


My Dear Parishioners,

Praised be Jesus Christ and Happy Advent! As one gets older, time seems to move *more quickly* and at this time of the year, it moves *fast*. Each year, as we begin Advent, we have an opportunity, indeed a call from God, to SLOW DOWN. This Advent, with Christmas on a Saturday, we have one of the longest Advent's ever! So as we begin, Let's Savor each week, indeed each day. A few suggestions that will help us to that end:

- 1) **Pray:** No better way to prepare for Advent then to spend time with the Word of God. Here are a few practical ways:
  - a) Pick up a Word Among Us Booklet: Use it each day.
  - b) Commit to a half hour of Adoration on the Mondays of Advent.
  - c) Sign up for Bishop Barron or Matthew Kelly On-line Advent Reflections.
- 2) **Learn with Others:** Now is not the time to be alone. Sign up and participate in a few of the Faith Formation Opportunities:
  - a) Advent Series on St. Joseph: I wholeheartedly recommend this. It is terrific.
  - b) Sign up for the Women's Advent Evening, this Thursday: A wonderful Guest Speaker.
  - c) Thursday, December 9: A mid-Morning retreat with Randy Kraft.
- 3) **Confession:** Receive the Sacrament of God's Divine Mercy this Advent. See schedule below.
- 4) **Christmas Giving Tree:** Express Charity for others. Numerous groups that could benefit from your charity.
- 5) Finally, join us for our **Parish Christmas Tree Lighting and the Joyful Scenes of Christmas** with our young people. Sunday, December 12, 4PM.

Peace,  
Fr. Rogers

Advent Mass Schedule		
St. Maximilian	December 13, 2021	7:00PM
St. Cornelius	December 14, 2021	7:00PM
St. Gabriel	December 15, 2021	7:00PM
Sacred Heart	December 16, 2021	7:00PM
St. Patrick	December 21, 2021	7:00PM



The Children's Choir is returning at St. Patrick's and we are looking for young voices to join in the fun. All children grades 1 through 8 are welcome. No musical experience is necessary. We rehearse on Sundays from 1:00-2:15 in the Church Choir loft, and sing for one 9:00AM Mass per month. Our first rehearsal will be Sunday, December 5 at 1:00.

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**Christmas Anticipation Prayer**

*Beginning on St. Andrew the Apostle's feast day, November 30, the following beautiful prayer is traditionally recited fifteen times a day until Christmas. This is a very meditative prayer that helps us increase our awareness of the real focus of Christmas and helps us prepare ourselves spiritually for His coming.*

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires, (here mention your request) through the merits of Our Saviour Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen.

