

BIDDING PRAYERS:
2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Celebrant: As we continue our preparations for the birth of our Saviour, let us open our hearts in prayer to Him and with confidence seek His ever- generous assistance.

Reader: We pray for the Church; may she always “Prepare a way for the Lord and make His paths straight”, making the true message of His gospel known throughout the world
Lord hear us **R. Lord, graciously hear us**

Reader: For those who are deprived of their human rights; we pray for a world that will respect the God-given rights of all, especially those who suffer from hatred, discrimination, poverty and war.
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Reader: For families; may this advent be a time of preparing our homes to receive Jesus into our lives to bring His justice, peace and joy.
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Reader: We pray for those who struggle with depression at this time of year; may they find comfort, love, and the support they require to ease the journey through their difficulties.
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Reader: For those who are sick; may the Lord grant them healing and strength and support those who care for them.
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Reader: Let us remember the intentions for which our Masses are offered this weekend.
And also, all those who have died recently, especially Patricia Clayton, Gerard Carter, Olivia Claire Wallwork, Cliff Hughes, Doreen Gallagher, Geoffrey Thurman and Dorothy Fleming; may they rest in peace and rise in glory.
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Reader: Let us pray for our own private intentions; (pause).
This week, we celebrate the great Feast of the Immaculate Conception. We pray that we, like Mary, listen to the word of our God and happily do his Holy Will: **Hail Mary ...**

Priest: Father, as we journey through this season of Advent, may we open our hearts to your word and to your presence in our brothers and sisters. Through Christ, our Lord, Amen.