

BIDDING PRAYERS: SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

- Priest:** God gave himself completely to us when he took on flesh and lived among us. We now turn to him full of confidence that he hears and answers our prayers
- Reader:** For the Church throughout the world, that she may be an effective sign of the way to everlasting happiness and eternal life.
Lord hear usLord graciously hear us
- Reader:** For Pope Leo; may he inspire us with his leadership and his witness to the presence of Christ in the weakest and the poorest of our society.
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- Reader:** For all who are actively working to bring aid and comfort to those in need, that the Holy Spirit will give them strength.
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- Reader:** For all affected by war, terrorism or natural disaster; for those who have died, for the bereaved, for those who are injured and for those left homeless.
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- Reader:** For our own parish community, that each of us may learn to place all our hope and faith in the promises of the Lord and so be witnesses to the power of God's grace.
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- Reader:** Let us remember especially today those for whom our masses are offered this weekend. Also, all the faithful departed, especially any dear loved ones who have died in the past year, and those of our who have died recently. May they be raised up on the last day.
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- Reader:** Let us pray for our own private intentions; (pause). We ask Mary, our Mother, to join her prayers to ours: **Hail Mary ...**
- Priest:** God our Father, as we celebrate the mystery of the Word made flesh, grant that he may dwell in us and we in him for he is Lord for ever and ever.
We make all our prayers through Christ Our Lord, Amen.