



# Second Sunday of Advent

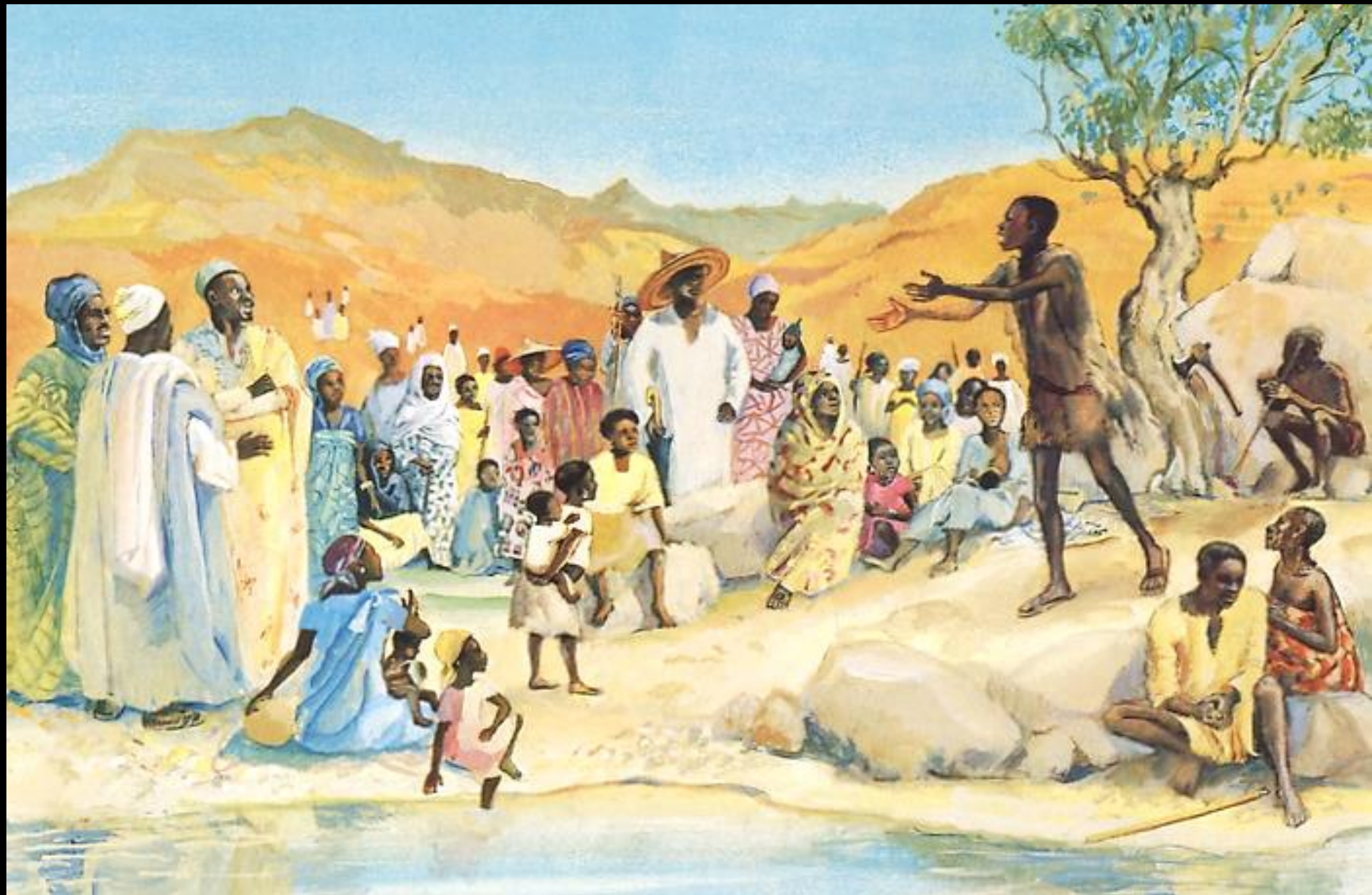
*Year B*

Isaiah 40:1-11 • Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 • 2 Peter 3:8-15a • Mark 1:1-8

A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God."

Isaiah 40:3





John the Baptist Preaching -- JESUS MAFA, Cameroon

He will feed his flock like a shepherd;  
he will gather the lambs in his arms,  
and carry them in his bosom,  
and gently lead the mother sheep.

