

Our Parish COMMUNITY

December 5, 2021

Second Sunday of Advent (C)

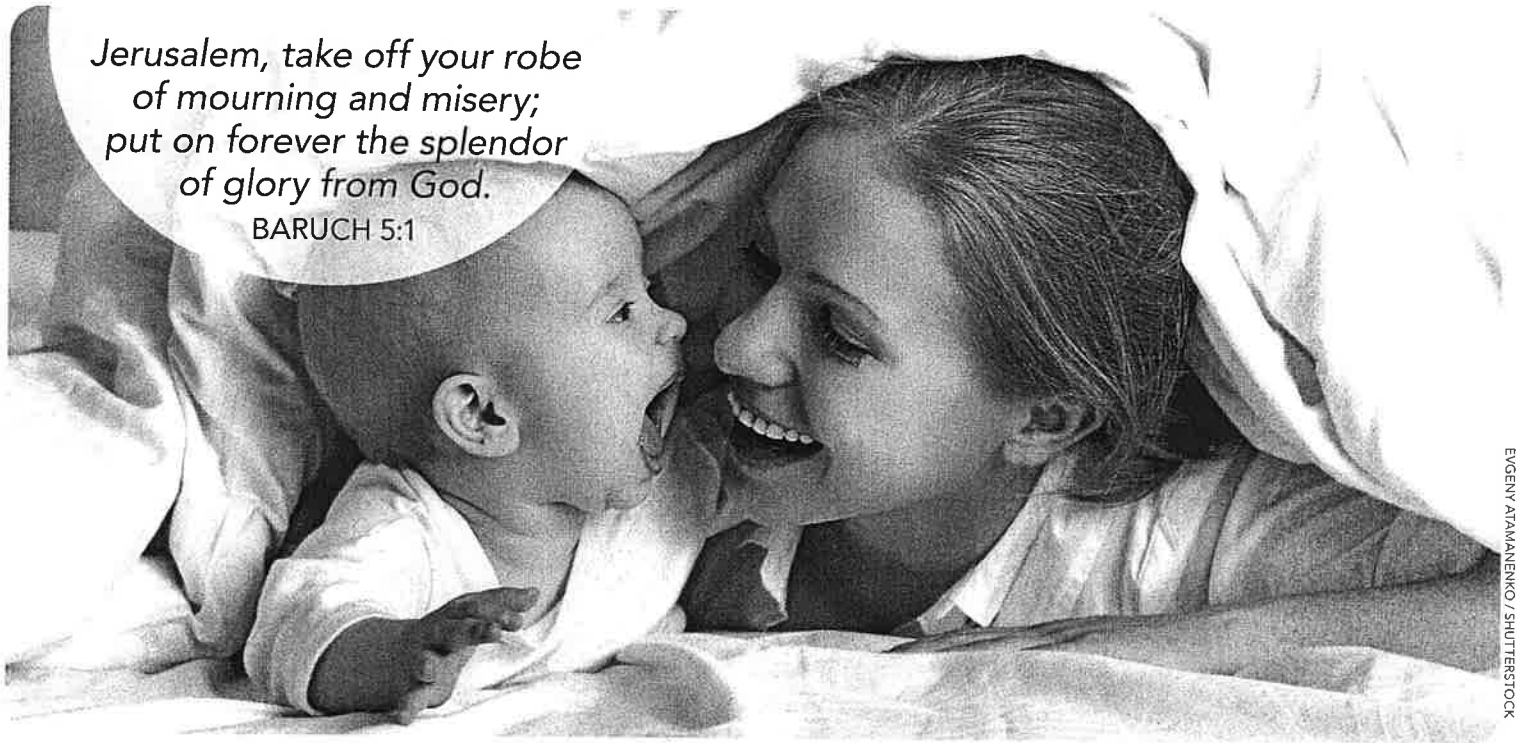
Bar 5:1–9

Phil 1:4–6, 8–11

Lk 3:1–6

*Jerusalem, take off your robe
of mourning and misery;
put on forever the splendor
of glory from God.*

BARUCH 5:1



EUGENY ATAMANENKO / SHUTTERSTOCK

And the Word Was Made Flesh

Many of us grew up thinking that this life doesn't amount to much. It's full of pitfalls and enticements that threaten our eternal salvation. Such disdain often boils over into contempt for the world. According to this thinking, it is only the next life that is important, which will unfold in a much better place. Today's readings challenge such extreme thinking. They assure us that the glory of God is partially revealed to us even within this life. They astound us by insisting that God speaks to us through life's events—events that often appear to be quite mundane.

