

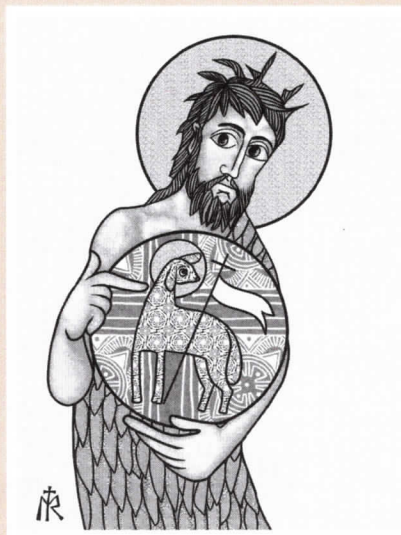
## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 5, 2021

### Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of  
Tiberius Caesar,  
when Pontius Pilate was governor of  
Judea,  
and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee,  
and his brother Philip tetrarch of the  
region of Ituraea and Trachonitis,  
and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene,  
during the high priesthood of Annas  
and Caiaphas,  
the word of God came to John the son  
of Zechariah in the desert.  
John went throughout the whole region of  
the Jordan,  
proclaiming a baptism of repentance for  
the forgiveness of sins,  
as it is written in the book of the words  
of the prophet Isaiah:  
*A voice of one crying out in the  
desert:  
"Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight his paths.*



*Every valley shall be filled  
and every mountain and hill shall be  
made low.  
The winding roads shall be made  
straight,  
and the rough ways made smooth,  
and all flesh shall see the salvation of  
God."*

### Readings for the week:

#### 2nd Sunday of Advent

Bar 5:1-9  
Ps 126:1-2, 2-3,  
4-5, 6  
Phil 1:4-6, 8-11  
Luke 3:1-6

#### Monday

Isa 35:1-10  
Ps 85:9ab and 10,  
11-12, 13-14  
Luke 5:17-26

#### Tuesday

Isa 40:1-11  
Ps 96:1-2, 3 and  
10ac, 11-12, 13  
Matt 18:12-14

#### Wednesday Immaculate Conception

Gen 3:9-15, 20  
Ps 98:1, 2-3ab,  
3cd-4  
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12  
Luke 1:26-38

#### Thursday

Isa 41:13-20  
Ps 145:1 and 9,  
10-11, 12-13ab  
Matt 11:11-15

#### Friday

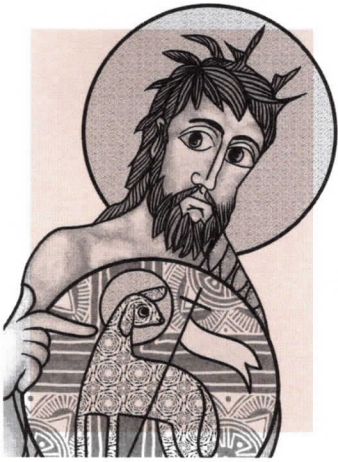
Isa 48:17-19  
Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4  
and 6  
Matt 11:16-19

#### Saturday

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11  
Ps 80:2ac and 3b,  
15-16, 18-19  
Matt 17:9a, 10-13

#### 3rd Sunday of Advent

Zeph 3:14-18a  
Isa 12:2-3, 4, 5-6  
Phil 4:4-7  
Luke 3:10-18



## Opening Prayer

Almighty and merciful God,  
may no earthly undertaking hinder those  
who set out in haste to meet your Son,  
but may our learning of heavenly wisdom  
gain us admittance to his company.  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## Reflecting on Living the Gospel

Against a backdrop of geography, politics, and history, Luke ushers the adult John the Baptist onto the Jordan stage. Last Sunday's gospel announced the advent or "arrival" of Jesus at the end of human history; today, as watchman and awakener, John announces the advent of salvation and consolation to the people and proclaims that their hope for the dawn of messianic time is near. After four centuries of prophetic silence, in an insignificant and troublesome pocket of the Roman Empire, John heralds the coming of God's salvation not only to Israel, but to all humankind. He proclaims a baptism of repentance, a conversion of heart that looks to future commitment and not merely to regret for the past.

We are used to heavy earth-moving equipment and technology that builds roads to speed travelers on their way—smoothing treacherous bumps, straightening dangerous curves. Advent is the season of Christian "road work," with John the Baptist as our overseer. With John's voice, the church asks us both personally and communally to level and straighten out whatever is an obstacle or danger on our journey to God. What are the "potholes" in our discipleship, those sins of omission? From what do we need to be converted if we are to make the way smoother for others who find it difficult to travel to God because of our intolerant or erratic behavior? Do we indulge in outbursts of destructive "road rage" toward our sisters and brothers as we all try to follow the way of the gospel? Have we a kingdom vision that can enable us to see around the twists and turns of personal tragedy or ecclesial failure and to recognize there an advent of Christ—his presence with us in the suffering, dying, and rising from these painful realities?

## Closing Prayer

Loving God, thank you for the gift of this day and the opportunity to grow in relationship with you. May we heed the forerunner's voice and redirect our thoughts and actions to you alone, ever smoothing the rough edges of our heart so that we might remain faithful to your Gospel and the way of life to which we are called. **Amen.**



### For Reflection:

- Which paths in your own life might God be inviting you to straighten?

### Suggestions for group and individual use:

1. Pray aloud the "Opening Prayer" (in *The Roman Missal* called the "collect").
2. One person read aloud the gospel.
3. Each read prayerfully "Reflecting on Living the Gospel" and spend some time in personal prayer.
4. Share together responses to "For Reflection."
5. Pray the "Closing Prayer."

