lord to bring calm to our hectic pace these days, as we offer our petitions to him.

For an increase in vocations

to the priesthood, diaconate, consecrated life and lay ministries.

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For those parts of the world that do not know peace,
may our prayers support and encourage
those who are working toward sustainable peace.**

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For those who are poor, sick or struggling.

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For our beloved departed.

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For our faith community,

that during this Advent season,

our Scripture readings, hymns and prayers help us deepen our faith.

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For our own personal intentions..... (very long pause)

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

PRIEST:

Almighty God, creator of the heavens and the earth, hear our plea for comfort and bring a calming spirit into this holy place and into our nervous hearts. Through Christ our Lord.