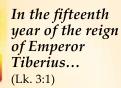
THE DAYS OF ADVENT



1st Sunday
DAYS OF SIGNS

There will be signs.
Raise your heads...
(Lk. 21:25, 28)

2nd Sunday
DAYS OF
HISTORY





Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none, and whoever has food should do likewise.
(Lk. 3:11)

4th Sunday
Days of Women
AND CHILDREN

Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.
(Lk. 1:42)



when I shall fulfill the promise of happiness I made. (Jr. 33:14)

DAYS OF HISTORY - Second Sunday

Bar. 5:1-9; Ps. 125 (126); Phil. 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk. 3:1-6

The disciples of Jesus live in history. Our salvation is incarnated and lived in the flow of time, where we experience God's fidelity and cooperate in spreading the Good News a dissemination not confined to words and rites but that also includes our actions, passions, affections and good works.

The history in which God dwells asks us to stand on the heights and look to the future. It asks us to cast off mourning and suffering and clothe ourselves with courage and hope. The history in which God dwells asks us to grow in discernment so that our charity will increase. This discernment should be made with a smile, open to the signs of the times and to all the won-derful things God can do for, among and through us.

In this flow of time, in these days, at this very moment, the disciples of Jesus are traveling the streets of the world, proclaiming the mercy and tenderness of God and the need to take a new path, turn around, put an end to big and small divisions and the twisted routes either we ourselves are following or else are trying to force others to follow. Together with our brothers and sisters, we will see the salvation of God.

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Lord of history, help us to be unafraid of the flow of time. Help us to dwell in it as you did when you took on flesh, advanced in age and grew in wisdom by dialoguing with the people of your time and of all times.

Lord of days, fill our days, made up of toil and tears as we prepare the ground for sowing; made up of the toil and tears of all the people in the world, above all the poor and the suffering.

Lord of the past, the present and the future, fill our days with smiles and gladness as we harvest a crop we did not sow, as we rejoice and celebrate with every creature under heaven.

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