



# ST. JOSEPH PARISH

THE JESUIT PARISH IN SEATTLE

Sunday, December 5, 2021 \* Second Sunday of Advent\* [www.stjosephparish.org](http://www.stjosephparish.org)



## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*"Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low.  
The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth,  
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."*

- Lk 3:5-6



## 2nd Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER 5, 2021

**Livestream Mass: 5pm Saturday**  
**on our YouTube channel**  
(Available for viewing throughout the week)  
**9 AM Sunday, 11 AM Sunday**  
**5:30 PM Sunday**

**Weekday Mass Schedule**  
**Tuesday - Friday, 7 am, YouTube**

### Readings for December 12, 2021

FIRST READING: ZEPHANIAH 3:14-18A

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7

GOSPEL: LUKE 3:10-18

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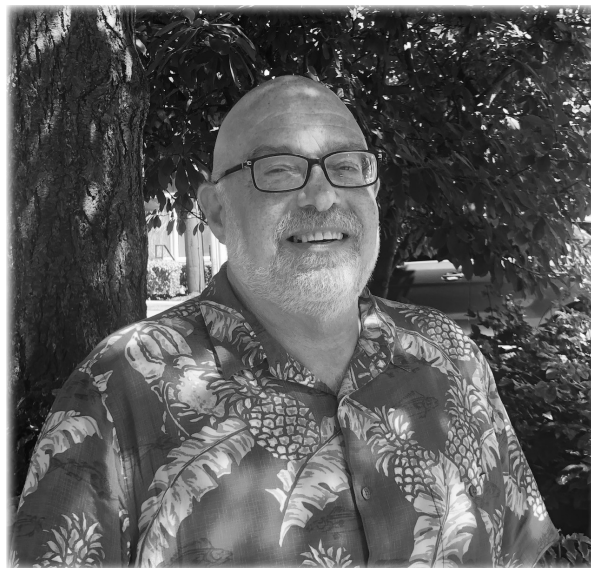


## Get to know Kevin Glackin-Coley, who will be sharing a homily with us this weekend:

Kevin is the Executive Director of [Facing Homelessness](http://Facing Homelessness). His long history of working and living with people on the margins is rooted in his deep connection with Ignatian Spirituality. He was a Jesuit Volunteer in Tacoma in 1984, started the Tacoma Catholic Worker with Bill Bichsel, SJ and was the Director of the St. Leo Food Connection for more than 16 years.

Facing Homelessness's commitment to building, in the words of Peter Maurin, a new society in the shell of the old, by encouraging the development of relationships between housed and unhoused neighbors is what drew him to the organization. It is through this recognition of our shared humanity that we will all find our way home.

Join us this weekend in-person or online to hear more about what makes Facing Homelessness such a special partner to St. Joe's, and find out more about volunteering here: [www.facinghomelessness.org](http://www.facinghomelessness.org)



## We Need Your Help!

St. Joe's is looking for a concert host to be present for rehearsals and concerts when we host a performing group. It pays \$15 an hour, and you get to hear a free concert! (The first two dates are December 13th and 20th.)

It's an easy job - open up, lock up, give the group access to social hall or Arrupe if they're using those rooms, and occasionally help with a music stand or two. Contact Bob McCaffery-Lent if you're able to help: [rmclent@stjosephparish.org](mailto:rmclent@stjosephparish.org) (206) 965-1649

# Second Sunday of Advent

Presider

Matthew Pyrc, S.J

Call To Worship

*Please stand at the tolling of the bell.*

Entrance Song

*Christ Circle Round Us*

Schutte

1. Come, O Flow'r of Love, ho - ly branch of Jes - se's tree.  
2. Come, O Word of Truth, font of know - ledge from on high.  
3. Come, O Gate of Hope, ho - ly door of heav - en's throne.  
4. Come, O Might - y Lord, mas - ter of the stars of night.

Come, Bough of Bless - ing, bloom for all the world to see.  
Come, Ho - ly Wis - dom, be our faith - ful friend and guide.  
Come, Key of Da - vid, o - pen wide the path - way home.  
Come, Strength of Pil - grims, keep us in your lov - ing sight.

Christ, cir - cle round us. Christ, may your light sur - round us.

Shine in our liv - ing. Fill our hearts with great thanks-giv - ing.

## Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

*Strike breast during next line.*

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault.  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

## Kyrie

Cantor

Kyrie eleison

All

Kyrie eleison

Christe eleison

Christe eleison

Kyrie eleison

Kyrie eleison

## First Reading

Baruch 5:1-9

Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery;  
put on the splendor of glory from God forever:  
wrapped in the cloak of justice from God,  
bear on your head the mitre  
that displays the glory of the eternal name.  
For God will show all the earth your splendor:  
you will be named by God forever  
the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship.  
Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights;  
look to the east and see your children  
gathered from the east and the west  
at the word of the Holy One,  
rejoicing that they are remembered by God.

Led away on foot by their enemies they left you:  
but God will bring them back to you  
borne aloft in glory as on royal thrones.  
For God has commanded  
that every lofty mountain be made low,  
and that the age-old depths and gorges  
be filled to level ground,  
that Israel may advance secure in the glory of God.  
The forests and every fragrant kind of tree  
have overshadowed Israel at God's command;  
for God is leading Israel in joy  
by the light of his glory,  
with his mercy and justice for company.

## Psalm

*Psalm 126*

*Haugen*



God has done great things for us, filled us with laugh-ter and mu-sic.

When our God led us back to freedom,  
like dreamers we beheld the promised land again;  
our mouths were filled with laughter and rejoicing.

We proclaimed to the nations what you had done for us;  
your mighty deeds of love, restoring us to life,  
you lead your people home to you rejoicing.

Come restore our fortune, renew us in your love,  
as rivers through the sand, as springs within the desert;  
those who sow in tears shall reap rejoicing.

