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## **Listening to the Word of God**

### **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 6<sup>TH</sup> 2020 A.D.**

#### **First Reading Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11**

If the Lord were to speak a word of comfort to me what might it be?

What are some of the barriers I place between myself and the Lord?

Where do I need the tender, healing, comforting touch of the Lord, my Shepherd?

#### **Second Reading 2<sup>ND</sup> Peter 3:8-14**

God's timing is different than ours. How have I seen this in my life?

God "delays" because God is always waiting for us. How does it make me feel that God has always been waiting for me?

"But according to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells." In the new earth the meek will inherit the land, those who mourn will be comforted. The Beatitudes will be the reality of the earth and sky. Everything will be in a right-relationship with each other. What else do I think will be in the New Heaven and the New Earth?

"Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace." What spots or blemishes do I still have? Am I at peace?

#### **Gospel Mark 1:1-8**

In our Baptism we become a part of the Body of Christ and are therefore enabled to receive the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit for we have the same relationship with the Father and the Spirit as Jesus does since, we are now a part of His Body. The Holy Spirit gives as the Spirit desires. What gifts or spirits of the Holy Spirit have been the most vibrant in my life lately?

Love? Faith? Joy? Peace? Endurance? Humility? Hope? Peace? Wisdom? Knowledge, Understanding?  
Tongues? Healing? Power? Prophecy? Kindness?

All good gifts, all things that promote, enhance, or develop life, come from the Holy Spirit.

What gift or spirit of the Holy Spirit would I desire more of so I can better do the Lord's will?