# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT **December 2, 2012**

Reflection Next Week: Jeremy Yates

#### **Readings for December 9, 2012**

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9
SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 1:4-6, 8-11
Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

Weekend Mass Schedule Saturday - 5 pm Sunday - 9 am, 11 am, 5:30 pm

Weekday Mass Schedule Monday - Friday - 7 am Arrupe Room, Parish Center

#### Reconciliation

**Saturday** - 3:30-4:15 pm in the Church or by appointment

Parish Center Hours Monday-Friday - 8 am - 4:30 pm Saturday - 9 am - 1 pm www.stjosephparish.org

732 18th Avenue East, Seattle, WA 98112 **Fax: (206) 329-5698** 

Parish Receptionist (206) 324-2522 Parish Staff (206) 329-5981

#### **Pastor**

Rev. John D. Whitney, 3.J.	XIU/
<b>Senior Priest in Residence</b>	
Rev. Jack O'Leary, S. J.	x101
Deacon/Pastoral Associate	
Steve Wodzanowski	x106
Pastoral Staff:	
Dottie Farewell, Dir. Religious Ed.	x112
Dennis Gentele, Facilities	x110
Renée Leet, Admin Assistant	x100
Bob McCaffery-Lent, Liturgy & Music	x109
Caprice Sauter, Administration	x102
Randy Novak, Communications	x114
John Stuntebeck, Organist/Pianist	x105

#### **St. Joseph School** 700 18th Avenue East • (206) 329-3260

Main Office	x210
Patrick Fennessy, Principal	x218
Rick Boyle, Academic VP	x215
Kris Brown, Vice Principal	x216

# St. Joseph Holiday Schedule



#### Friday, December 7

9:00 am (School Mass)

#### Saturday, December 8

10:00 am, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

#### Saturday, December 15

10:00 am to 1:00 pm, Parish Prayers & Reconciliation Service

#### **Christmas Eve and Christmas Day**

Monday, December 24

7:00 am, Daily Mass 4:00 pm, Children's Mass (Doors open at 3:00 pm) 6:00 pm, Mass in the Evening 10:00 pm, Lessons & Carols 10:30 pm, Mass in the Night

#### Sunday, December 25

10:00 am, Mass in the Morning

#### New Year's

Monday, December 31,

6:00 pm, Benediction and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, ending at Midnight



# The Church of the New Chalcedon

Understanding Our Community as Communion

The Word of God was made human in order that we might be made divine. The Word displayed itself through a body, that we might receive knowledge of the invisible Father.

-Athanasius-

In the year 451, challenged by controversy and dissent, the Church met in an ecumenical council in an ancient maritime city in Asia Minor know as Chalcedon. In this council, the Church sought to understand and define the nature of Christ Jesus, and the manner in which he could be both human and divine. Some held that Jesus was simply a human being, upon whom the power of God had been poured in abundance—a sort of superprophet, but divine only by adoption. Others held that Jesus was a human body possessed of a divine soul as though the Incarnation replaced the humanity of Jesus the person with the soul of the divine Word (a sort of divine zombie). Both of these positions (one called Adoptionism and the other Monophysism), however, denied the fullness of the unity by which human beings are saved. After all, only God can save us, but God saves us only by becoming fully what we are. If God is less than fully human, than not everything that is human is redeemed; and if Jesus is less than fully God, he cannot be the source of our salvation.

In order to solve this seemingly impossible paradox, the Church gathered at Chalcedon developed the doctrine of two natures in one person, i.e. Jesus is one person who is both fully human and fully divine. One nature does not conquer or replace the other, but both subsist within the unity of Jesus Christ—whose very identity is that unity. In the harmony that comes from love, the divine and human natures are united in one person, whose life to is to express that unity. This means that, with the coming of Jesus, human nature is now truly and fully a part of God, and God is fully and truly a part of humanity. There is no separation imaginable, because Jesus is the point of union, and he is one.