## Second Reading

Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Brothers and sisters: I pray always with joy in my every prayer for all of you, because of your partnership for the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus. God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

## Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia*

*"Show us, Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation"*



## Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert. John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah:

*A voice of one crying out in the desert:*

*"Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight his paths.*

*Every valley shall be filled  
and every mountain and hill shall be made low.*

*The winding roads shall be made straight,  
and the rough ways made smooth,  
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."*

## Homily

**Kevin Glackin-Coley, Executive Director Facing Homelessness**

## Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us (men) and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
*All bow.*  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.  
*All stand upright.*

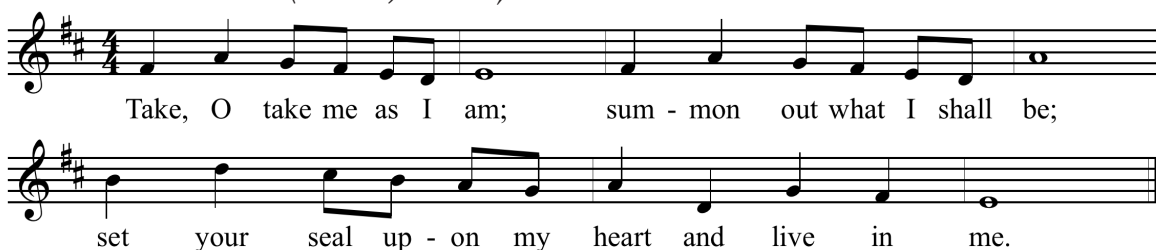
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Dismissal

*(5:30) Take, O Take Me As I Am*

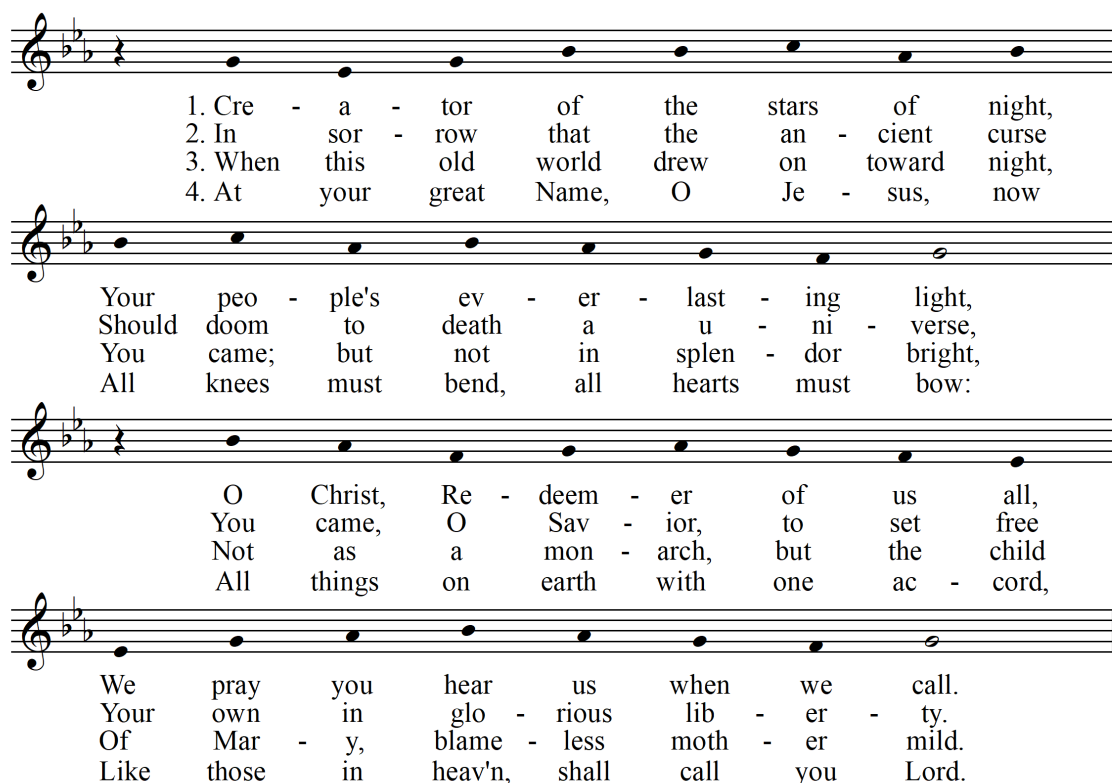
*Bell*



## Offertory Song

## Creator Of the Stars Of Night

CREATOR ALME SIDERUM



1. Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,  
2. In sor - row that the an - cient curse  
3. When this old world drew on toward night,  
4. At your great Name, O Je - sus, now

Your peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing light,  
Should doom to death a u - ni - verse,  
You came; but not in splen - dor bright,  
All knees must bend, all hearts must bow:

O Christ, Re - deem - er of us all,  
You came, O Sav - ior, to set free  
Not as a mon - arch, but the child  
All things on earth with one ac - cord,

We pray you hear us when we call.  
Your own in glo - rious lib - er - ty.  
Of Mar - y, blame - less moth - er mild.  
Like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.

## Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

## Mystery of Faith

When we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim  
your death, Lord Jesus, until you come again.

## Great Amen

Amen

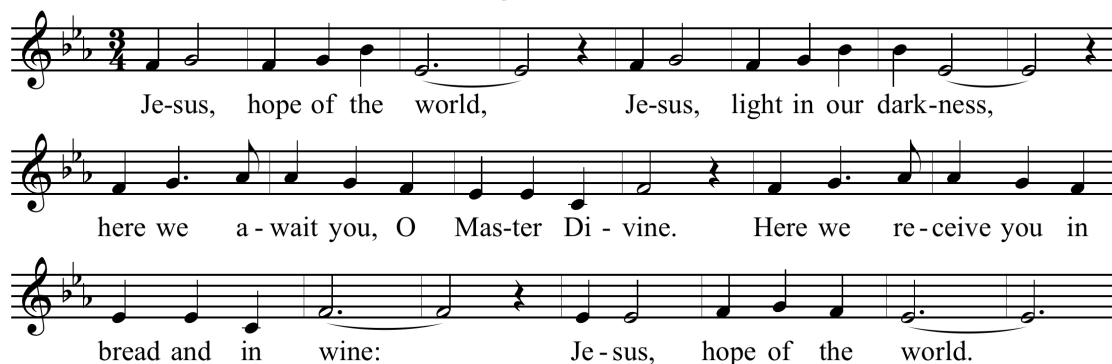
## Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
grant us peace.

