

Dear Parents,

This weekend we are celebrating the second week of Advent! The anticipation is building and we continue to look at how we are bringing the light of Jesus to others. We think about how we are living and what we are doing and search for ways to do better and be better, asking ourselves “what would Jesus do” as we are faced with difficult decisions.

Let’s pray together this week for:

- The Church, as we open our hearts to welcome the Holy Spirit
- For the end to wars, discrimination and unrest in the world
- For people who are feeling anxious and uncertain and for those who comfort them.
- For us, as we seek forgiveness from the Lord and as we strive to forgive others

The lesson plan this week is to complete the exercise in their duo tang and cover the chapter in their work book.

The chapter to cover in their “Be My Disciples” book this week is:

- Level One – Pages 231 - 234
- Level Two – Pages 231 - 234
- Level Three – Pages 231 - 234
- Level Four – Pages 231 - 234
- Level Five – Pages 231 - 234
- Level Six – Pages 231 - 234

You will find below the duo tang masters that show different questions than those you received in your duo tang. Remember, the questions to be answered are those in the duo-tang you received at book pick-up, not the questions on the masters below. I encourage you to use the questions below to open a dialogue with your child. Children in Pre-K and K will also enjoy the Interactive Bible Story of the week.

The prayer service this week can be found at <https://worship.pastoral.center/day/2020-12-06>

Feel free to email me if you have any questions.

Have a Blessed week!

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# A Long Road Ahead

*This Week's Readings at Mass*

- ▶ Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 - Promise of salvation
- ▶ 2 Peter 3:8-14 - Christ will come in judgment
- ▶ Mark 1:1-8 - John the Baptist

In the First Reading, the prophet Isaiah addressed the Jewish people, who were captives in Babylon. It was a time of great darkness in the history of our Jewish ancestors. Their country had been conquered, and their people were captured and taken away to a foreign land. Isaiah was speaking to people who knew what hopelessness felt like, people who understood personal and national darkness and despair. They didn't know if their nation would survive the conquest or if they would ever see their homeland again. Home was 500 miles across the wilderness as the crow flies, but a 900 mile trek because of the terrain.

Isaiah proclaimed words of comfort, and promised that their ordeal was about to end. He knew the journey back home would be long and hard. The people would have mountains to climb and valleys to cross as they passed through the rugged landscape, but Isaiah promised that God would be with them to smooth the way. He assured them that their God was coming with power, and like a shepherd, would feed his flock and lead them with care.



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“Prepare the way of the Lord ... he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

### Sheepish Question:

How can I recognize and follow the urging of the Holy Spirit within me?

## Questions of the Week

- 1 Of all the disturbing situations in the year 2020, which one(s) disturb you the most and make you long for God's relief or comfort?
- 2 In what personal situation(s) are you experiencing mountains, valleys, and rough country?

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