

2nd Sunday of Advent Year C

This week Monday is DEC 7 – Pearl Harbor – AMVET volunteer on USS Arizona
A Japanese comes in, beating his chest “I am Japanese” (fear) then: “I am so sorry”
They hug, and together they cry

Forgiveness

Who have you forgiven lately? Who do you need forgiveness from?

Fr. Murray at Women’s Prison in Framingham “Sheila forgive me, I’m sorry”

John the Baptist comes announcing a *Baptism of Repentance for forgiveness of sins*.

He is a voice, crying in the wilderness - “Prepare the way of the Lord” –

HOW are we supposed to *Prepare the way of the Lord*

Repentance – and forgiveness - & salvation is revealed.

The truth is:

Repentance is our job

Forgiveness is God’s desire

& He yearns to forgive us – if we but come to Him

Our job is to turn to Him – He’s waiting to forgive us

Listen to what Luke says in the Gospel – He’s quoting Isaiah, it says:

“*ALL flesh shall see the salvation of God*”

With Jesus – nobody is left behind

- No matter what (THAT’S GOOD NEWS!)

Even in the 1st Reading (Baruch): “Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery”

“Put on the splendor of the glory from God forever”

“You will be named Peace of Justice – glory of God’s worship”

THIS APPLIES TO US TOO:

“Pondville – take off your robe of mourning & misery”

Whatever guilt, anxiety, resentment, fear – get rid of it

“**WE** will be named the glory of God’s worship”

When?

When we listen to John the Baptist – turn from sin & toward Jesus

We are covered with mercy of God –

CLAIM IT AS YOUR CHRISTMAS PRESENT THIS YEAR –
it’s already yours

It’s ADVENT:

Jesus is coming.

He came in Bethlehem, He’s coming again @ end of time.

But between Bethlehem & 2nd Coming

JESUS COMES TO US NOW - TODAY

Are you ready?

That is what Advent is all about – getting ready

Take some time for prayer, scripture –

Take some time to turn to Jesus and surrender past

J the B promises, with repentance, your future is forgiveness