## Communion

## Jesus, Hope Of the World

Tate



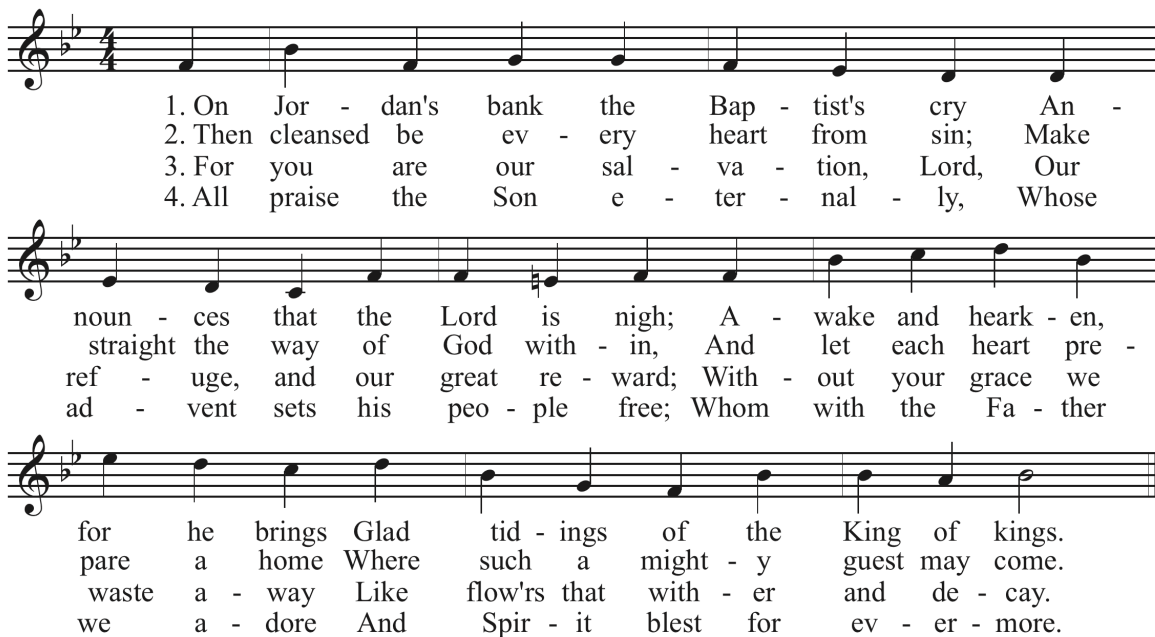
Je-sus, hope of the world, Je-sus, light in our dark-ness,  
here we a - wait you, O Mas-ter Di - vine. Here we re - ceive you in  
bread and in wine: Je - sus, hope of the world.



# Recessional

## On Jordan's Bank

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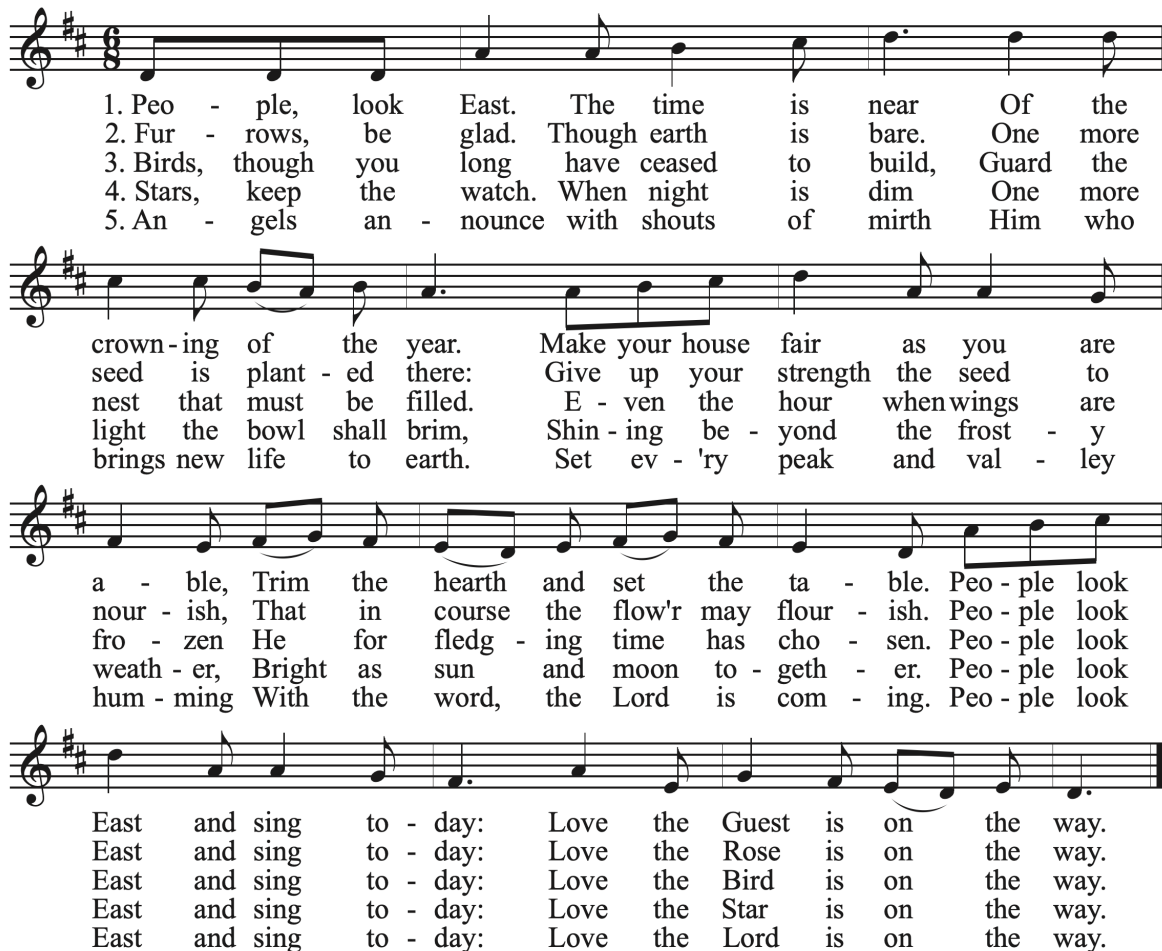
1. On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An -  
 2. Then cleansed be ev - ery heart from sin; Make  
 3. For you are our sal - va - tion, Lord, Our  
 4. All praise the Son e - ter - nal - ly, Whose

noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and heark - en,  
 straight the way of God with - in, And let each heart pre -  
 ref - uge, and our great re - ward; With - out your grace we  
 ad - vent sets his peo - ple free; Whom with the Fa - ther

for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings.  
 pare a home Where such a might - y guest may come.  
 waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.  
 we a - dore And Spir - it blest for ev - er - more.

