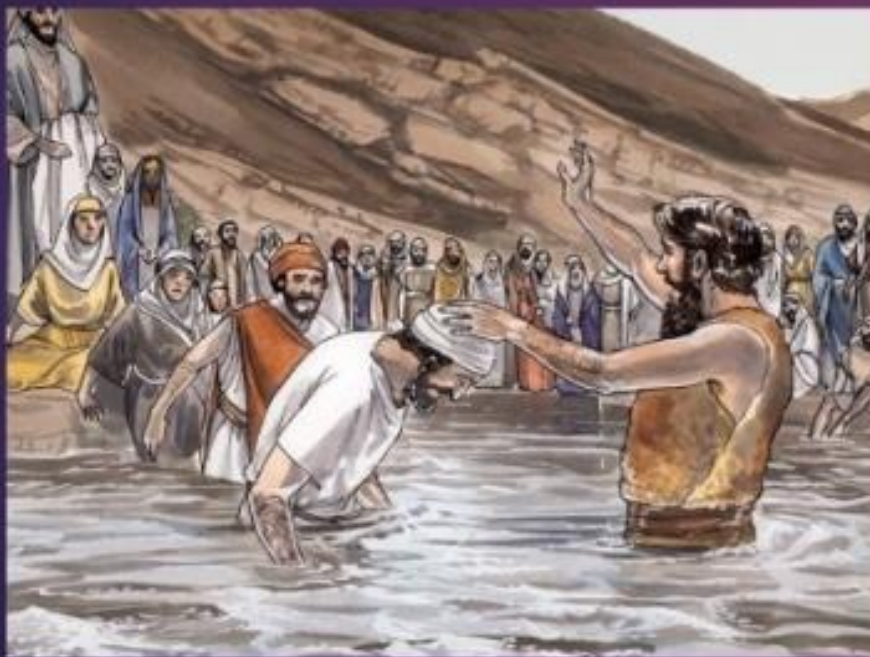


Second Sunday of Advent



Lighting of the 2nd Candle on the Advent Wreath

The Priest makes the Sign of the Cross and greets the people

Priest In today's readings we will hear about the mission of John the Baptist. John was sent to prepare the way for the coming of Jesus, the light of the world.

Today, remembering John, we light the second candle on the Advent wreath and we pray:

Gracious God, with tender comfort
You come into our midst,
O God of mercy and might.
Clear a straight path in our hearts,
and make ready
a way in the wildernesses of our lives
that we may recognise Christ
in his coming among us.

(The 2nd candle is now lit on the Advent wreath.)

Lord have mercy...
Christ have mercy ...
Lord have mercy ...