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**“I have baptized you with water;  
he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”**



In this Sunday's Gospel (**Mark 1:1-8**) we read about John the Baptist, who came to prepare the way for Jesus Christ. God sent John to tell everyone he met that Jesus was coming and that they should prepare for his coming. John the Baptist called on people to "repent", which meant to turn away from lives of sin and to live according to God's laws of love. In preparing ourselves to welcome Jesus at Christmas, we too must say we are sorry for any sins we have committed. Jesus calls us to follow John's message and to make our world a better place as we "prepare the way" for Christmas during the season of Advent.

Today, we celebrate the **Second Sunday of Advent**. We light the second violet candle on our Advent wreath and continue to open the "doors" on our Advent calendars. Spend a few moments each day with your family in quiet prayer around your Advent wreath and enjoy reading your Bible as a family this week.

### For More Fun:

- ✓ Look for chances this Advent to do something nice for other people. This week, surprise a friend or family member with a good deed or special act of love or friendship.
- ✓ This week, we celebrate the life of St. Ambrose (12/7) and the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (12/8). Learn more about the lives of the saints at [www.Saints.SQPN.com](http://www.Saints.SQPN.com).
- ✓ Support our ministry this week by purchasing Lisa Hendey's new book: **The Grace of Yes** at Amazon, Barnes & Noble or your local Catholic bookstore. Thank you for your support!
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“Lord, let us see your kindness.”