## (5:30) People Look East

Farjeon



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near Of the  
 2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare. One more  
 3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, Guard the  
 4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim One more  
 5. An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth Him who

crown - ing of the year. Make your house fair as you are  
 seed is plant - ed there: Give up your strength the seed to  
 nest that must be filled. E - ven the hour when wings are  
 light the bowl shall brim, Shin - ing be - yond the frost - y  
 brings new life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley

a - ble, Trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple look  
 nour - ish, That in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple look  
 fro - zen He for fledg - ing time has cho - sen. Peo - ple look  
 weath - er, Bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple look  
 hum - ming With the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple look

East and sing to - day: Love the Guest is on the way.  
 East and sing to - day: Love the Rose is on the way.  
 East and sing to - day: Love the Bird is on the way.  
 East and sing to - day: Love the Star is on the way.  
 East and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.

# LGBTQ: It's All About Love

## Holiday Edition

Welcome back. As the rainy season settles in and days get shorter, it's time to get cozy, have a cuppa, and listen to each other's stories. The holidays can be challenging and may bring special challenges for our LGBTQ sisters and brothers. With Thanksgiving past, and Christmas approaching we'll focus this column on gay families and the holidays.

**Scripture:** Hebrews 13:1-3 "Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it."

### Telling Our Stories

by Troy Kaser and Tee Earls

Tee first met my family when they visited Seattle over Thanksgiving in 1999 – and I introduced him as my roommate. Over time, as we shared our story and relationship more broadly, we evolved from spending our holidays apart to alternating holiday visits, as a couple, with each other's families. Extended family members each took their own journey towards acceptance of our relationship, not necessarily fully understanding and certainly not without speed bumps or the occasional controversy. But ultimately, they chose to walk alongside us.



Fast forward and, finally having the right to be civilly married, we started our own family through open adoption. We were selected by each of our two children's birth parents to raise them. We now live an incredibly mundane but beautiful family life where our concerns are focused on feeding the kids balanced meals and getting back-and-forth from soccer practices.

I'm uncomfortable comparing our goofball family to the Holy Family, but there is inspiration in their story. Mary braved the truth of the incarnation at risk of possible rejection by Joseph. Joseph gave himself fully to be Jesus' adopted father. Joseph and Mary even took Jesus to the equivalent of Sunday School, although the lessons weren't over Zoom. I wonder if Jesus, as an eight-year-old, struggled to pay attention as much as my son does?

One of the most beautiful parts of our family is how we have benefited from open adoption, which means we remain in close contact with our children's biological families. These birth parents, aunts, uncles, grandparents, and even great grandparents have accepted us more fully than we ever expected and are kind and generous to our whole family in beautiful ways. As a result, I've been given the opportunity to understand "family" in a more robust and inspiring sense than I ever would have anticipated.

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So, as you look around your Thanksgiving or Christmas table this year, I have two requests. First, think about who might be hiding a story they aren't sure if it's safe to share. How can you create a safe and loving environment for someone who is different, like each of us are, and allow them to feel welcome and included? The other is to take stock in the inevitable imperfections and irregularities of family life and, with a sense of true peace, count them as blessings that reveal both our true humanity and what we have in common with Jesus and his journey here on Earth.

*Troy Kaser and Tee Earls have been parishioners since they moved back to Seattle in 2011 and are raising two elementary school age children, Erick and Aubrie.*

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**Chosen Families-** Not all LGBTQ folks are accepted by their birth families. Some have been told to get out and never come back. Some have been shunned not only by their parents, but also siblings and their entire extended family. Some parents have refused to acknowledge a beloved partner. Sometimes, family invitations continue, but the partner is specifically excluded. LGBTQ weddings can be ignored or seen as sinful. Funerals are especially painful when the deceased's family refuses to acknowledge a gay spouse or partner.

In the midst of judgment and rejection by families of origin, the desire for loving and welcoming families is very real and important. Hence, the concept of "chosen families." A friend told me "It's pretty simple. I choose to celebrate with people who love and accept me. People I like, who are like me. Gay people can pick who we want for family. I bet lots of people wish they could do that."

Chosen family does not mean substitute family. Chosen families are committed to each other, build their own traditions and ways of celebrating. Chosen families are all about love.

A friend I worked with told me about spending Thanksgivings with his chosen family in a house in the Alpine Lakes near Leavenworth. Together, they baked pies and rolls and cooked a turkey dinner with each one making his favorite side dish. They had leftovers to last through the weekend and hiked for hours. He told me about this the week after their 9th annual Thanksgiving in the mountains.

A group of friends I knew (a gay male couple, a lesbian couple and a straight couple) became each other's chosen local family. Each had loving family elsewhere but they celebrated holidays together at each other's homes. They explored the Northwest (Mt. St. Helens, the Olympic Coast, Port Townsend), cooking together, taking long walks, and always a big puzzle going on the dining table. They were part of each other's weddings - gay and straight - and saw each other through joy and sorrow, jobs and children, illness and death.

Holidays are about celebrating with family. All kinds of families- extended traditional families, nuclear families, blended families, chosen families, adopted families. All are part of God's family. All are children of God.

### Popular culture

Make it a rainbow holiday! Glitter! Paper and scissors and magic markers! Origami! Shrinky Dink! Unicorns! Make rainbow place cards for the big feast! Fancy cookies! ~ Written by Chris Galloway





By Katy Callaghan Huston, MAPS; Liturgy Planning Team; Arts and Environment Team

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is one of the Holy Days of Obligation in the Church Calendar. We celebrate on Wednesday, December 8 at 7pm. In Catholicism 101 --or 2nd grade—we learned that the Immaculate Conception celebrates Mary's being born without the stain of Original Sin. (Jesus's conception is called the "Virgin Birth.")