Isaiah 40:11





Christ the Good Shepherd -- Le Breton/Gaudin, Amiens Cathedral, Amiens, France

Steadfast love and faithfulness will  
meet; righteousness and peace  
will kiss each other.

Psalm 85:10



Love and Faithfulness Meet -- St. Michaels Church, Golden Grove, Wales

The Lord is not slow about his promise,  
as some think of slowness, but is  
patient with you ...

2 Peter 3:9a





Waiting for the Boats -- Joao Marques de Oliveira, National Museum, Lisbon, Portugal

The beginning of the good news of  
Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Mark 1:1





Christ of Baptism -- Church of La Tirana, La Tirana, Chile

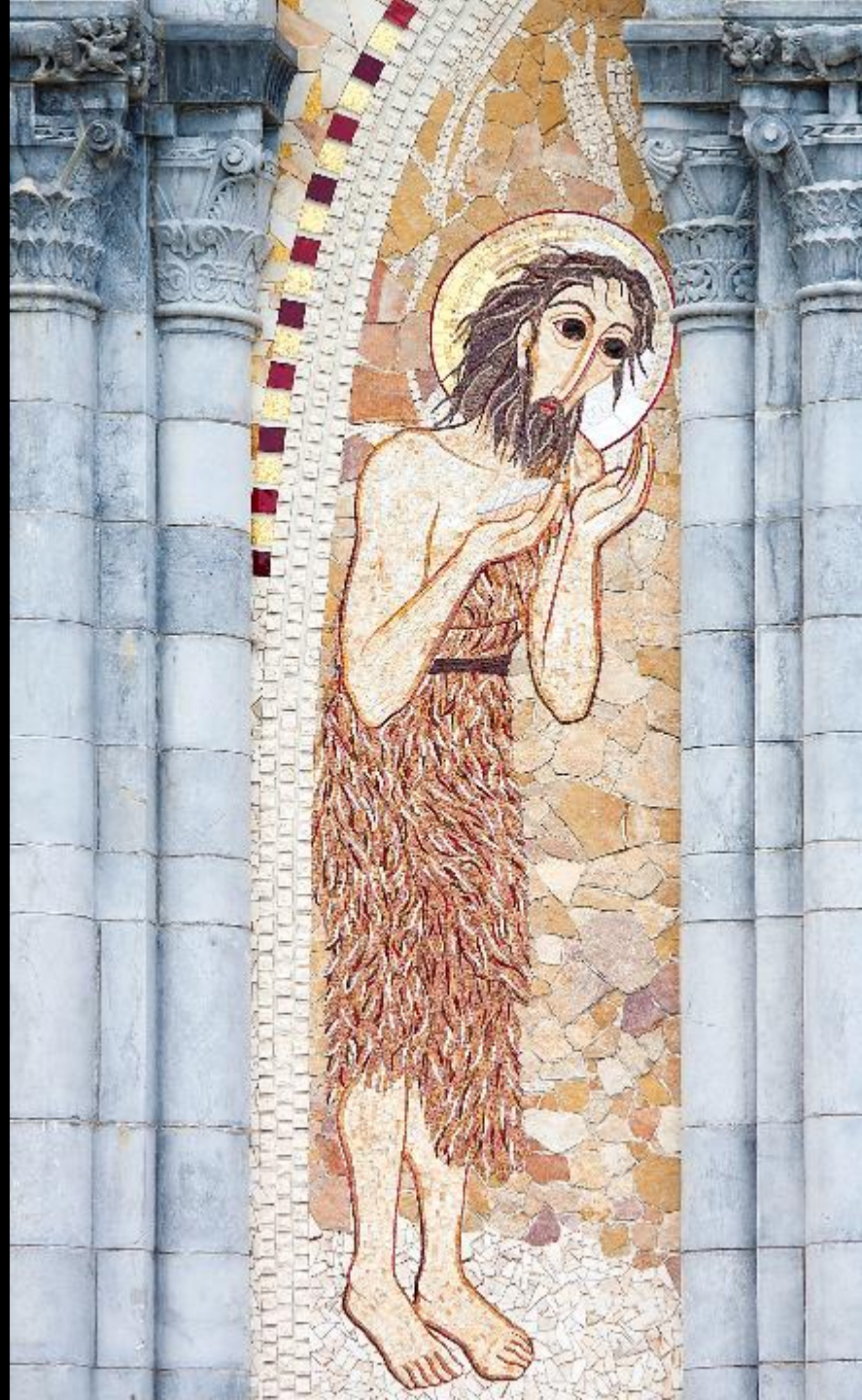


As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,  
"See, I am sending my messenger  
ahead of you, who will prepare your  
way;

Mark 1:2

John the Baptist  
Mosaic

Rosary Basilica  
Lourdes, France



the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight ...'"