We speak about this union almost casually, (think of the phrase "true God and true man" in the Creed), or sing about it in Christmas songs (as in O Come All Ye Faithful when we sing of, "God in flesh appearing,") without ever realizing what a tremendous insight into God's love the Incarnation brings. In the Incarnation of Jesus, God has let us in the door, allowed us—human beings—to become a part of the inner life of God! We are part of the Trinity! Further, this mysterious and wonderful union of

the divine and the human in Jesus is, also, our key to understanding the true nature of the Church. For just as the Church is the body of Christ, so also, it has that feature of Christ by which apparent opposites exist at the same time. The Church is divine, yet it is human; it is institutional, yet it is charismatic; it is universal, yet it is always particular; it is social, yet it is simultaneously personal; it is transcendent, yet it lives as part of each particular culture. In the same manner as its founder and head, the Church is a unity of all sorts of opposites and a mystery that lives in plain sight. It is a reality that is *both/and* and not *either/or*. It is our communal self-understanding and, simultaneously, the visible presence of Christ.

In the season of Advent, we are invited—we are called to awaken ourselves anew to the wonder of the Incarnation and to the living Christ in the Church. Though the readings of Advent point back to the time of preparation for Jesus' birth, this is not so that we will make-believe that Jesus has not vet been born. Rather, the readings and the rituals of Advent exist to recall us to that moment when our race was transformed through the power of God and the grace of the Holy Spirit; and, at the same time, the readings and rituals exist to remind us that the transformation is not yet complete, since the whole world is not yet living as one with God in Christ. The Kingdom of God exists now since God has become flesh in our midst; yet, the Kingdom of God is still to come, since the Incarnation of Jesus is still being realized in all of us and in all human society.

The great insight of the Council of Chalcedon suggests that the true Church, i.e., the body of Christ in the world, must reflect the same union of the divine and human that one finds in the person of Jesus. This is not to say that Jesus had the blueprints for St. Peter's in his back pocket or intended to create the Roman Curia, Rather, the Church is "founded by Christ," in that we are following in his footsteps. Each of us, and all of us together the living People of God, full of weakness and touched by grace—are becoming what Christ is. Although still in Advent (i.e., our time of preparation), this Church, this community of faith, of which Christ himself is the fullness, strives for that communion with God which is our destiny. And yet, even as we strive towards Christ, the birth in Bethlehem means that we strive with him, as well (another paradox). In Advent, we are reminded again that we need only awaken, only repent, only say "yes" with all our hearts to find that community of faith, that unity of love, that communion, that true Church which Christ has modeled and prepared for us by his coming into the world.

Next Week - Part II: The Church As the Sacrament of Christ



## Baptism for Older Children

If you have a child four years of age and older whom you would like to be baptized into the Catholic Faith, Our first gathering for parents and children will be Thursday December 13th 6:00 pm -7:30 pm in the Parish Center beginning with a potluck supper. The plan is to meet monthly (Dec-April) with family catechesis at home between sessions. In accordance with Archdiocesan policy, the norm is for children seven years of age and older to be fully initiated into the Catholic Faith by receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil Mass. Children younger than seven receive the Sacrament of Baptism only at the Easter Vigil or a designated Sunday Mass during the Easter Season. For more information contact Deacon Steve Wodzanowski at stevew@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646.



# Sacred Silence

A time for silent prayer and peace

The Sacred Silence prayer group gathers on Monday nights at 7 pm in the Church for an hour of silent prayer. Newcomers always welcome. Open to all types of prayer practice. People are encouraged to use whatever silent prayer practice

works best for them whether it is centering prayer, Ignatian imagination or another prayer. Time is spent both sitting and walking in silence.

For information on Sacred Silence and silent prayer contact Jim Hoover at jhoover3law@qwestoffice.net or 206-286-0313.

# Advent Day of Reflection For Women and Men

"Images of Mary"
Presented by
Sisters and Associates of St. Joseph of Peace

Saturday, December 8, 2012 9:30 am – 3:00 pm

Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace St. Mary-on-the-Lake - Bellevue Bring a sack lunch Freewill Offering

To register please call or e-mail: Carmel Little, CSJP – 425-635-3600 clittle@csjp-olp.org St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: For the family, husband and young child of Monica, who died suddenly last week. May they find, peace, hope and comfort. For the family and friends of Mitzi, who also went to be with the Lord this passed week. May we hold these two families in our hearts and prayers.