"The doctrine of the Immaculate Conception was officially defined by Pope Pius IX in 1854...prompted by his desire that highly devoted, as he was, to the Blessed Virgin, the definition would inspire others in their devotion to her." (from catholic.com)

The color for this feast is white, signifying Mary's purity.

The second feast of Mary that we celebrate in Advent is Our Lady of Guadalupe, who appeared to St. Juan Diego on December 9, 10, and 12, 1531 in Mexico. Our Lady of Guadalupe is the patron of the Americas. St. Joseph's School will present a Guadalupe Pageant at the Saturday 5:00 pm livestream Mass.

There is a wonderful Indigenous and Christian symbolism in the painting that appeared miraculously on the "tilma" (cloak) of St. Juan Diego. If you have an interest, here is a good website: [guadalupe Shrine.org/facts/](http://guadalupe Shrine.org/facts/)

But what do these two feasts even mean to 21st Century Catholics going about our daily business? Just this: Mary, in all her manifestations, is the Mother of God. We can go to her always, for comfort and consolation.

Because this feast falls on the Third Sunday of Advent this year, the color is rose for Gaudete (Rejoicing) Sunday.

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## **At Home with the Word - Available in the Vestibule!**

We have purchased several hundred copies of the book "At Home with the Word" published by LTP (Liturgy Training Publications). This is a wonderful resource that contains all the Sunday readings for the coming liturgical year. It guides you to a deeper understanding of the Sunday Scriptures, providing insights from Scripture scholars, pastoral reflections, and action steps. The book also includes prayers and citations for the weekday readings.

Please feel free to pick one up in the vestibule. You can make an optional donation to defray the cost of the books by dropping it in the donation box or using the Dip Jar in the vestibule. (Suggested donation is \$10.)

## **November All Souls Altar - Pick Up Your Photos**

You can now pick up your photos of loved ones for the All Souls Altar - they're available on the table in the Vestibule.



# Advent 2021

## Calendar

Wednesday Dec. 8: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Mass at 7pm

Wednesday Dec. 15: Advent Reconciliation Service at 7pm

Saturday Dec. 18: Simbang Gabi celebration Mass at 5pm

Monday Dec. 20: Seattle Girl's Choir Concert at 7pm

Wednesday Dec. 22: Advent Lessons & Carols at 7pm

**Friday Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Masses at 4pm, 6pm, & 10pm (10pm Livestreamed)**

**Saturday Dec. 25: Christmas Morning Mass at 10am (\*will have a socially distanced section & livestreamed)**

(No 5pm Livestream Mass for Feast of the Holy Family)

Sunday Dec. 26: Feast of the Holy Family Mass at 10am (Only Mass of the Day)

Saturday Jan. 1: Epiphany Mass at 5pm

Sunday Jan. 2: Epiphany Sunday Masses at 9am, 11am, & 5:30pm

Friday Jan. 7: First Friday Healing Mass at 11am

Saturday Jan. 8/Sunday Jan. 9: Baptism of the Lord Masses

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St. Joe's Giving Tree

Thanks for Your Generous Donations to the Recovery Cafe Thanksgiving Dinner!



## By Candlelight: A Young Adult Advent Reflection



**Monday nights during advent (December 6, 13, 20)**

**Time: 6:00pm-7:15pm**

Meeting on Zoom - contact Anna at [annarikki@icloud.com](mailto:annarikki@icloud.com)

Join the St. Joe's young adult group this advent season on Monday nights for quiet evenings of reflection, prayer, and faith sharing. We will be using the book *By Candlelight, By Starlight: An Advent Devotional* by St. Joseph's parishioner Cameron Bellm who also writes for the US Jesuits Conference.

The book is available online at: <https://brickhouseinthecity.com/product/by-candlelight-by-starlight-advent-devotional-2021/> Participants should provide their own book, but please contact Anna at [annarikki@icloud.com](mailto:annarikki@icloud.com) if anyone needs financial assistance.

After a year filled with change and uncertainty, we want to take time to reflect and share in the meaning of the advent season.

# FAITH JUSTICE

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Sign Up!



Sign Up!

## St. Joe's Giving Tree

Our annual Giving Tree program kicked off this week! Each gift you donate helps one of our [Outreach Partners](#) serve those in need in our community. Stop by the church take a tag from the tree in our vestibule, or go online and sign up at our virtual giving tree site. Either option is helpful - we are going 50/50 hybrid this year!

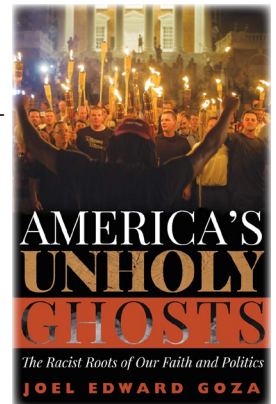
Sign up online at [signup.com/go/jxKxWtG](https://signup.com/go/jxKxWtG) Please drop off all gifts, unwrapped, by 4pm on Tuesday, December 14th in the church vestibule kitchen (there will be a shelf marked for Giving Tree gifts). Gifts will be secured daily, but please take gift cards to the parish center or give to a staff member or usher. Thanks for your generosity!

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## Racial Justice Book Group - December 8th

Please join us Wednesday, December 8 at 7pm on Zoom for a discussion of *America's Unholy Ghosts* by Joel Edward Goza. It examines the DNA of the ideologies that shape our nation, ideologies that too often justify and perpetuate racist ideas and racial inequalities. *Ghosts* examines a philosophical "trinity"--Thomas Hobbes, John Locke, and Adam Smith--whose works collectively helped to institutionalize, imagine, and ingrain racist ideologies into the hearts and minds of the American people. (From Goodreads.)

Please contact [racialjusticebookgroup@stjosephparish.org](mailto:racialjusticebookgroup@stjosephparish.org) to receive the Zoom link.



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# Becoming Antiracist

December 2021

## Understanding The Racial Wealth Gap in America

**Scripture:** James 2: 14-17. “What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled”, without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.”

