



Second Sunday of Advent

The message of the Prophet Isaiah in the 40th chapter of his book gives hope to the people of that day. "Their guilt is expiated." This good news given to them is to be shouted from the tops of mountains. The Prophet foretells the end of time and describes the creation of a new heaven and a new earth established by God Himself.

"...make every effort to be found without stain or defilement, and at peace in His sight." St. Peter in his second letter with these words alludes to the prophecy of Isaiah about the end of time. The day and time are not known so the message is the same, namely that we as believers are to be prepared.

Finally, in the beginning of Mark's Gospel, the Evangelist also quotes Isaiah who points to God's promise to send a messenger. This one would precede the expected Savior and take on the role of herald to announce the Lord's coming and the need to repent. St. Mark identifies this herald as John the Baptist.

In this second week of Advent, the Church wants us to focus on the need for preparation. The best way to prepare is to repent of sin and make ready the coming of our Savior at the end, whether that be at the end of time or at the moment when God calls us.

Peace,

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