Baruch tells of Jerusalem, the city loved passionately by every Israelite. This was a city like so many other cities. However, God dwelt there and wherever God dwells is, for that reason, a holy city—be it is Jerusalem, Munich, or Detroit. God dwells in our midst, right here, right now. Hence, this imperfect life and this damaged world are holy.

The Gospel situates John the Baptist in the middle of the ancient Near Eastern world. It was a Roman world controlled by Caesar and a Jewish province ruled over by Herod. John stated that it was to that place at that time that the Promised One would come, and it was up to John to “prepare the way of the Lord” (Isaiah 40:3; Luke 3:4).

Most importantly, we must never forget that God took on the troubles and sins of this world and entered our life, making it his life. This is the real reason that this world is holy.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- * *Incarnation means that Jesus is made of the stuff of this world, just as we are. Think about this.*
- * *Nothing is too common that it can't be holy. What does that mean?*

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Second Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2021

Brothers and sisters,

We are way on our journey through the season of joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Our scripture readings on the Second Sunday are full of hope and encouragement: "take off your robe of mourning and misery and put on the splendor of glory," (Baruch); "I am confident... that the one who began a good work in you," (St. Paul). In the Gospel, John the Baptist calls us to dynamic waiting for the Lord through greater striving for holiness as he urges us to "prepare the way of the Lord."

This Sunday, December 5, we celebrate the Rite of Acceptance and Welcome of Candidates in our RCIA program, as we accompany them in their journey towards Easter. Later in the week, on Thursday, December 9 at 6 pm, we will have the opportunity to respond to the invitation to prepare the way of the Lord as we hold Advent confessions. There will be visiting priests to help us avail of the opportunity to celebrate this Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Wednesday, December 8 is the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a holyday of obligation. Holy Hour Eucharistic adoration will be at 5pm followed by a bilingual Mass at 6pm. We journey this season with Mary, Woman of Hope, who believed totally that the Lord will fulfill in her what He had promised.

May she wrap us in her maternal alms through a safe and grace-filled Advent Season!

Fr. Daniel Ter Melaba

Segundo Domingo de Adviento

5 de Diciembre, 2021

Hermanos y hermanas,

Estamos en camino a través de la temporada de gozosa esperanza de la venida de nuestro Salvador Jesucristo. Nuestras lecturas de las Escrituras del segundo domingo están llenas de esperanza y aliento: "quítate el manto de luto y miseria y vístete del esplendor de la gloria" (Baruc); "Estoy seguro... que el que comenzó una buena obra en ti" (San Pablo). En el Evangelio, Juan el Bautista nos llama a una espera dinámica en el Señor a través de un mayor esfuerzo por la santidad mientras nos insta a "preparar el camino del Señor."

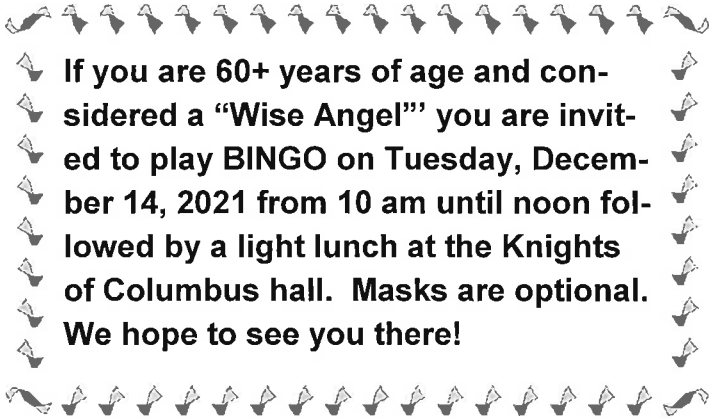
Este domingo 5 de diciembre celebramos el Rito de Aceptación y Bienvenida de los Candidatos en nuestro programa RICA, mientras los acompañamos en su camino hacia la Pascua. Más adelante en la semana, el jueves 9 de diciembre a las 6 pm, tendremos la oportunidad de responder a la invitación de preparar el camino del Señor mientras celebramos las confesiones de Adviento. Habrá sacerdotes visitantes para ayudarnos a aprovechar la oportunidad de celebrar este Sacramento de la Reconciliación.

