

A SIMPLE GUIDE TO

the Holy Days

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT -- PREPARATION

Advent is a season of preparation, so we shouldn't be surprised to find this popping up as the subject of our consideration along the way. Just as a family expecting a child finds itself in need to get ready, so also does the Church find Herself in need to prepare for the return of Her Redeemer.

Before the birth of Jesus, the whole world had been prepared for the coming of its Redeemer just as Israel had been prepared for the coming of Her Messiah. Only then (i.e., “in the fullness of time”), did Christ come—the fulfillment of prophecy, the hope of the nations.

While His arrival certainly caught some well off guard (e.g., Herod), it was anticipated by those who took His coming seriously (e.g., the Magi from the East) and readily looked for it with expectation.

As we prepare this holiday season for the coming of Christmas Day, we ought to ready our hearts and lives for the return of our King, preparing ourselves each day for His oft-missed visits through others.

Scripture Reading:

Isaiah 40:1-11

Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13

Mark 1:1-8

II Peter 3:8-15a