

## **Reflections on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent. 25A.**

*Mass: Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 71; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12.*

John the Baptist is the icon of Israel's past. The way he dresses and what he speaks harks back to the exodus story. That story is central to Israel's mission as the Chosen People, God's purpose in healing his world. We are being reminded of that mission today. John also points forward to the coming of the messiah, which he believes is immanent. We are being recalled today to our roots. Not just the exodus story, thought that is important enough, but rather to our baptism and our being called to be a part of the mission of God's People. We too need to look at our roots. Yes, we need to remind ourselves of the Church's calling, and therefore ours, but also our own individual story, our history. God has called each one of us and we need to repent by focusing again on our own vocation and mission. This helps us as we prepare to receive the Christ child, the Christ who becomes one with us at the Incarnation.