



Catholic Church

215 South 8th Street
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December 14, 2023
Thursday of the
Second Week of Advent



Good morning!

We celebrate Saint John of the Cross. We read Isaiah 41:13-20, Psalm 145, and Matthew 11:11-15. Jesus speaks of John the Baptist. Isaiah proclaims hope in a gracious and merciful God. Will you allow the Lord to take your right-hand today? Will you allow the Lord to take your fear away and make life anew for you? We have listened to the prophets, we have seen where our world is, and we recognize how we could be called "maggot" or "worm." Jesus came into the world as a baby to bring hope and the message of God's mercy and love. Our days may seem dark, we still suffer violence, and sin still tempts us, but the Lord is good to all. May we continue to make the goodness of God known to others. Be an instrument of peace. Bring some joy into your day today. May the innocence of the baby Jesus bring us hope. As we prepare his way in the coming days, open your hand and take some time to reflect on how the Lord can lead you.

Peace,

RevKev

"The Lord is gracious and merciful; slow to anger, and of great kindness."

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