El miércoles 8 de diciembre es la solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción, fiesta de precepto. La adoración eucarística de la Hora Santa será a las 5 p.m. Seguida de una misa bilingüe a las 6 p.m. Caminamos esta temporada con María, Mujer de Esperanza, que creía totalmente que el Señor cumplirá en ella lo que había prometido.

¡Que ella nos envuelva en su limosna materna a través de una temporada de Adviento segura y llena de gracia!

P. Daniel Ter Melaba




If you are 60+ years of age and considered a "Wise Angel" you are invited to play BINGO on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 from 10 am until noon followed by a light lunch at the Knights of Columbus hall. Masks are optional. We hope to see you there!

Advent Confessions: Come get your heart ready for Christmas, on Thursday, December 9, 2021 at 6 pm. There will be visiting priests to help hear confessions.

Confesiones de Adviento: Ven a preparar tu corazón para Navidad, el jueves 9 de diciembre de 2021 a las 6 pm. Habrá sacerdotes visitantes para ayudar a escuchar confesiones.


CCW Christmas party is 6:30 pm on Tuesday, December 8th at the Okefenokee Country Club. It's our "dirty Santa" ornament exchange.
Fran McElroy, President of CCW

2022 Offertory Envelopes for you: Your box of envelopes for the collections has your name on it in the church foyer. Thank you for your gift to the parish each Sunday. If there is NOT one there for you, give your name and address to our parish secretary, Barbara Albert, so she can get your envelopes to you!

Sobres de ofertorio 2022 para usted: Su caja de sobres para las colecciones tiene su nombre en el vestíbulo de la iglesia. Gracias por su regalo a la parroquia cada domingo. Si NO hay uno allí para usted, dé su nombre y dirección a nuestra secretaria parroquial, Barbara Albert para que pueda hacer llegar sus sobres a usted!



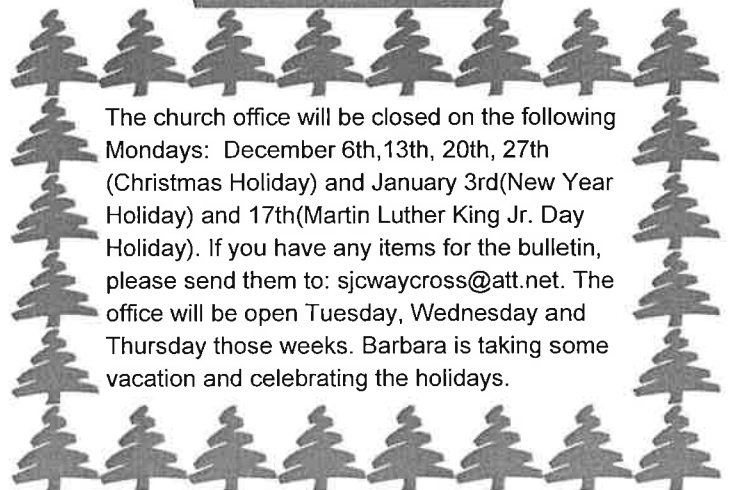
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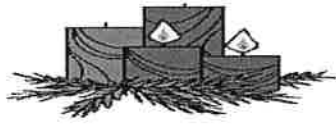


Christmas Flowers Order Form

LAST CHANCE TO PLACE YOUR ORDER!

You will find some green and white Christmas Flowers order forms in the Church foyer and your bulletin. Please complete a form if you would like to donate some flowers in honor or memory of someone this Christmas. The cost is \$20.00 per flower and order form must be turned in by December 12, 2021. Just return the flower flyer with your donation in the collection basket.


