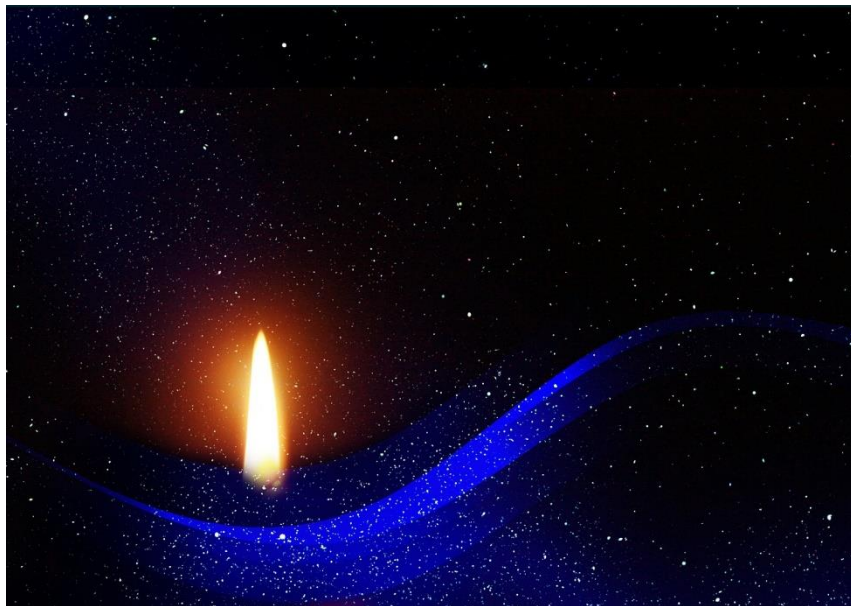


# 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4th of December 2022 - Cycle A



**HAPPY ARE**



**THOSE WHO SHARE EVERYTHING**

## **SETTING**

I contemplate your wonders Lord, on earth and in each of your creatures. I thank you Father God and the grace that inspires this Advent. I raise my hands to the sky as a gesture of recognition and praise.

We walk together in this Advent season. We share what we are and what we have and I give thanks to the one who is Life, for life.

Walking, making the journey an experience and sharing it with everyone, with those who are also on their journey and those who want to, because we are all invited.

Advent allows us to continue making our way, especially with those who are discarded, those who are ignored, those who do not feel loved, and those who have a hard time because of gossip... May they also be our favourites.

## **SONG.O COME IMMANUEL – SUNDAY CHOIR**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ley1aOPDHCE>

### **EVANGELIO – Mateo 3, 1 – 12**

"In those days John the Baptist appears, proclaiming in the Judean desert: "Repent because the Kingdom of Heaven has come." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah speaks when he says: Voice of one who cries in the desert: Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. John had his dress made of camel hair, with a leather belt around his loins, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem, all Judea and the whole Jordan region came to him, and were baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for the baptism, he said to them: "You brood of vipers, who taught you to flee from the impending wrath? Bear, therefore, fruit worthy of conversion, and do not think that it is enough to say within yourself: "We have Abraham as our father"; for I tell you that God can give children to Abraham from these stones. The axe is already laid 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 in water for conversion; but he who comes after me is stronger than me, and I am not worthy to wear his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. In his hand he has the pitchfork and he is going to clean his threshing floor: he will collect his wheat in the barn, but the straw will burn it with "fire that does not go out."

#### **We deepen the gospel**

When John the Baptist begins his preaching, the Roman occupation is a fact for 90 years or so: King Herod was left as king by the Romans, but he is unanimously detested. The religious parties are divided and it is no longer known whom to believe. The king has collaborators, but also resisters. This is the context in which John the Baptist, who lives in the "desert" of Judea, begins to preach.

John the Baptist resembles in everything, clothing, food and appearance, the great prophets of the Old Testament. There were those who thought that John could be the prophet Elijah that everyone expected at the end of time. By his preaching, John the

Baptist also resembles the prophets: like them, he has a double language, soft and courageous for the humble, harsh and threatening for the proud. The objective is to reassure the little ones and wake up those who think they have already arrived, as they say... or even more, its objective is to draw their attention of their behaviours.

John the Baptist says very clearly that the selection will be made by Jesus: "he who comes after me... will baptize you in the Holy Spirit and in fire. In his hand he has the pitchfork and he is going to clean his threshing floor: he will collect his wheat in the barn, but the straw he will burn with fire that does not go out." By this he means that Jesus is God. Because throughout the Old Testament, God has been present as the only judge, the one who probes the entrails and the hearts, the one who truly knows all men. John the Baptist uses yet another figure of style to tell us who Jesus is: "he who comes after me is stronger than me." And he adds: "I do not deserve to be considered as his disciple; I do not deserve to be considered as his slave, I am not even worthy of untying the rope of his sandals. Because, in reality, Jesus is the one who will baptize, that is to say: the one who will immerse humanity in the fire of the Holy Spirit. Letting ourselves be carried away by that fire is up to us!

### **Imaginative contemplation**

1. I read the text slowly, I imagine the situation, and I remember those significant words for my life.
2. What does the message of John the Baptist tells to my life?
3. I perform a conversion gesture

**MÚSICA AMBIENTAL. JEFF WAHL – I Dream of Jeannie**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=81i4DqR6tCE>

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**YOU INSPIRE MY LIFE  
BLESSED THOSE WHO SHARE EVERYTHING**

**CONVERTING EVERY DAY**

To become is to be  
And make me new  
Every day we wake up  
With the hope.  
Every day we are given  
Life, and through mission  
Multiply it,  
In every gesture and word.  
Enriching everything  
With detail.  
Every day with the grace  
received,  
Let us be grace and life for all.  
Every day the Kingdom  
awakens in me,  
That enriches and drives  
Me and the others.  
Every day is a whole  
Of beliefs, of possibilities,  
Of timely realism.  
Every day we can make it  
possible  
The hope that inspires and  
draws achievements.  
Every day let us open  
ourselves to life,  
From our eyes,  
From our ears  
From our hearts,  
From our hands...  
Transformed into gestures

Foster kneads,  
Of humility,  
Of diverse learning.  
Every day let us open  
ourselves to life, from our  
eyes,  
From our ears  
From our hearts,  
From our hands...  
Transformed into gestures  
Foster kneads,  
Of humility,  
Of diverse learning.  
Convert each day  
Opening ourselves to the  
new,  
Acting from within and for  
Justice, better charity.  
Pray and watch in time,  
On constant alert.  
Pray for each other.  
Let us make it bloom  
Logical sense, reason,  
Honesty, transparency  
With your contribution and  
mine  
With everyone's  
May your peace Lord  
Abound forever.  
Walking, let us share  
Your life, in our lives

## SONG.

### Prepare the way of the lord – Nathaniel Cabanero

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

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