Mark 1:3





John the Baptist

Juan Martinez Montanes  
Metropolitan Museum of Art  
New York, NY

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

Mark 1:4





John the Baptist Preaching -- Pieter Bruegel the Younger



And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan ...

Mark 1:5a

Pentecostal  
Baptism  
Cotonou, Benin



Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey.

Mark 1:6



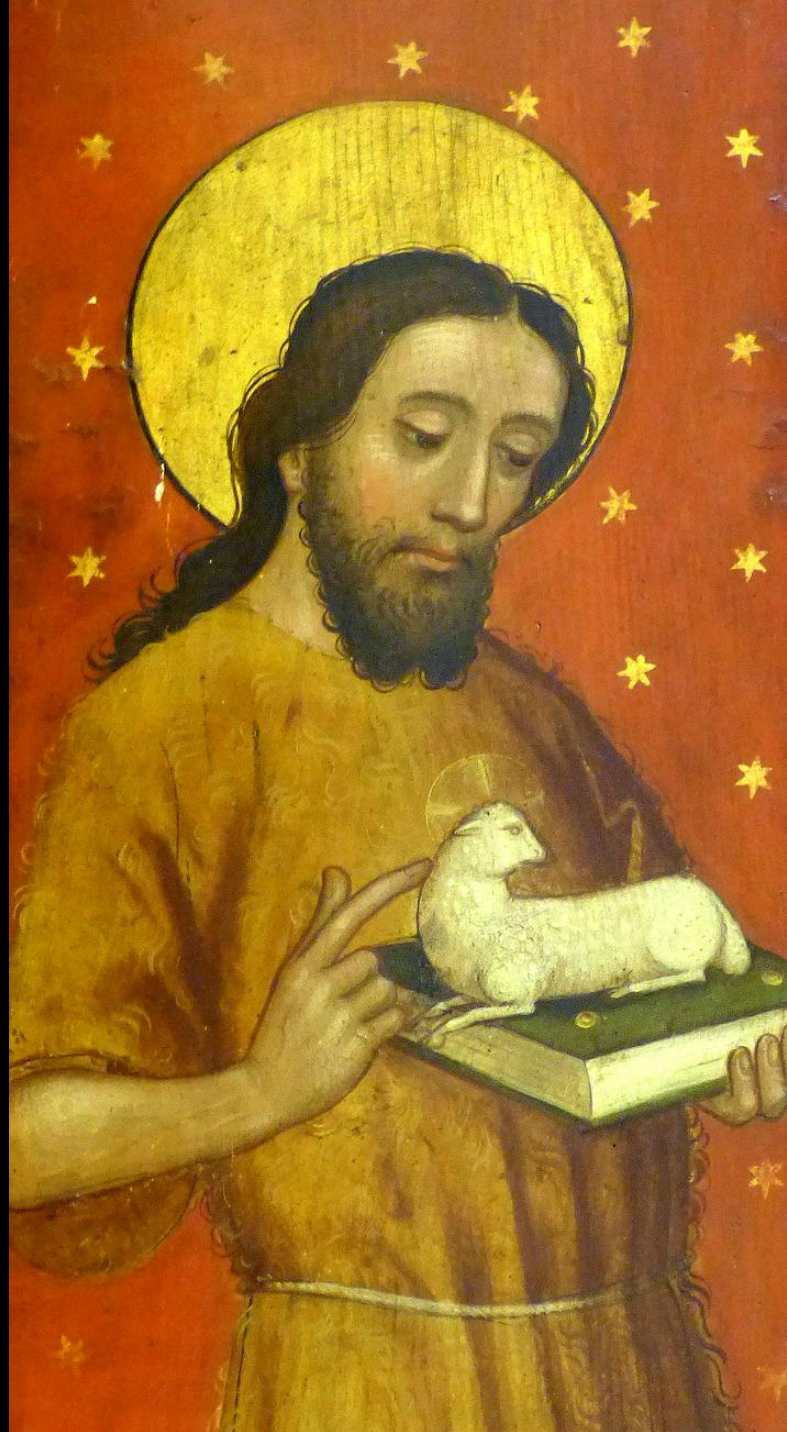


Preparatory sketch of  
John the Baptist

Aleksandr Ivanov  
Tretyakov Gallery,  
Moscow, Russia

He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals.