 The church office will be closed on the following Mondays: December 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th (Christmas Holiday) and January 3rd (New Year Holiday) and 17th (Martin Luther King Jr. Day Holiday). If you have any items for the bulletin, please send them to: sjwaycross@att.net. The office will be open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday those weeks. Barbara is taking some vacation and celebrating the holidays.



Word from Pope Francis

"The Savior whom we wait is able to transform our life with his grace, with the power of the Holy Spirit, with the power of love. The Holy Spirit in fact, infuses our hearts with God's love, the inexhaustible source of purification, of new life and freedom."

Palabras del Papa Francisco

"El Salvador que esperamos es capaz de transformar nuestra vida con su gracia, con el poder del Espíritu Santo, con el poder del amor. El Espíritu Santo en realidad, llena nuestros corazones con el amor de Dios, la fuente que no se acaba de purificación, de nueva vida y libertad."



Mass in the Extraordinary Form (The Latin Mass)

Mass in the Extraordinary Form (the Latin Mass) at St. Anthony of Padua (Ray City) on the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

December 12, 2021, Sunday, at 3:00 pm

St. Anthony of Padua (Ray City)

Depending on the level of engagement of the faithful and in accord with the life our parish, the Latin Mass will be offered on a regular basis on Sundays. A schedule will be posted on their parish website.

<http://www.anthonypaduaga.org/>

For more information please contact Fr. Juan Carlos Castillo by phone or email: 229-445-5554



Thanksgiving Distribution

Thank you to all who contributed to or helped distribute our Thanksgiving food and fruit... 8 food boxes and 42 fruit baskets in all. Youth, the Hispanic community and three teams of Loaves and Fishes ladies worked for hours on the Monday before Thanksgiving. They visited a nursing home, shared our appreciation to our volunteer staff, comforted the sorrowful and brought joy to all.



The Wednesday Rosary Group will meet at Debbie Cahill's home located at 403 Loblolly Lane in Waycross on Wednesday at 10 am. December 8th & Bible Study will follow at 11 am. Come pray with us!

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE ILL, ESPECIALLY PARISHIONERS:

Joyce Bachofner, Arcelia Saucedo, Elizabeth Smith, Carlene Murray, Rose Mary Fulford, Bob & Kathy Odam, Colleen Matich, Debbie Cahill, Leslie Bennett, Abraham Gomez, Glenn & Shelly Chase, Clinton Vaughn, Ann Marie Hess, Genevieve Martin, Keith Fullenkamp, Bill Brewington, Phyllis Buck, Lucy Todd, Nathan Brooks, Cathy Long, Joanne Vaughn, Sam Scott, Ginger Worley, Jerry Wilkerson, Debbie Wilkerson, Lee & Angela McConaha, Jim & Louise Craig, Margie Read, Louvella Hoffman, Dee Parker, Teresa Frawley, Vivian Beck, Carol Pass, and Adam DeLoach.

PLEASE PRAY FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS OF OURS:

Robert Cushing Jr., Pat Marsh, Hannah Phillips & Family, Lindsay Joyce, Patricia Carter, Jason McCullum, Michael Driggers, Maurice Hannah, Earl Black, Tom Grizzaffe, James Kenneth Cox Jr., Merinda Mixon, Toby Foster, Florence Struempler, Francis Ann Cook, James Stokes, Cindy Taylor, Kris Kruse, April Snider, Robin Johnson, Thomas Williams, Angel Sinai Gomez, Kim Messenger, William Willis, Sandy Wright, Ashley Hoffman, Sue Rossi, Betty Denyko, Sr. Chris Cullen, MFIC, David Greg Russell, Chloe Robinson, William Martin IV, Michelle Rio, Bobby Ziolkowski, Joseph McHendry, Dr. Richard Lynch, Rose Parisee, Adrian Arnold, Erin Crosby, Rosa Maria Santos, Ida Cook, Claudia Taylor, Megan Schultz, Millie Bailey, Ken Jorishie, Craig Carter, Dallin Thorton, Don & Marilyn Sanderson, Bill Byrd & Family, Reginald Ghioto, Chris Garafola, Marlene Brooker, Wesley Sowell, Jennifer Raulerson, Carol McNeary, Delia Fonzeca, Frank Oliveto, Michael Casavanc, Anette Vulah, Teresa Greer, Calista Oliveto, Tommy Pritchard, Pam Cox, Don Graham, James Spivey, Lee Martin, Diana Martin, Mark Smith, Amy Houle, Iris Boatright, Janice Strickland, Mark Parker, Julie Hodinot, Perry Kolchek, Raymond Eastup, Martin Brewington, Joshus Parisse, Marie Fletcher, and Guyoning Patten, and Steve, Pam Raulerson, the father of Barbara Blasko, Lee & Angela McConaha, Winkie DeLoach, and Dorothy Nichols.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY: LT. Tim Boyce, U.S. Navy, Rann Howell, Ethan Stanley, Richard Jacobs, and Spencer Hughes.