**History:** Institutional/Systemic Racism: The racial segregation and disparities in wealth between Caucasians and African American people include legacies of historical policies. In the Social Security Act of 1935, agricultural workers and servants, most of whom were black, were excluded because key white southerners did not want governmental assistance to change the agrarian system. In the Wagner Act of 1935, Blacks were blocked by law from challenging the barriers to entry into the newly protected labor unions and securing the right to collective bargaining. In the National Housing Act of 1939, the property appraisal system tied property value and eligibility for government loans to race. The 1936 Underwriting Manual used by the Federal Housing Administration to guide residential mortgages gave 20 percent weight to a neighborhood’s protection, for example, zoning ordinances, deed restrictions, high speed traffic arteries, from adverse influences, such as infiltration of inharmonious racial groups. Thus, white-majority neighborhoods received government’s highest property value ratings, and white people were eligible for government loans and aid. Between 1934 and 1962, less than 2 percent of government-subsidized housing went to non-white people. – *The Angela Project Presents 40 days of Prayer for The Liberation of American Descendants of Slavery*, Simmons College of Kentucky, 2019

In 1968, the Fair Housing Act (FHA) was signed into law to eliminate the effects of state-sanctioned racial segregation. But it failed to change the status quo as the United States remained nearly as segregated as before 1968. A newer discriminating lending practice was the subprime lending in the 1990’s. Lenders targeted high-interest subprime loans to low-income and minority neighborhoods who might be eligible for fair-interest prime loans. Securitization, mortgage brokers, other lenders, and legislative deregulation of the mortgage lending industry all played a role in promoting the subprime lending market. – *The Angela Project Presents 40 days of Prayer for The Liberation of American Descendants of Slavery*, Simmons College of Kentucky, 2019

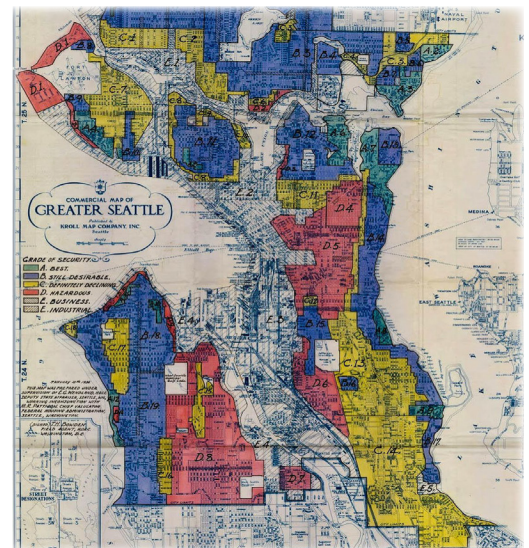
Read more about segregation in Seattle: [Segregated Seattle](https://depts.washington.edu/civilr/segregated.htm) by the University of Washington, Seattle Civil Rights and Labor History Project <https://depts.washington.edu/civilr/segregated.htm>

Redlining in Seattle Seattle City Archives <https://www.seattle.gov/cityarchives/exhibits-and-education/online-exhibits/redlining-in-seattle>

Videos: Watch “Explained: The Racial Wealth Gap” on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mqrhn8khGLM>













“Redlined: A Legacy of Housing Discrimination” on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cFQQOwaJ1jA>

Prayer: “Gracious God, Shake the foundations of our conscience until we cannot help but change our course...Cause us to live our lives to serve others. Teach us that life, liberty and pursuit of happiness requires justice and hope and help and caring. Expand our morality beyond the narrowness of personal piety into the broadness of public policy. Give us the strength to challenge racism, poverty, unchecked militarism, and ecological devastation. Empower us with Your Spirit that we might be a nation unto God, not unto fear; show us again that America is only here by your grace.” From “A Prayer for America” by Rev. William Barber, quoted in *Just Faith Ministries* 2020-2021



A Banker's Map of Seattle Showing Neighborhoods Where They Refused to Offer Mortgages

# 2021 Environmental Advent Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>November 28 <b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b></p> <p><b>In Laudato Si'</b>, Pope Francis calls us toward sustainability. This Advent, register your family to join the <a href="https://www.LaudatoSiActionPlatform.org">LaudatoSiAction Platform.org</a>.</p>	<p>November 29</p> <p><b>Advent is a time of preparation.</b> Learn about environmental ethics with Fr. James Martin at <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aIqFTYlc4&amp;t=2s">www.youtube.com/watch?v=aIqFTYlc4&amp;t=2s</a></p>	<p>November 30</p>  <p><b>Meditate on God's creation.</b> Breathe in, and receive God's wonders. Breathe out, and say thanks for those wonders.</p>	<p>December 1</p> <p><b>Pray.</b> Set a time every day to pray as a family, thanking God for the gifts of creation and praying for its care.</p> 	<p>2</p> <p><b>Advocate!</b> Urge your elected officials to work for a sustainable future and talk to your family about caring for God's creation.</p>	<p>3</p> <p><b>It can difficult to talk about the climate crisis.</b> Early Jewish houses engaged in constructive conflict while still maintaining close relationships. Today, have that conversation.</p>	<p>4</p>  <p><b>God's creation reveals itself often in silence.</b> As Christmas approaches, use this time to behold God's glory in nature.</p>
<p>5 <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b></p> <p><b>Decorate a Tree for Birds</b> Place suet, pinecones with peanut butter, and seed trays on a tree in your yard. This is great for kids.</p>	<p>6</p>  <p><b>Today is the memorial of St. Nicholas.</b> He was a 4th century bishop known for his generosity to the poor.</p>	<p>7</p> <p><b>We remember those who died in 1941 in Pearl Harbor.</b> Pray for the victims of all wars, and for the fullness of God's peace to come into our world.</p>	<p>8 <b>Immaculate Conception</b></p> <p><i>Mother Mary, we are in need of your immaculate gaze. Help us to look upon all of Creation with respect and awareness.</i></p>	<p>9</p>  <p><b>Use heat mindfully.</b> Turn your thermostat to 65°F or lower at night, and to 63° when away from home. Invest in space heaters.</p>	<p>10</p>  <p><b>Outdoor Mini-Lights Can Save Energy</b> A 100-light string uses only 40 watts. For the most efficient outdoor holiday lighting, consider solar LED strings.</p>	<p>11</p>  <p><b>Save water.</b> Take shorter showers, only do laundry when you have a full load, and turn off water when brushing your teeth, etc.</p>
<p>12 <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b></p> <p><i>Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice!</i> (Phil 4:4) How can you include Creation in your Advent rejoicing today?</p>	<p>13</p> <p><b>Make today a Meatless Monday.</b> In Genesis, God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth. They will be yours for food."</p>	<p>14</p> <p><b>Host a Christmas fundraiser for a local food bank.</b> Food banks can turn donated dollars into more meals because they can buy groceries at reduced cost.</p>	<p>15</p> <p><b>Reuse and repurpose!</b> Instead of buying wrapping paper, reuse old gift wrap, bags or boxes. Be creative—shoe boxes and brown bags work great!</p>	<p>16</p>  <p><b>Stop relying on single-use plastic water bottles.</b> Invest in a reusable water bottle. While you're at it, give reusable water bottles as gifts!</p>	<p>17</p> <p><b>Happy Birthday, Pope Francis!</b></p> 	<p>18</p> <p><b>'Tis the season for good food.</b> Try not to overindulge this holiday, and to live a little more lightly.</p> 
<p>19 <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b></p> <p><b>God's creation reveals itself often in silence.</b> As Christmas approaches, use this time to behold God's glory in nature.</p>	<p>20</p> <p><b>If you want to wash the winter grime off your car, take it to a commercial car wash.</b> Commercial car washes are required to treat their dirty wash water.</p>	<p>21</p>  <p><b>Today is the Winter Solstice, the longest night of the year.</b> Turn off lights when you leave a room. Start using LED light bulbs.</p>	<p>22</p> <p><b>A small oil leak has a big impact on your car and our creeks, rivers, &amp; Puget Sound.</b> Every drop means a shorter lifespan for your car. Oil is toxic to people, wildlife, &amp; plants.</p>	<p>23</p> <p><b>Plant something.</b> Plant a garden, tree and/or plants native to western Washington in your yard.</p> 	<p>24</p> <p><b>Mary is troubled when the angel Gabriel tells her she will conceive.</b> She is instructed, "Be not afraid." Like Mary, may we be open to God, as we face the climate crisis.</p>	<p>25</p> <p><b>Celebrate Christmas Day with a peaceful walk through nature.</b> Plan to go before Christmas dinner while everyone still has lots of energy.</p>