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**Announcements**  
**12/04/21 to 12/05/21**

**Financials: Last Week 11/24/21-11/30/21**

<b>Weekly Collection Goal \$2400</b>	<b>Total \$2188.00    Short \$212.00</b>		
<b>In Church</b>		<b>\$ 1538.00</b>	
<b>OnLine Giving</b>		<b>\$ .00</b>	
<b>Mail In</b>		<b>\$ 650.00</b>	

We have received Updated COVID-19 Protocols for Church Activities from the Diocese.

For the Counties of O`ahu, Maui and Kaua`i:  
100% church capacity is now allowed. Proof of vaccination is not required. No physical distance requirements.

However, PROVISIONS into putting ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THOSE WHO ARE HIGHLY VULNERABLE TO INFECTION IS RECOMMENDED.

We would also need to accommodate those who are STILL UNCOMFORTABLE TO BE SITTING TOO CLOSE WITH OTHERS.

In this regard, we would CONTINUE TO USE THE HALL in all our Masses for Live Broadcast, and from here on onwards it will also officially serve as a CRYING ROOM for our families where they could comfortably attend our Masses with all their

toddlers in hand (most of our families are already doing this on our weekend masses and have considered the hall as our Crying Room).

Masks must be worn at all times by all who participate at the Mass during the liturgical celebration as a mitigation effort.

## *Happy Holidays*

### THE MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS

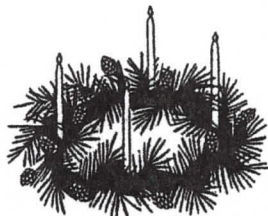
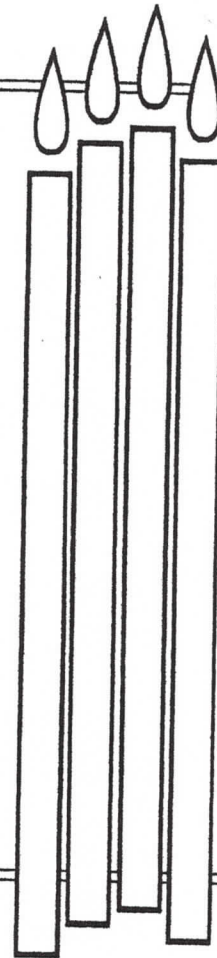
by Helen Kitchell Evans

*Dear Lord, we come to you  
During this Advent season,  
Thinking of your Son, our Savior,  
His life is the reason.*

*Help us pause in our full agenda,  
Be willing to change our plans;  
Like Mary see your miracles,  
Like Mary, heed your commands.*

*Help us to cooperate with you,  
Give more of our time each day;  
May the miracle of Christmas grow  
In your blessed name we now pray.*

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# 2021

CALENDAR YEAR

# DECEMBER

CALENDAR MONTH

SUNDAY

FIRST DAY OF WEEK

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	01	02	03	04
						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•4:30pm Confession</li> <li>•4:30 Divine Mercy</li> <li>•5:00 pm Mass</li> <li>•<b>Birthday Blessing</b></li> </ul>
05	06	07	08	09	10	11
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Divine Mercy 8:00 am</li> <li>• Mass 8:30 am</li> <li>•<b>Birthday Blessing</b></li> <li>•<b>10-11am Sacramental Prep (2-12)</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Faith Formation Gr 2-12 6:30-7:30pm</li> <li>•<b>Meditation Hour 6:30 pm-7:30 pm OPEN TO ALL</b></li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•<b>Daily Mass 8:30 am. - IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b></li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•<b>ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE - 5:00 PM-6:00PM</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•4:30pm Confession</li> <li>•4:30 Divine Mercy</li> <li>•5:00 pm Mass</li> <li>•<b>2nd Collection Religious Retirement</b></li> </ul>
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Divine Mercy 8:00am</li> <li>•Mass 8:30 am.</li> <li>•<b>Parish Council Meeting 10 am</b></li> <li>•<b>2nd Collect Religious</b></li> </ul>						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•4:30pm Confession</li> <li>•4:30 Divine Mercy</li> <li>•5:00 pm Mass</li> <li>•<b>2nd Collection Maintenance Fund</b></li> </ul>
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Divine Mercy 8:00am</li> <li>• Mass 8:30 am.</li> <li>•<b>Sacramental Prep (2-12)</b></li> <li>•<b>2nd Collection Maintenance Fund</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•6:30-7:30pm Faith Formation</li> <li>•<b>Meditation Hour 6:30pm-7:30pm OPEN TO ALL</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•<b>Bread Baking 4:00 p.m..</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bread Pickup 8a-1pm.</b></li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•<b>Christmas Eve Mass 8:00 p.m.</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•<b>8:30 am CHRISTMAS DAY MASS</b></li> <li>•4:30pm Confession</li> <li>•4:30 Divine Mercy</li> <li>•<b>5:00 pm Mass -HOLY FAMILY</b></li> </ul>
26	27	28	29	30	31	01
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Divine Mercy 8:00am</li> <li>•Mass 8:30 am</li> <li>•YMC Mtg 10-11 am</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Daily Mass 6:30 am.</li> <li>•Rosary</li> <li>•<b>MS/HS Faith Formation 3-5</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Daily Mass 6:30 am.</li> <li>•Rosary</li> </ul>				
02	03	04	05	06	07	08