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| 2nd Sunday of Advent, A |

St. Anthony of Padua

Gospel Homework
Assignment due

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Gospel Passage

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Questions

1. John the Baptist tells us to "prepare the way of the Lord." What are you doing this Advent to get ready to receive Jesus at Christmas?
2. John also tells us that we have to be sorry for our sins. How do you say you're sorry to God? What sacrament did Jesus give us to forgive us?
3. John the Baptist says that someone better than he will come to baptize "with the Holy Spirit and with fire." Who and what is he talking about?

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