



Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.

**Saint Joseph's, Saint Anne's & Holy Family And Saint Patrick's  
10<sup>th</sup> December 2023, Second Sunday of Advent, Year B**

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**Sunday Mass Readings for 10<sup>th</sup> December 2023, Second Sunday of Advent, Year B**

1st Reading	Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
Responsorial Psalm	Psalms 85:9-10-11-12, 13-14
2nd Reading	2 Peter 3:8-14
Alleluia	Luke 3:4, 6
Gospel	Mark 1:1-8

**Catholic Sunday Mass Readings for 10<sup>th</sup> December 2023, Second Sunday of Advent, Year B**

**1st Reading - Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11**

- 1 "Be consoled, be consoled, O my people!" says your God.
- 2 Speak to the heart of Jerusalem, and call out to her! For her malice has reached its end. Her iniquity has been forgiven. She has received double for all her sins from the hand of the Lord.
- 3 The voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord! Make straight the paths of our God, in a solitary place.
- 4 Every valley will be exalted, and every mountain and hill will be brought low. And the crooked will be straightened, and the uneven will become level ways.

5 And the glory of the Lord will be revealed. And all flesh together will see that the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

9 You who evangelize Zion, climb a high mountain! You who evangelize Jerusalem, lift up your voice with strength! Lift it up! Do not be afraid! Say to the cities of Judah: "Behold, your God!"

10 Behold, the Lord God will arrive in strength, and his arm will rule. Behold, his reward is with him, and his work is before him.

11 He will pasture his flock like a shepherd. He will gather together the lambs with his arm, and he will lift them up to his bosom, and he himself will carry the very young.

**Responsorial Psalm - Psalms 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14**

R. (8) Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

9 I will hear what the Lord God will speak in me: for he will speak peace unto his people.

10 Surely his salvation is near to them that fear him: that glory may dwell in our land.

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

11 Mercy and truth have met each other: justice and peace have kissed.

12 Truth is sprung out of the earth: and justice has looked down from heaven.

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

13 For the Lord will give goodness: and our earth shall yield her fruit.

14 Justice shall walk before him: and shall set his steps in the way.

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

**2nd Reading - 2 Peter 3:8-14**

8 Let this one thing not escape notice, most beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years is like one day.

9 The Lord is not delaying his promise, as some imagine, but he does act patiently for your sake, not wanting anyone to perish, but wanting all to be turned back to penance.

10 Then the day of the Lord shall arrive like a thief. On that day, the heavens shall pass away with great violence, and truly the elements shall be dissolved with heat; then the earth, and the works that are within it, shall be completely burned up.

11 Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what kind of people ought you to be? In behavior and in piety, be holy,

12 waiting for, and hurrying toward, the advent of the day of the Lord, by which the burning heavens shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt from the heat of the fire.

13 Yet truly, in accord with his promises, we are looking forward to the new heavens and the new earth, in which justice lives.

14 Therefore, most beloved, while awaiting these things, be diligent, so that you may be found to be immaculate and unassailable before him, in peace.

## Alleluia - Luke 3:4, 6

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

4 Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:

6 All flesh shall see the salvation of God.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

## Gospel - Mark 1:1-8

1 The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God.

2 As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: "Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way.

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

4 John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

5 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.

6 John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey.

7 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.

8 I have baptized you with water; but he shall baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

## Saint of the Day

**Our Lady of Loreto History**

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**Our Lady of Loreto**

**Feast Day**  
**December 10**



Our Lady of Loreto – Feast Day – December 10 2023

<b>Feast Day</b>	<b>December 10</b>
<b>Patron Saint of</b>	Aviators and Builders

## Our Lady of Loreto History

The Loreto shrine's tradition dates back to 1291 when, as the last crusaders returned to Western Europe, they transported relics and objects from holy shrines. Among these was the dwelling of the Blessed Virgin Mary, believed to be the site of the Annunciation and the Incarnation. The house arrived in Loreto on December 10, 1294. Inside the Holy House is the "Altar of the Apostles," thought to be constructed by the Apostles after Jesus' Ascension, with Saint Peter offering the first Mass. The altar also features a wooden statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary holding the Christ Child. This statue is a replica of an earlier one destroyed in a fire in the early 20th century.

Legend suggests that on May 12, 1291, angels transported the Holy House from Nazareth to Tersatto (Trsat), Croatia, where it remained for three and a half years. The locals, surprised by its arrival, found an altar with a cedar statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary holding the Christ Child. Later, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to a priest in the Holy House, confirming its sacred origin and healing the priest as proof. The Holy House became a local pilgrimage site, but on 10<sup>th</sup> December, 1294, angels moved it again to Italy, leaving behind a replica in Tersatto, marked by the Shrine of Our Lady of Trsat and a Franciscan monastery. Upon arriving in Italy, the Holy House supposedly landed on a hill near Ancona, where a shrine stands today. In 1295, it moved to a laurel grove near Recanati and, eight months later, to a farm owned by the Antici brothers. Finally, it settled in its current location in Loreto, Italy. The name "Loreto" may derive from "lauretum," meaning "place of laurels."

The people initially did not know the house's origin until the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to a hermit, revealing its history and significance. The hermit shared the story with the townspeople, who verified it by traveling to Tersatto and Nazareth. Today, the Holy House is enshrined in a marble frame within the Basilica of the Holy House in Loreto. While a historical account from 1900 suggests that the Byzantine Angeli family funded the relocation of the Holy House, the tradition of angelic transport persists. Scientific evidence, such as the origin of the materials and the lack of dismantling, supports the miraculous transport theory.

Sunday Mass Readings Homily - 10<sup>th</sup> December 10 2023, Second Sunday of Advent, Year B  
Catholic Sunday Readings Homily Theme for December 10 2023: Repent For The Kingdom of Heaven is at Hand! - Matthew 3:1-12, Mark 1:1-8, Luke 3:1-6

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