

2nd Sunday of Advent
December 6, 2020

FAITH @ HOME

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First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 85
Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14
Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

[Full readings can be found here!](#)

1. HEAR

Grab your bible and look up the reading.

Don't have one? No worries you can find the text [here](#).

Listen to the podcast readings [here](#).

[Click here](#) for Proclamation of Gospel Videos for children (2nd Sunday Advent Cycle B) and [here for Adults](#) (2nd Sunday of Advent, Cycle B).

2. PRAY

Gather around the family's Advent Wreath and light the second purple candle, which represents HOPE.

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist is inviting our family to repent and forgive in order to welcome Jesus. Many times, we get excited to celebrate Christmas but forget that the season of Advent asks us to prepare our hearts. Ask Jesus in your own words, to send you a hopeful heart in order to welcome Him to your home.

(Optional activity for the whole family: Blessing of the Advent Wreath. Follow these instructions and involve the children, youth and adults in the ritual.)

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

SECOND WEEK IN ADVENT

Leader: The second candle of Advent is the Candle of Hope. 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. Hope is a gift that we must be prepared for. God gives us the gift of hope 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 hope 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

Questions to discuss in your household or with friends:

Gather around your prayer space to reflect and share your hope during this second week in Advent. How is Jesus asking me to prepare as His disciple?

Make a moment of silence to allow for reflection.

Next, use the suggestions below to invite all the family into a conversation of how to best prepare for Advent.

For children: Ask them to suggest ways to decorate your home for Jesus during this Advent season.

For teens: How will you prepare your surroundings to welcome Jesus?

For Young Adults/Adults: Make a promise to yourself, friends and family of how you will intentionally welcome Jesus into your home during this Advent season. What are ways you see that the world is not ready? How can you make a difference in preparing the way to the Lord.



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