

Second Sunday of Advent

(Baruch 5.1-9, Philippians 1.3-6, 8-11, Luke 1.1-6)

THEME: With Love, Forgiveness and Reconciliation, Let Us Fill The Valleys.

Today we enter the second week of the Advent period. The readings of today are calling us to prepare for the coming of our Saviour. The prophet Baruch in the first reading tells us, “for God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground.” (Bar.5:1-9)

In the same way again in the gospel, we hear the same words repeated, “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.” (Lk. 3:1-6)

All these readings during the period of Advent carry the same message for all of us: *Good preparation and the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ.* Before Christ can come into our lives and families, we need to fill up the valleys of hatred, the valleys of sin, the valleys of division and darkness, the valleys of fear and unfaithfulness and the valleys of cold-war in our families and marriages.

All the mountains of selfishness in our lives need to be cut down immediately. Before, we can receive and welcome Christ in our lives and families, all these rough places and valleys need to be a level ground. For Christ is ready and willing to come to us, but, then, the choice is ours to make.

If we prepare well, Christ Jesus will come into our lives and families. He will come with peace, mercy, righteousness, healing, divine blessings and salvation for us all.

Brothers and sisters, let us begin now to fill up these valleys and cut down these mountains in our lives and families, with prayers, love, almsgiving to the poor and needy, reconciliation with one another and with our God and strong faith in our Lord God.