**St. Joe's wishes you & your loved ones a Merry Christmas!**

Calendar compiled by St. James Cathedral and graciously shared with St. Joe's. These tips have come from a number of sources, including Earth Ministry, Catholic Climate Covenant, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Dioceses of Worcester, MA and Columbus, OH, and Puget Sound Starts Here.

# ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL



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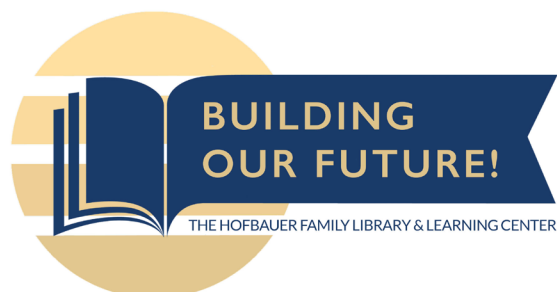
- The St. Joseph School library once housed a local theater troupe that put on performances in the space. The rent collected helped with the school's bottom line.
- The space was used as a student-run recycling center.
- There was a basketball hoop - no known record of a successful dunk!

The library has since evolved to the space you see today. But, it's been 30+ years since we've renovated this space. St. Joseph School has launched a ***Building Our Future fundraiser*** to raise funds for a library renovation. As stewards of our community it is our responsibility to maintain and care for the legacy created by those who came before us. Please consider making a donation to the library!

In honor of the legacy of George and Debra Hofbauer, the new library will be named ***The Hofbauer Family Library and Learning Center.***

To donate and learn more visit:  
[www.stjosephsea.org/future](http://www.stjosephsea.org/future)

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## THE MAGIS FAMILY FORMATION PROJECT

### Celebrating Advent as a Family

December 2021

The Season of Advent is the perfect time to come together and remember the true meaning of Christmas. What can we do as a family to prepare for the coming of our Savior, a little baby, who brings love, light, and learning into our hearts?

In this Christmas edition, we have shared with you many ideas to encourage you to connect with yourselves and with your community. Participate in some activities this month that will help your family focus and celebrate Jesus' coming.

#### Start your day off right...

Begin by your day with the prayer you learned in November, ***The Morning Offering***.

*Dear Jesus,  
I give you today,  
all that I think,  
and do,  
and say.  
I'll work,  
I'll listen,  
I'll have fun and play.  
Jesus, be with me, all through the day.*



#### One-Word Prayer

*Dear Jesus, here is my one-word prayer:*

**Love** [or Hope, Joy, Peace...],  
Fill my heart and mind with **Love**.  
Let it stay with me during my day.  
Amen.



#### And end it with the Examen...

##### 1. Be still and **take a deep breath**.

Imagine you are sitting with Jesus and He is looking upon you with love.

**2. Thank** Jesus for the times in your day when you felt a spark of joy, when you witnessed the beauty of God's creation, or when you felt the support of a friend or family member.

**3.** During this time of Advent, we encourage you to embrace the **one-word prayer** as part of your examen. Take a breath and choose a word to represent your heart right now and say a one-word prayer (see left). Think about when you saw or felt this word in your day. Where/When did you encounter this today?

**4.** You may have had parts of your day that were not as warm and welcoming. Were there times when you felt irritated or frustrated? Did you do or say something you regret? Know that Jesus understands, forgives, and wants to help you **move forward**.

**5.** Think of your day **tomorrow** and how you will approach it. Envision starting the day with gratitude for the chance to be alive. Imagine how you can radiate gentleness and kindness to those you meet throughout your day.

With Jesus' help, you can make it a reality!

#### Connect and Pray

Stay connected with family and friends. Encourage others.

Who do you know who might appreciate

- a call,
- a message,
- a card,
- a socially distanced walk,

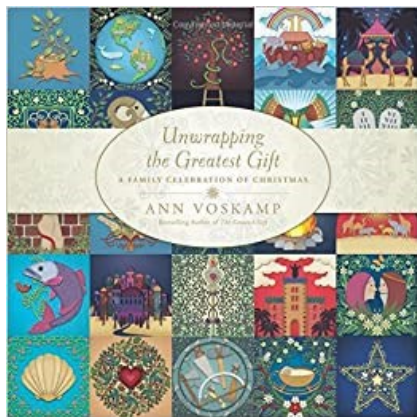
or other sign that they are remembered and cared for at this time?