Mark 1:7



John the Baptist

Church of St. John and St. Martin  
Schwabach, Germany

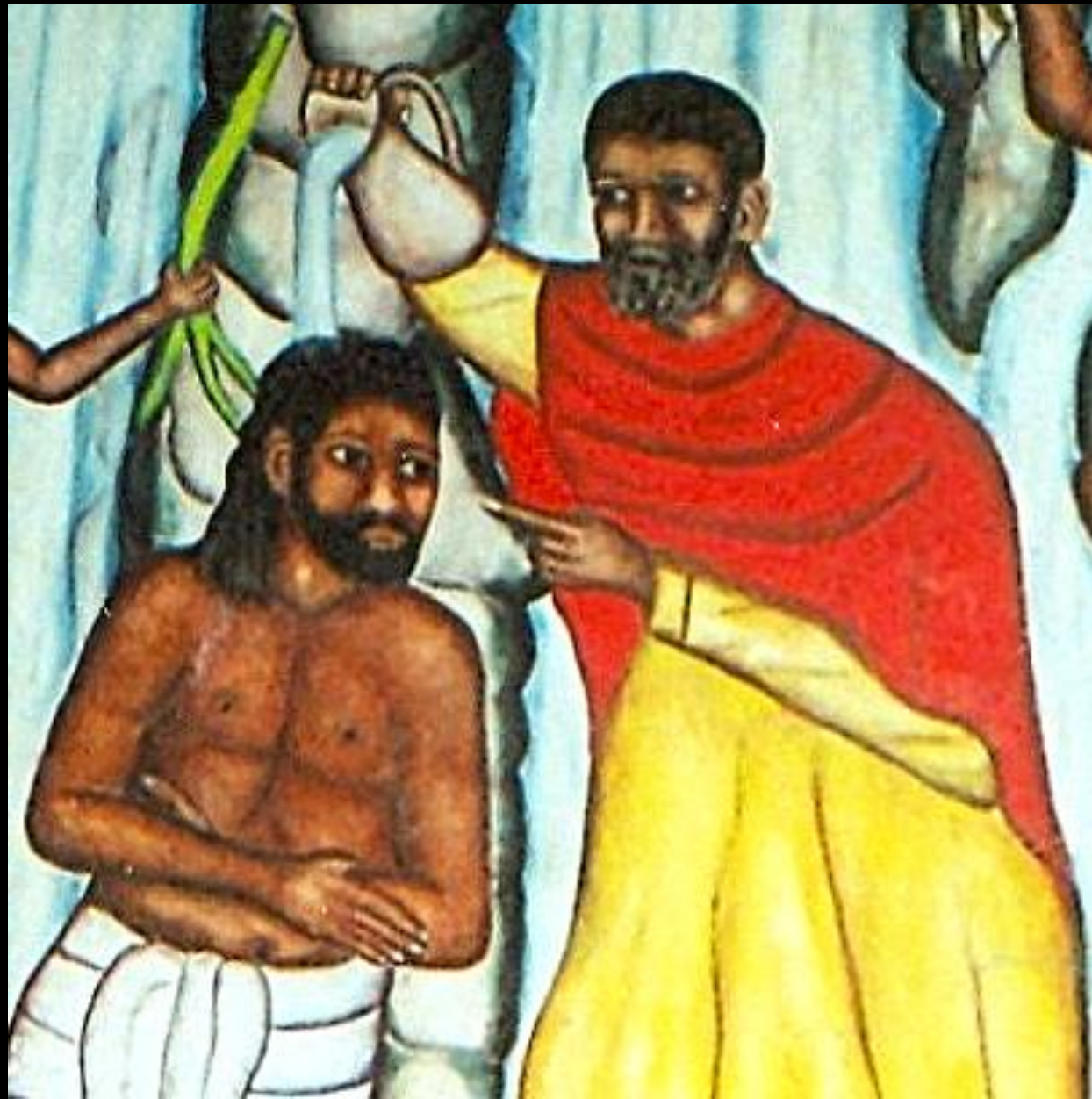


I have baptized you with  
water; but he will baptize you  
with the Holy Spirit."

Mark 1:8

John the Baptist and Jesus

Castera Bazile  
Former Cathedral of the  
Holy Trinity  
Port-au-Prince, Haiti



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