Κ	"As it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of
E Y	one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord;"
T	Luke 3:4a
	Preparing for Sunday, December 8 <sup>th</sup>
R E A D I N G S	Day 1— Malachi 3:1-4
	Day 2— Luke 1:68-79
	Day 3— Philippians 1:3-11
	Day 4— Luke 3:1-6
	Day 5— 1 Corinthians 16:13
	Day 6— Ephesians 6:18
	*Sunday readings in bold.
A P P L Y	It's the time of year when many of us are busy preparing for somethingchecking off items on our shopping lists, decorating our homes in anticipation of those Christmas visitors or practicing for a special holiday performance. There is certainly not a shortage of things to do. Yet in the busyness of this season, we must also remember to prepare our hearts for the "reason for the season." John the Baptist spent his earthly ministry telling all who would listen, who it was that would come after him, preparing and pointing the way to Jesus. What are some ways you avoid the many distractions December can bring and prepare yourself to welcome the Christ child each year?
P R A Y E R	Dear God -Help us this season, to center our hearts on the gift of Jesus, sent to the world for us all. May the life and love of your son be our guiding light this and every Christmas. Amen.