



Advent Hope

Thankfully, our lives have built into them many occasions for new beginnings and fresh starts. The season of Advent is one such occasion, and a very important one for us as Christians. It is the beginning of a new liturgical year, and a time of hopeful expectation as we prepare for the celebration of the birth of Christ.

Advent reminds us to be alert, to pay attention and to be prepared for the coming of God into our lives. We are also reminded during Advent that in order to welcome and receive the Lord into our lives, we must make room for Him. As Catholics, an excellent way to do that is through the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. The sacramental confession of our sins is a great help in preparing and opening the way for the Lord.

This time of the year is filled with many things that are very pleasant and meant to be enjoyed, but can sometimes distract us from what is truly necessary and most important. Remembering that Christ, with His whole heart, wants to come into each of our lives in a most personal way is a truth that will help us to prepare and make room for His arrival. It begins with our acknowledgement of our need for Him.

Advent Hope speaks to us about an important truth: Amid the incompleteness, perplexities and inconsistencies of life, God's love is constant and unchanging. This love is always here to fill us, renew us and make us whole.

God bless you,
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This Advent we are going to revisit "Bridges to Contemplative Living with Thomas Merton". We used this program for a year or two about eight or nine years ago. Focused on the writings of Thomas Merton, there are five sessions (for the four weeks of Advent and one for Christmas) for which each participant receives a book of readings with questions for reflection for each week. The meetings or group sessions involve what is called "contemplative dialogue".

From the preface: "Contemplative dialogue is meant to be non-threatening, a "safe place" for open sharing and discussion. It is not outcome-oriented. It's not even about fully understanding or comprehending what one reads or hears from the other participants. The focus is on *listening* rather than formulating a response to what another is saying. Simply hearing and accepting another's point of view and reflecting on it can inform and enlighten our own perspective in a way that debating or analyzing it cannot. The pace of conversation is slower in contemplative dialogue than in most other conversations. We are challenged to listen more carefully and approach different points of view by looking at the deeper values and issues underlying them."

Please consider participating in Bridges during this Advent. There will be opportunities to sign up in the Great Hall after Masses, or you can email me if you are interested or have any questions. Once we have an idea of how many are interested we can set up a group or groups and times to meet.

Advent begins on December 2 and it is during that first week that we will begin. It's not far away at all!

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First Sunday of advent

Sunday, December 2nd

8:30am Noah Suber (2nd Birthday)

10:30am Pro Populo

Monday, December 3rd

8:30am Open

Tuesday, December 4

8:30 am Open

Wednesday, December 5

8:30 am Open

Thursday, December 6

8:30am Open

Friday, December 7

8:30am Open

Saturday, December 8

8:30 am **MASS**

**SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION.**

5pm Candida Jimenez

Sunday, December 9

8:30am Noah Suber (2nd Birthday)

10:30am Pro Populo

Call for Assistance Church Decorating!

On this Saturday December 8th from 11am to 2pm we will be moving our stored Christmas decorations from the Rectory basement.

On Sunday December 16th following the 10:30 Mass we will decorate the Church.

We could use as many parishioners as possible to help us with these tasks.

Queen of All Saints church is always beautiful, but perhaps especially so at Christmas time.

Please consider helping on December 8 and 16!

Thank You!

PARISH OFFERING

The offering to the parish of was not available by the time of printing.

Thank you for your generosity and support of Queen of All Saints!

PARISH WEEKLY GOAL

Thank you for your sacrificial giving each week. Please remember that in order for us to meet our ordinary expenses, we need a minimum of \$7500 in each Sunday's offering. Please continue to be as generous as you can. If you miss a week for any reason, please try to make up for it the following week or when you return. This is especially true on holiday weekends and during the summer months. Thank you again for your understanding.



THE PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK

Marlene McIntosh, Mirlande Guerrier, Danielle Prout, Faith Prout, Marie Henry, Joseph Aitken, Stacy McGhie, Ruby Allen, Dorothy Brown, Jacques Maurice, Idolly Hutchinson, Bettye Pinkney, Helen C.Thousand, Cordelia Howard & Khudan family, Clara Morehead, Sylvester Allen, Morice Cunningham, Raquel Cruz, Ernest Jackson, William Texidor & family, Cassandra Matthews.

PRAYER LIST FOR DECEASED OF THE PARISH

*Jose Torres sr, Jacqueline Jones, Syble Iantha Deshong, Renee Wolf Calvin, Margaret Walker, Sylvia Baker, Mary Brown, Jacqueline Goeings, Elizabeth McCormick McDonough, Carmela Pergamo, June Catherine Roberts, Roderick Estrellado, Mavis Gittens, William Howard Sr, Ernest Jackson, Joan Vincent.
(Please call the rectory to add the names of your family members.)*

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

AA Meets every Monday at 6:30 pm and every Wednesday at 7:15 pm in St Joseph Hall.