



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Light two violet candles on your Advent wreath and ask God for the strength to be like John the Baptist, preparing the way of the Lord.



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Nigerians Applaud 'CPC' Move; Wary Of Saber-Rattling

by Bill Miller, Senior Reporter

SPRINGFIELD GARDENS — In a year that has so far seen religious violence result in the killing of 7,000 people in Nigeria, President Donald Trump announced on Oct. 31 that the nation was reinstated as a Country of Particular Concern (CPC).

The designation reverses President Joe Biden's policy of keeping Nigeria off the list. Trump also suggested he'd deploy the U.S. military "with guns a-blazing" to the West African nation if the killing is not stopped.

"The United States cannot stand by while such atrocities are happening in Nigeria," the president said on Truth Social. "We stand ready, willing, and able to save our Great Christian population around the world!"

CPC is a classification by the U.S. Secretary of State for countries experiencing "systematic, ongoing, and egregious violations of religious freedom," as described in the International Religious Freedom Act (IRFA) of 1998.

The designation, as outlined by IRFA, leads the government to pursue non-economic policy options to end a country's religious freedom violations and, if those fail, impose economic penalties thereafter.

Father Cosmas Nzeabalu, coordinator for the Nigerian Apostolate in the Diocese of Brooklyn, said he prefers

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How one woman's generosity and faith turned heartbreak into a lasting gift of life for others | PAGES 6-7

After losing her daughter, Melissa Enaje Rappa did what "felt like was the most natural thing for me to do," ultimately donating thousands of ounces of breast milk to help mothers in need. (Photo: Jessica Easthope)



Mary by any name: How many do you know?

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