Write a list of family, friends, neighbors, and acquaintances to contact and pray for throughout Advent.

Work your way through the list.



## Jesse Tree Activity



One Advent devotional tradition that you might like to try is the “Jesse Tree.”

Each day through readings and activities, trace the Old Testament stories that lead to the birth of Jesus.

Each day add an ornament to a tree that represents a person from the Old Testament whose faith led to the coming of Jesus the Messiah.

Have fun with it, perhaps you can make and find your own ornaments!

Inspired by the book:

*Unwrapping the greatest gift; a Family Celebration of Christmas* by Ann Voskamp

There are many free versions and guides online.

Here is one of many free sources you might enjoy using:

<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/activities/view.cfm?id=545>

## Advent Readings

### December 5: Second Sunday of Advent: Love

Luke 3: 4-6

St. John the Baptist said, “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths.

St. Luke tells us what St. John the Baptist’s mission was: to get ready for Jesus.

This is an urgent message then and now. How can we prepare our hearts for Jesus’ birth?

### December 12: Third Sunday of Advent: Joy

Luke 3: 10-18

St. John responds to the question the crowds ask about preparing for the Messiah,

“And the crowds asked him, “What then shall we do?”

John responds, Share! “Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none.”

How can we share with those who have little?

### December 19: Fourth Sunday of Advent: Peace

Luke 1: 39-45

Mary set out to visit her cousin Elizabeth, who was old, but with child. When Elizabeth saw Mary, the baby inside her “leaped in her womb.” She then said, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.”

The Holy Spirit enlightened Elizabeth to know that Mary would be the mother of God. How do you learn about what God wants for you to do and be?

### December 25: Christmas Day: Celebrate

Luke 2: 15-20

The shepherds went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child.

The angels sing the wonderful news to the shepherds who rush to glorify and praise God for what they saw.

How do you celebrate Jesus’ birth? How do you share the message of Jesus?

## Share God’s love and the message of hope with acts of kindness

Think about your local area and community, including churches, schools, charities, and businesses.

Are you aware of any particular needs or concerns? How can you offer support in a way that will share God’s love and message of hope during Advent?

Look for opportunities for impromptu and random acts of kindness too!



St. Joseph has a **Baby Crib** for Westside Baby where you can donate gently used/new baby items and diapers.

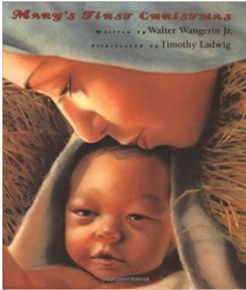
St. Joseph’s vestibule will have a **Giving Tree** where you can find ideas for what to donate.

**Make Comfort Care bags** to pass out to the homeless community in your neighborhood.

Every Sunday, the community is invited to **place food in the baskets for food banks** near the altar during mass.

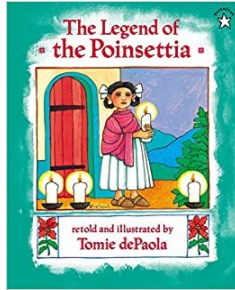
## Check Out These Books!

This story is told by Mary to Jesus, recounting the night of the nativity. Divided into four parts it can be read each Sunday as you light your Advent Wreath.



Mary's First Christmas  
by  
Walter Wangerin Jr.

A wonderful retelling of the Legend of the Poinsettia. Tomie dePaola's illustrations are beautiful.



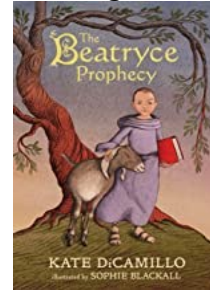
The Legend  
of the Poinsettia  
by Tomie dePaola

This Christmas story, for older readers, is a classic that reminds us of what sacrificial love is.



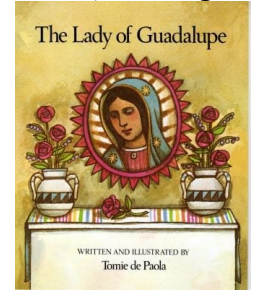
The Gift of the Magi  
by  
O. Henry

This gentle, humorous chapter book would be a great read-aloud that will encourage conversation about church, prophecy, love, and goats.



The Beatryce  
Prophecy  
by Kate DiCamillo

This book is a lovely retelling of the miracle of the appearance of Mary to St. Juan Diego.



The Lady  
of Guadalupe  
by Tomie dePaola



Advent Playlist to learn more about Advent

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PL5sexwzkyqUWSBaaZWV-3j8Ea5o6kpDnv>



## Make

### Make an Advent Wreath

Collect materials:  
4 toilet paper tubes.  
Purple, pink, and green construction paper

Using construction paper, decorate 3 tubes purple, and 1 tube pink. With the green paper, create a paper wreath.

Write **Love**, **Hope**, **Joy**, and **Peace** on each. Be sure to write Joy on the pink tube for Gaudete Sunday.



### Make an Advent Box

Collect symbols that focus on the Nativity and gather them in the box.

Step outside and find objects around your home or in your community. Be creative and craft items that fit the theme and add them to the box as well.



Here are some ideas for Advent devotionals:

Browse online Christian bookshops or Bible apps like [PrayAsYouGo](https://pray-as-you-go.org) (<https://pray-as-you-go.org>) for Advent devotionals and Bible reading plans.

Commit to taking time each day to read the devotion, reflect on God's love, and pray. Invite your friends to experience the devotional reading plan together.

Read a Christmas book a day.

The Gospel of Luke has 24 chapters, read a chapter a day & focus on the birth, life, death & resurrection of Jesus.

## Anticipate



Print and enjoy colouring these lovely drawings of Our Lady of Guadalupe and Saint Juan Diego. Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to Saint Juan Diego in Mexico City to send a message to the Bishop to build a church according to the vision. The Sicilian Roses that Saint Juan Diego is holding in the image below only grow in Spain and was accepted as a sign that it was a true miracle.

