

Second Sunday, Advent (B)

My prayer for you!

The alarm announcing the *Coming* of the Lord, bringing with him the promised 'peace' is sounding louder by day. Each passing day sees our joy heightened. The goodness of the Lord which we experience moment by moment are undeniable. Added to this is the assurance of a future filled with hope because of which we join the Psalmist to declare; *What marvels the Lord worked for us, indeed we (are) were glad!*

This message of hope proclaimed in the readings of today is addressed to us. Welcome it with joy. Personalize it. Appropriate it and live it out. The Gospel reading of today gave us a picture of a time in history when this was proclaimed. Times and seasons mark our lives. This message of hope is addressed to us in such a time as this when we have so many things to be afraid of; things on account of which we must give up our faith in God and humanity. It is still saying to us, 'The Lord still works marvels for us.' He comes to us always, and he is *Coming* to us. And for our encounter to be both joyous and enriching, we make this prayer:

"That your love for each other may increase more and more. That you keep increasing your knowledge and deepening your perception, both of the promises of God and the concerns of our neighbours." This prayer made in the second reading is so valid for us this day. We love each other in this **FAMILY**, yes! Let this love increase more and more. Make it grow. Add to it as daily. Make it real and genuine. The Lord is near!

Happy Sunday!