



**05 December 2021
Second Sunday of Advent**



INTRODUCTION

John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus, we too are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives the coming of the Lord, as John did.

READINGS:

First Reading: Bar 5:1-9
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 126:1-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5. 6
Second Reading: Phil 1:4-6
Gospel: Lk 3:1-6

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: As we seek to prepare our hearts and our world for the coming of the Lord let us turn to our loving Father:

Our Response: COME LORD JESUS

For the Church, that all who follow Christ will heed his call to repentance and be ready to greet him when he returns in glory. We pray to the Lord...

For our world, that people will be more willing to share the earth's resources so that the basic needs of all will be met We pray to the Lord...

For ourselves, that the gift of Christ's presence in the Eucharist may be a constant reminder to us to share our lives with those we meet. We pray to the Lord...

For our own parish community, especially those who are sick, troubled or bereaved, that they will be strengthened by the knowledge of Christ's love. We pray to the Lord...

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, you are our strength and our protection. Open our hearts to your grace and lead us to your Kingdom. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF FROM THE CORONA VIRUS:

Almighty and merciful God, who show Your love to all creation everywhere, hear graciously the prayers we make for all those affected by the Corona Virus in various parts of the world.

We come before You asking for an efficacious control of the outbreak, for a healing of those affected, for the victims and their families.

We thank You for blessing the efforts of our research scientists working on the development of a vaccine. We pray that these vaccines will be effective in combating the virus and its mutants, and in controlling the spread of the pandemic. We pray that the vaccine be available for all our people even the poor and those in rural areas.

We pray for doctors, nurses and health workers who are in the frontline of this battle, that they be kept safe and have the strength and courage to continue their heroic efforts.

We pray for the Government and health authorities that they take appropriate steps for the good of the people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.