SUNDAY GOSPEL ACTIVITIES
Second Sunday of Advent  Matthew 3:1-12
Today, we celebrate the Second Sunday of Advent. We read from Matthew 3:1-12. We continue our journey through the Season of Advent!

In our Gospel reading, we meet John the Baptist who came to prepare the way for Jesus! John was sent by God to tell everyone he met that Jesus was coming and that they needed to change their lives. In this time many were waiting for the Savior promised by God in the old Testament! John the Baptist called on people to "repent" - which means to turn away from lives of sin - to prepare for the Savior! In preparing ourselves to welcome Jesus Christ at Christmas, it’s important that we also prepare by saying we are sorry for any sins we may have committed or any ways in which we may have hurt our loved ones.

**FOR MORE FUN**

★ John the Baptist is speaking to you and me in this Gospel! If you have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation already, try to receive it again this Advent! Greet Christmas morning with a clean heart for your most joyful Christmas ever! If you have not received the Sacrament, simply sit and pray to Jesus - He loves to hear from you!

★ Find some time this week to do something different - make a homemade Christmas card or visit your local food pantry - to be Jesus hands and feet, eyes and ears in your neighborhood and family!

★ This week we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary! Read Luke 1:26-38! Color in the next page and say a Hail Mary in honor of this feast day!
"The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." Luke 1:26