"Set your hearts on the things of heaven, not the things here on earth." ~ Colossians 3:2

If you have petitions you would like included in the prayer tree, including birth announcements, illnesses and deaths, please call the parish office at 206-324-2522 ext 100 or email rleet@stjosephparish.org

COLLECTION: NOVEMBER 25, 2012

TOTAL NEEDED WEEKLY TO MEET BUDGET: \$15,994.00 TOTAL FOR MASSES AND GIFTS MAILED IN: \$8,130.42



"THE SINGING THING"
WEEKLY REFLECTIONS ON THE MUSIC WE
USE AT ST JOSEPH'S
~ROBERT McCAFFERY-LENT

### MUSIC FOR ADVENT

In my files I found a bulletin column written by Denise Pyles, one of my predecessors at St. Joes. I think it is beautifully written so, with a few tweaks here and there to reflect the music we are using this season, here it is:

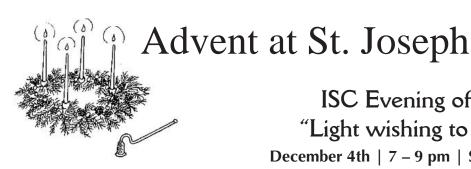
#### Coming home to our faith through the music of Advent and Christmas

Advent and Christmas is one liturgical season that is a time of preparation and celebration of the birth of Christ – that element of the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ which speaks of hope, promise, longing and celebration of our salvation – in God who becomes Emmanuel – One with us. We hear this echoed every Sunday at liturgy each time the prayer is proclaimed after the Lord's Prayer: "...protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our savior, Jesus Christ...." Advent and Christmas are seasons of waiting and of celebrating this joyful hope in Christ. Listen to the lyrics of some of the music that is sung during the Advent and Christmas season:

- People look East the time is near....make your house fair....set the table....Love the Guest is on the way (People Look East)
- O come O Wisdom from on high...teach us in her ways to go...cheer us by your drawing nigh...bind in one the hearts of humankind (O Come, O Come Emmanuel)
- Jesus, Hope of the World...Jesus, Light in our darkness....here we receive you in bread and in wine (Jesus Hope Of the World)
- Comfort O my people...speak of peace...now prepare for God a way (Comfort, Comfort O my People)
- Wait for the Lord...be strong, take heart (Wait for the Lord)
- For you O Lord my soul in stillness waits, truly my hope is in you. (My Soul in Stillness Waits)
- O Christ, Redeemer of us all, we pray you hear us when we call (Creator of the Stars of Night)
- Joyful all you nations rise, join the triumph of the skies (Hark the Herald Angels Sing)
- Heard the story, tidings of a Gospel true, thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing...Christ the babe was born for you (*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*)
- Good Christian friends rejoice, with heart and soul and voice...Christ is born today (Good Christian Friends Rejoice)
- O tidings of comfort and joy (God Rest You Merry Gentlemen)
- Awake and greet the new morn, for angels herald its dawning...behold the child of our longing...and lives now
  inside us forever (Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn)
- Joy to the world...let us our songs employ...repeat the sounding joy (Joy to the World)
- Glad tidings of our God to bring...an endless song of thankful praise (What Star is This)

Home is a place of the familiar in our hearts where our faith resides. "Coming home" is a way of paying closer attention to our relationship with God. As we enter this new liturgical year, let the music of Advent and Christmas bring you home to your heart, to that place of deep hunger for God, to that place of inner-connectedness with community, to that place of nourishing faith that fuels you to action, and to that place of strong centeredness in God that gives you courage to praise and celebrate Emmanuel, God-with-us, no matter what circumstance in life – in all ways and always

Robert McCaffery-Lent – with thanks to Denise Pyles...



# ISC Evening of Prayer "Light wishing to be born"

December 4th | 7 – 9 pm | St. Joseph Church

# Men's Advent Gathering

Please join us on Saturday, December 8th from 8:30 - 11:30 am for our Annual Men's Advent Gathering in the Arrupe Room, Parish Center. This will be a time of prayer, reflection and renewal as we reawaken ourselves to the birth of Jesus. Gerry Lamar and Joe Prusa will be the animators. For more information please contact Dn. Steve at (206) 965-1646 or SteveW@stjosephparish.org

## Feast of Immaculate Conception

Saturday, December 8th 10 am, St. Joseph Church

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

# "On the Road to Bethlehem" Saturday, December 15th, 10 am A TIME OF RECONCILIATION & RENEWAL IN ADVENT

This year, in a move to offer the sacrament of Reconciliation within a larger context of prayer, Fr. John will be offering a morning of reflection and renewal--a miniature retreat in the midst of Advent. On Saturday, 15 December 2012, from 10 am until 1:00 pm, members of the Parish are invited to come and pray in the church around the theme of journeying to Bethlehem with Mary and Joseph. During this time, confessors will be available and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered continually. Each hour, a brief prayer and scriptural reflection will be presented, with points for prayer. Come for 15 minutes, for an hour, or for the whole morning!

