**Second Sunday of Advent**

**Prayers of the Faithful**

**Celebrant:** In today’s gospel we are reminded to prepare the way of the Lord for the Son of God who is about to come among us. So let us ask the Lord to help each one of us to soften our hard hearts as we place before him all our needs.

1. We pray for our Holy Father Pope Francis that God will continue to guide him in his work of bringing the good news of joy hope peace and love to all people. **Lord, hear us.**
2. We pray that what Isaiah the prophet said in the first reading that God will comfort his people will resonate in our hearts as we place all our troubles in God's hands. **Lord, hear us.**
3. Let us remember all those who are suffering at this time. We especially remember the sick, those living alone, the homeless, refugees, and all those whose lives are disrupted through war and violence. May God comfort them through the help they receive from others. **Lord, hear us.**
4. John the Baptist answered God’s call to preach a message of repentance and hope. Let us pray that young people, moved by the Spirit to be heralds of hope in a darkened world, may have the courage to answer the call to the priesthood and religious life. **Lord, hear us.**
5. We pray for all who are sick in our parish at this time that God will bring to each person comfort and healing. **Lord, hear us.**
6. We remember all of our love ones who have died; may they be welcomed into the great company of the saints and angels of God in eternal peace and rest. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:** Heavenly Father, we bring these our prayers before your Holy Presence and we ask you to grant them and all of our needs with the prayers of Our Blessed Mother Mary and her son Jesus Christ Our Lord. **Amen.**