

Hello,

This year the Second Sunday of Advent falls on December 6th, the feast of St.

Nicholas. So, don't forget to put out your shoes by the fireplace on the 5th, and see

if Saint Nick drops by 😊.

Love,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr. Hans".

Fr. Hans

December 6th — The Second Sunday of Advent

Mark 1: 1-8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God.

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way.

A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."

John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the

inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins.

John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed:

“One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Questions for Reflection:

- Do I make the paths of my life straight for Jesus?
- Why did John the Baptist dress and eat the way he did?
- Do I consider myself worthy of Jesus?
- What does it mean that we are baptized with the Holy Spirit?