

December 6, 2020

Second Sunday of Advent (B)  
Is 40:1-5, 9-11  
2 Pt 3:8-14  
Mk 1:1-8

## Prepare the Way of the Lord

The admonition in the title of this reflection is found in the reading from Isaiah and in the Gospel passage. Isaiah describes a long line of exiles returning to Jerusalem after many hard years in Babylon. God leads them back home. In preparation for God's and the people's entry, the way is made clear: "Every valley shall be lifted up...The rugged land shall be a plain" (Isaiah 40:4). The road is repaired, just as we might do if someone important were coming to town. The Gospel writer reinterprets this passage. Instead of repairing an actual roadway, the words of John the Baptist prepare for the entrance of Jesus into his public ministry. Despite their differences, both passages

speak of the "way of the Lord," which is the way of salvation.

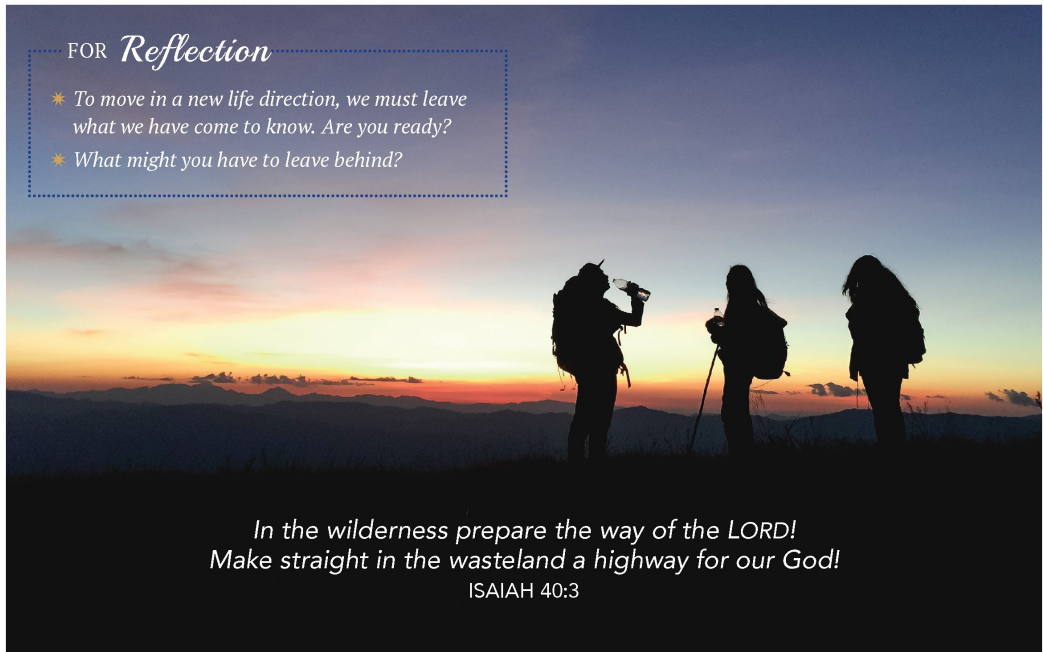
The people are told they will get a new start. In the first reading it will be after exile; in the Gospel it is the new ministry of Jesus. Even St. Peter refers to this newness. He calls it "new heavens and a new earth" (2 Peter 3:13). He goes on to explain what this means. It will be existence "in which righteousness dwells." Saint Peter further states that this will come to pass on "the day of the Lord," the day when God's promises will be fulfilled and "all should come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9-10).

The events described in all three readings unfold because of God's merciful love of all. It is for such a day that we are called to prepare. Are we willing to exert the effort? Are we willing to listen to God's words?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR Reflection

- \* To move in a new life direction, we must leave what we have come to know. Are you ready?
- \* What might you have to leave behind?



In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD!  
Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!  
ISAIAH 40:3

# Assumption of Our Lady



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Second Sunday of Advent – Year B

## Hay River, NT

### Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 10:30 am

### Weekday Masses

Mon. Tues. & Wed. 12:10 pm

Thurs. & Fri. 5:30 pm

Reconciliation time: Saturday from 4:15 to 4:45pm; Sunday, 9:45-10:15am or by appointment. Please contact Fr. Innocent for any other sacraments or funerals



