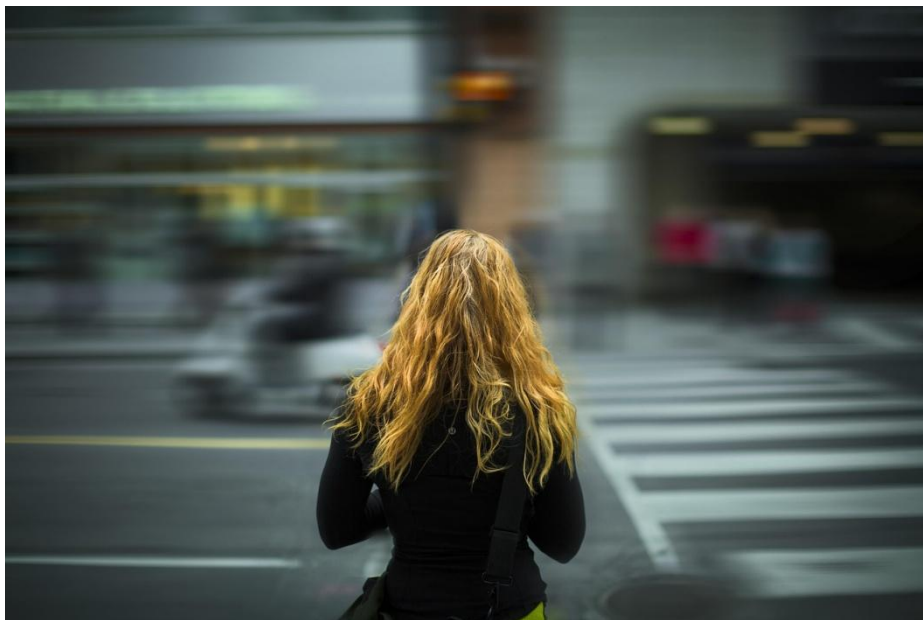




## II SUNDAY OF ADVENT 7 December 2025 – Cycle A



### LIGHT THAT AWAKENS WITHIN US



#### **SETTING**

Today the Word invites us to prepare the way of the Lord with open hearts. He is the Messiah who brings justice and peace and hope to the little ones.

God is faithful, and his Word sustains our lives and our unity.

John the Baptist calls us to a real conversion, visible in concrete fruits.

It is not enough to say, “I already believe”; it is time to make room for Jesus.

Let us ask ourselves, “What do I need to change to welcome him better?”

May the Spirit ignite in us a new commitment as we await his coming.

#### **SONG: A VOICE CRIES OUT**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fBG\\_uNYVzRQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fBG_uNYVzRQ)

## **GOSPEL – Mathew 3, 1 – 12**

“In those days John the Baptist appeared, proclaiming in the wilderness of Judea, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.’ This is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said: ‘The voice of one crying in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight paths for him.”’ John wore clothing made of camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem, all Judea, and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, ‘You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, and do not think that you can say to yourselves, “We have Abraham as our father.” For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. The axe is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who comes after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will thoroughly clean his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

**What does the Word tell us today? (*Marie-Noëlle THABUT*)**

### **Is 11,1-10.**

God does not forget his promises: “...A Messiah upon whom the Spirit of the Lord will rest.” He will bring with him the knowledge of God and establish a kingdom of justice and peace. This Messiah has a name: Jesus Christ, Son of God, made man.

Psalm 71:2-17. A song of misfortune, of the poor, of the weak who tirelessly express their hope for a universal kingdom of justice and peace.

Romans 15:4-9. In the Scriptures we have the assurance of God’s faithfulness, the foundation of our hope, and all the necessary “instructions” for living according to the spirit of Christ, that is, living in good relationship and mutual understanding, beyond inevitable differences.

**Mateo 3, 1 – 12.** When John the Baptist began his preaching, the Roman occupation had been in place for about 90 years: King Herod had been left on the throne by the Romans, but he was universally detested. Religious factions were divided, and it was difficult to know whom to believe. The king had supporters, but also resisters. This is the context in which John the Baptist, living in the Judean desert, began to preach. John the Baptist resembled the great prophets of the Old Testament in every way—his clothing, his food, and his appearance. Some even thought that John might be the prophet Eli, whom everyone expected at the end of times. In his preaching, John the Baptist also resembled the prophets: like them, he used a dual language, gentle and encouraging for the humble, and harsh and threatening for the proud. goal is to reassure the little ones and awaken those who think they've already arrived, as they say...or even more so, the goal is to draw their attention to their behaviour. John the Baptist makes it very clear that Jesus will be the one to make the selection: “He who comes after me...will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.” John the Baptist uses a figure of speech to tell us who Jesus is: “He who comes after me is more powerful than I.” And he adds: “I am not worthy to be called his disciple; I am not worthy to be considered his servant; I am not even worthy to untie the straps of his sandals.” Because, in reality, Jesus is the one who will baptize, that is: the one who will immerse humanity in the fire of the Holy Spirit. **We're going to let ourselves be carried away by that fire!**

### Clues for prayer

- In this time of hopeful waiting, what do you need to change in your life to make more room for Jesus?
- As a parish, as a community... what do we need to change to welcome and reveal Jesus?



### AMBIENTAL MUSIC.

### HIMNOS DE ADVIENTO Y NAVIDAD | VERSIÓN INSTRUMENTAL – JÉSED

<https://youtu.be/F3HppjgFOAo?si=R6VG5S6qSazgLPXY>

### MÚSICA INSTRUMENTAL

<https://youtu.be/SJrbQYhRok4?si=VISYPariodfvfue7>

## EARTH WAKE UP

Lord, awaken our eyes  
to discover the life that springs  
forth amidst the everyday,  
where sometimes we see only  
weariness.

Help us trust in the small things,  
in what is born hidden and silent,  
in the root that remains alive  
when all seems lost.

Break our daily resignation  
and broaden our desires,  
so that we may believe that  
history can change  
if we make room for your  
Kingdom.

Give us the courage to choose  
peace  
and work for true justice,  
without excuses or empty  
nostalgia,  
walking with those who dream  
of a new world.

Unite your divided community,  
heal the cracks that separate us,

and teach us to listen to one  
another without labels  
under the same light of your  
Word.

Call us with the strength of John  
to a sincere conversion,  
that abandons masks and  
routines  
and places our hearts once again  
in You.

May your Spirit prune what is  
superfluous,  
purify what hinders life,  
and strengthen our deep roots  
so that we may bear lasting fruit.  
Jesus, who comes to meet us,  
make us a time of Advent for  
others,  
men and women of unwavering  
hope  
in a world that needs your light.  
On the journey, we are Advent.

### SONG: PREPARE THE LORD IS NEAR

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d85WbVxtqI>

**ESTAD ALEGRES - GEMA MARTÍN**

<https://youtu.be/N5QMEs35Brg?si=9uvssETdwIVeU-h>

**VENDRÁ (Benedictus) - LUISPO**

<https://youtu.be/n0AFpQY6ym8?si=HpfpKgLyw04bPwp5>



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