You are invited to slow down during the busy holiday season for a reflective and prayerful evening at the beginning of Advent. Join presenters Pat Twohy, S.J. and Carla Orlando for a beautiful evening of art, music, storytelling, prayer and reflection that will help you enter more deeply into the season of hope for the new birth of Light within and among us. People of all ages, faith traditions and spiritual backgrounds are welcome.

Admission by free will offering. For more information contact Andrea Fontana, Program Coordinator, at andrea@ignatiancenter.org or 206.329.4824.

# Women's Advent Bible Study

The St. Joseph's Women's Ministry invites you to join in our Advent Bible Study. As the Church prepares to celebrate the birth of Jesus, we will take a closer look at the role Mary, his mother, plays in our salvation history. Bring your bible and learn more about our beloved Mother, the Queen of Heaven, and why Catholics venerate her.

> Wednesday at 7pm in the Parish Center, December 5th - 19th.

To sign up, or for more information, please contact Kaz Maras at kjmaras@gmail.com or 206.228.2674.

# Come & Pray with us, for Just a Little While

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is an invitation to abide with Jesus, to take a single hour and quiet your heart from all that is rushing past, so that you might know that which lasts forever.

If you have never prayed before the Blessed Sacrament, you will be amazed at the peace and the grace that comes from allowing yourself to sit in the presence of Christ, from opening yourself to his love, given in this very physical and yet spiritual form.

Pray that your own life might be one with God.

Thursday, December 6th, 7:00 pm St. Joseph Church



## Seniors On the Go

- **Friday, December 7th** Healing Mass at 11:30 am followed by Seniors Luncheon in the Parish Center.
- Tuesday, December 11th Afternoon At The Movies: Home Alone, 1 pm in the Parish Center.
- Thursday, December 13th Seniors Monthly Potluck, 6 pm in the Social Hall. Call Mary Ott 206-324-7459 or Dolores Dorn 206-322-2259 for details.

Calendar

Mon, Dec 3 Sacred Silence, Church, 7:00 PM

**Tue, Dec 4** RCIA, Arrupe Room, 7:00 PM

Choir Practice, Church, 6:30 PM

Wed, Dec 5 Pathfinders, Social Hall, 6:00 PM

Choir Practice, Church, 6:30 PM The VOICE, Arrupe Room, 7:00 PM

Fri, Dec 7 Eucharist Adoration, Loyola Chapel

Parish Center, 7:30 AM

Healing Mass, Church, 11:30 AM

# Family Mass & Breakfast Sunday, December 9th



Sunday, December 9th, after the 9:00 am Mass

**Parish Pancake Breakfast** 

**Crafts for the Kids** 

Breakfast will include pancakes, eggs, sausage and fruit; \$15 per family or \$4 per person

There will be no CFF K through Junior High classes that day; this is a CFF1 & 2 Event

#### Save The Date:

St. Joseph's Marriage Enrichment Weekend February 1-3, 2013 La Conner Country Inn

Cost \$300 per couple, Partial Scholarships available, register by December 30th with Deacon Steve 206-965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org

2013 Planning team: Ginger and Warren Pollock, Sam and Julie Smith, Deborah Justice and Joe Fina, Kathleen Sullivan and Leo Lyons.

# Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam

The Esoterics, Saturday December 8th, 8 pm SYBILLA reprised: the complete Hildegard motets of Frank Ferko

The Esoterics will bring its nineteenth season to a spectacular finish by reprising its performance of the complete Hildegard motets by American composer Frank Ferko (b 1950) this December. Ferko's motets, composed between 1993 and 2012, set texts by the 12th-century mystic Hildegard of Bingen. Ferko has had a long relationship with Hildegard and her visions, and has written both instrumental and choral music inspired by her work. In this concert, The Esoterics will perform sixteen motets by Ferko, with a newly-composed world-premiere motet, *O nobilissima viriditas* (2012). The texts of Ferko's motets come from Hildegard's *Symphonium celestium revolationum*, a cycle of more than seventy poems that she composed for use throughout the church year. In his realization of Hildegard's visionary texts, Ferko employs organ-like textures and harmonies that evoke the music of Messiaen and Poulenc. An accomplished organist and composer for organ, Ferko is a scholar on the music of Messiaen, on whom he has lectured extensively. In his motets, Ferko's lavish harmonies are juxtaposed with acerbic phrases of Medieval counterpoint.