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Sunday Mass 1:30 PM

Date	Readers	Collection	Gift Bearers	Eucharistic Ministers	Coffee & Snacks
Dec. 06	Please volunteer during mass.	Please volunteer during mass.	postponed	postponed	<b>Postponed</b>
Dec. 13	Please volunteer during mass.	Please volunteer during mass.	postponed	postponed	<b>Postponed</b>
Dec. 20	Please volunteer during mass.	Please volunteer during mass.	postponed	postponed	<b>Postponed</b>
Dec. 27	Please volunteer during mass.	Please volunteer during mass.	postponed	postponed	<b>Postponed</b>
Jan. 03	Please volunteer during mass.	Please volunteer during mass.	postponed	postponed	<b>Postponed</b>

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# Catholic UPDATE

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Our CWL has put a Christmas paper-wrapped box in the foyer, labelled Men's Shelter, beside the Soup Kitchen baskets. Yes, we are still collecting non-perishable items for them.

So, now we are asking parishioners to donate to both. The new Men's Shelter is in need of toques, mitts, socks or underwear.

More than ever, we must care for our most vulnerable citizens. This Christmas season, please be as generous as you have always been. Blessings from Assumption Catholic Women's League.



Catholic Women's League

## Rachel's Corner

"... You will give me life again,  
You will raise me up again from the  
depths of the earth." Psalm 71:20

After an abortion decision, it can feel like you have no hope to ever feel alive again. Join us on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat and discover how God only wants to love you back to life again and raise you up from the depths of your darkness.

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### Weekly Revenue

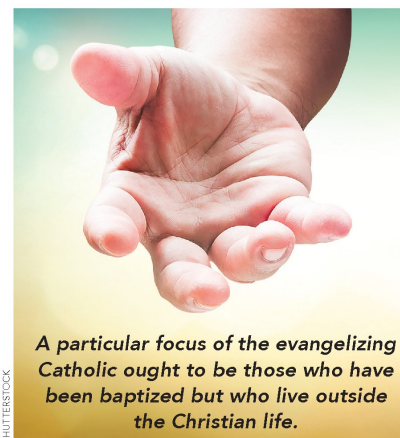
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<b>\$2,813.81</b>	<b>Revenue Total</b>
<b>\$1,831.00</b>	<b>Expenses Total</b>
<b>\$982.81</b>	

## Dear Padre,

Do we need to evangelize, or spread the gospel, to fellow Catholics?

**Y**es! Evangelization is beneficial to Catholics who already practice the faith. As St. Paul VI pointed out, "The Church...seeks to deepen, consolidate, nourish and make ever more mature the faith of those who are already called the faithful or believers, in order that they may be so still more" (On Evangelization in the Modern World [*Evangelii Nuntiandi*], 54).

What about nonpracticing Catholics? Yes, again! A particular focus of



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the evangelizing Catholic ought to be those who have been baptized but who live outside the Christian life. We already know that a large number of the baptized have not formally repudiated their baptism but do not live in accordance with it. They resist the idea of evangelization out of indifference or a hostility based on the belief that he or she is one of the family, but is "in the know" and no longer believes.

Christ wishes God's love to be proclaimed and reproclaimed to all Catholics—practicing and nonpracticing. This is the essential mission that Christ gives to his Church—to invite everyone to experience the full impact of God's love in Jesus.

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### A WORD FROM Pope Francis

How beautiful it is to think of ourselves as proclaimers of the resurrection of Jesus, not only in words, but also in our conduct and testimony of life! Jesus does not want disciples who are merely able to repeat memorized formulas. He wants witnesses: people who spread hope with their way of welcoming, smiling, and loving.

—GENERAL AUDIENCE, OCTOBER 4, 2017

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## Calendar

**Monday**  
DECEMBER 7  
St. Ambrose,  
Bishop and Doctor  
of the Church  
Is 35:1-10  
Lk 5:17-26

**Tuesday**  
DECEMBER 8  
Immaculate Conception  
of the Blessed  
Virgin Mary  
Gn 3:9-15, 20  
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12  
Lk 1:26-38

**Wednesday**  
DECEMBER 9  
Advent Weekday  
Is 40:25-31  
Mt 11:28-30

**Thursday**  
DECEMBER 10  
Advent Weekday  
Is 41:13-20  
Mt 11:11-15

**Friday**  
DECEMBER 11  
Advent Weekday  
Is 48:17-19  
Mt 11:16-19

**Saturday**  
DECEMBER 12  
Our Lady of Guadalupe  
Zec 2:14-17 or  
Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab  
Lk 1:26-38 or 1:39-47

**Sunday**  
DECEMBER 13  
Third Sunday  
of Advent  
Is 61:1-2a, 10-11  
1 Thes 5:16-24  
Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

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