## Welcome The Newly Baptized

Kathryn Reilly Herdener and Owen Reece Healey we welcome you, the newly baptized, as partners with us in Christ's life and ministry here at St. Joseph.

#### Alumni Mexico Mission Trek

Magis at Seattle University is excited to announce their newest global immersion program Mexico Mission Trek! A community of sixteen Jesuit-educated alumni will serve side-by-side in a week-long service immersion with a community in Tijuana, Mexico via Esperanza International, a non-profit agency which "cultivates global citizenship through international service experiences in working toward a better world." Alumni of the Mexico Mission Trek will:

- Explore what a faith that does justice means to them, along with social analysis on some of the issues impacting the local community pre-Trek.
- Work together for one week alongside the community in Tijuana in order to bring about a sense of being men and women for and with others.
- Reflect on the experience of service with each other via a post-Trek gathering and retreat.

Application deadline is Thursday, December 20, 2012. Cost for the immersion program is \$525 (includes lodging, transportation, site visits, and meals) plus cost of airfare to/from San Diego. Consider applying with a spouse/partner/immediate family member. For an application, or more information, visit www.seattleu.edu/magis/programs/justice.

# The Tallis Scholars: Music by Lassus, Pärt & Praetorius

Friday, December 7 at 8:00 PM at Blessed Sacrament Church. Our program for the evening features the following works: VIVANCO, Sebastian: Magnificat octavitoni LASSUS, Orlandus: Osculetur me LASSUS: Missa Osculetur me Intermission PÄRT, Arvo: Magnificat PÄRT: I am the true vine TALLIS, Thomas: Sancte Deus PRAETORIUS, Hieronymus: Magnificat, including carols "Joseph lieber" & "In dulci jubilo"

Tickets range in price from \$25 to \$50 and include reserved and non-reserved seats. Tickets are available online at brownpapertickets.com or at tudorchoir.org. 5050 8th Ave NE, Seattle.

## Gloria

Our Lady of the Lake Choir Presents a "Gloria in excelsis" a Christmas Concert, with the Festival Orchestra featuring "Gloria" by Vivaldi, along with other holiday selections and Christmas Carol sing-along. Sunday December 16, 2 PM. Our Lady of the Lake, 8900 35th Ave. NE, Seattle Suggested Donation \$10 Each, or \$20 for Families. www.ollseattle.org 2306.523.6776

# Stewardship 2013 Pledges Continued

## A special thanks to each of you for your charism of our community!

• William & Nancy Basl, Jeanine Benham & Christopher Jones, Karen and Curtis Bryan • Erin Foster & Michael Donovan, Rob & Monica Dunlop • Guiseppe Fina & Debbie Justice • Chris & Julie Thenell Grasseschi • Sue & Joe Helensky, Lin Holley & Collin Hennessey, William Hood, Jim & Debbie Hoover • Erik Johnson & Elizabeth Kain • Rich Lappenbusch & Denise Muyco, Michele Rebert & Tom Laughlin • George & Eleanor McCall, Paul & Bente Mullally • Tom & Brooke Pigott • Joseph & Lydia Schumm • John & Deborah Tardif • Richard Van Dyk

If you haven't already pledged, please do so. You can pledge online at our website www.stjosephparish.org or send in a pledge form to the parish center.





# Christmas Dinner Party

You are cordially invited to a Christmas Dinner Party fundraiser to support the VOICE delegation to El Salvador next summer. Come enjoy a delicious meal prepared by our youth, a brief presentation on our sister parish in Arcatao and dancing with live music!

#### Friday, December 7th, 6 pm - 10 pm, Parish Center

To reserve your spot, please visit www.stjosephparish. org, click on the VOICE dinner party button. Cost is \$25.00 per person. Questions? Email Sam Kennedy at skennedy@stjosephparish.org

### Chief Seattle Club

Do your holiday shopping and support local businesses and our talented Native Artists at Chief Seattle Club's December Art Walk and Second Annual Native Art Sale on Thursday, December 6, from 2:00 to 8:00 pm, Friday, December 7, from 2:00 to 8:00 pm, and Saturday, December 8, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Roger Fernandes (Lower Elwha S'Klallam), is our featured artist for December. Roger is a storyteller, artist and educator whose work focuses on the culture and beliefs of the Puget Salish tribes of Western Washington State. As a storyteller he works to share the indigenous teachings in stories that remind us of the wisdom of our ancestors to gain personal insight to better understand the world and other people.

We'll have culture sharing with Sacred Water.

Off the Rez will be selling their delicious Indian tacos and fry bread.

We'll have raffles, a bake sale, and loads of fun.

If you are a Native artist and are interested in vending, please contact Olive at olive@chiefseattleclub.org or call 206-292-6214 ext 1286.

# STATHOLIC SCHOOLS BASKETBALL CLASSIC

A MAJORITY OF PROCEEDS will support Catholic schools in w. Washington

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 2013, at 3:30 PM KEY ARENA, SEATTLE SEATTLE U. REDHAWKS vs. U. OF DENVER PIONEERS

# **TICKETS \$12 each**

SU ticket office: 206.296.2835 (mention your school)

Online: fulcrumfoundation.org/basketball

(add \$1 per ticket for online purchases)

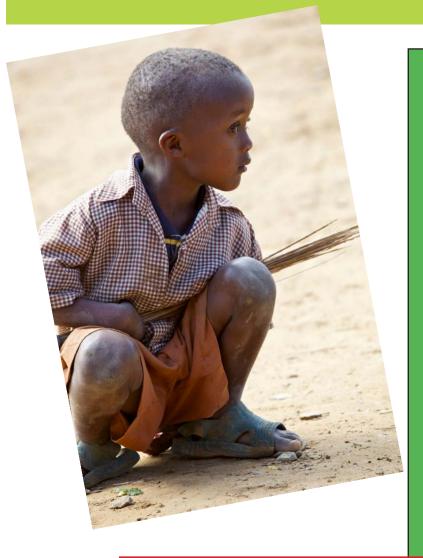
Questions? Call Christen Lambert at 206.219.5811.

# St. Joseph Parish's

# Alternative Bazaar

Sunday, December 2nd

10 AM - 2 PM 732 18th Ave E - In the Social Hall



This year St. Joseph's
Alternative Bazaar will have beautiful handcrafted items from dozens of countries, and organizations around the world in order to support disadvantaged artisans overseas and in the US. The artisans and vendors with us are Fair Trade Certified, or a non-profit whose sales 100% support the organization.

For More Information Contact:
Allison Nackel-Gaffney
allisonnackel@gmail.com
or Steve Wodzanowski
206-965-1646

Come and support our non-profit outreach partners such as:
L'Arche, Baby Corner, Chief Seattle Club,
Association of Catholic Childhood, Sister Parish in El Salvador
and many more!

# The First Week of Advent: Waiting on the Lord

To wait open-endedly is an enormously radical attitude towards life. So is to trust that something will happen to us that is far beyond our own imaginings.

So, too, is giving up control over our future & letting God define our life, trusting that God molds us according to God's love & not according to our fear. The spiritual life is a life in which we wait, actively present to the moment, trusting that new things will happen to us, new things that are far beyond our own imagination, fantasy, or prediction.

-Henri Nouwen, Waiting for God-

### An Examination of Consciousness for the First Week of Advent

- TAKE 5 DEEP BREATHS: INHALE SAYING, "Come." EXHALE SAYING, "Jesus."
- EXAMINE YOUR LIFE AT THIS MOMENT
  - For what am I waiting at this time in my life? For what am I longing?
  - What keeps me from waiting with patience? What are my fears, hurts, anxieties that are with me during these days?
- ASK FOR YOUR DESIRE: **GRACIOUS WAITING**

Gracious God, seed & source of all that lives:

grant me a patient & a trusting heart;
a spirit filled with passion & with peace;
that I might wait with hope upon the dawn,
& greet the new day free of all anxiety.

Come, Lord Jesus, come! Amen.