PLEASE CONTACT BARBARA ALBERT IN THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 912-283-7700 TO ADD OR REMOVE NAMES FROM THE PRAYER LISTS.

THANK YOU!

St. Joseph Offertory

November 28, 2021

Weekly Offertory Needed	\$4,423.00
Weekly Offertory Collected	\$3,385.00
Difference Negative	\$1,038.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$139.00

The second collection next weekend is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Give in gratitude.

A donor to the Retirement Fund for Religious writes, "I still remember the lessons the sisters gave us and how they instilled in us the love of our faith." Show your thanks for the prayerful service of elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your gift to next week's second collection helps provide care, medicine, and more. Please be generous.

La segunda colecta del próximo fin de semana es para el Fondo de Jubilación para Religiosos.

Donen en agradecimiento. Un donante al Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos escribe: "Todavía recuerdo las lecciones que las hermanas nos dieron y cómo nos inculcaron el amor a nuestra fe". Muestre su agradecimiento por la devoción en el servicio de las hermanas, hermanos y sacerdotes ancianos de órdenes religiosas católicas. Su donativo la semana que viene a la colecta ayuda a dar cuidado, medicinas y más. Sean generosos.

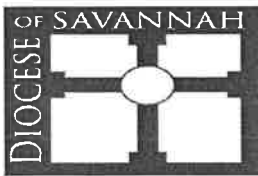
2021 Annual Catholic Appeal. Each one of us is Christ to all we meet. As of 11/24/2021, our parish has given **\$24,586.00** which is **123%** of our target of \$20,050. Out of 212 families only 65 made a donation or pledge, which is 31% of the parish families. Thank You!

Llamamiento Católico Anual 2021. Cada uno de nosotros es Cristo a todo lo que conocemos. Al 11/24/2021, nuestra parroquia ha dado **\$24,586.00** que es el **123%** de nuestro objetivo de \$20,050. De 212 familias sólo 65 hicieron una donación o promesa, que es el 31% de las familias parroquiales. ¡Gracias!

Our goal was \$20,050; We now have \$24,586.00. 31% of the parish families have responded. 31% de las familias han respondido.



GOAL \$20,050



GOAL ACHIEVED

Our parish family extends condolences to Margie & Dave Acker for the loss of Margie's sister, Mary Davis. She died November 29, 2021. "Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace." Amen

*Margie & Dave Acker
1020 N. Augusta Ave.
Waycross, GA 31503*



Lector Schedule

December 4, 2021-Mass in English-5:00 pm Saturday
English Lector Tammy Theologus-**EM-Lillie Morris**
Confession Saturday 4-4:45 pm

December 5, 2021-Mass in English-9:00 am Sunday
English Lector Joseph Johnson **EM-Socorro Martinez**

December 5, 2021-Mass in Spanish-12 Noon Sunday
Spanish Lector Yuliana Diaz Luna- **EM-Magdalena Santana**
Mass for The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary-Holyday of Obligation

December 8, 2021-Mass Bilingual-6 pm
Spanish Lector-Lucy Diaz and English Lector-Marian Evans

December 11, 2021-Mass in English-5:00 pm Saturday
English Lector- Wanda Petersen **EM-Rose Lopez**
Confession Saturday 4-4:45 pm

December 12, 2021-Mass in English-9:00 am Sunday
English Lector-Dan Booker **EM-Patrick Brennan**

December 12, 2021-Mass in Spanish-12 Noon Sunday Spanish Lector-
Marisol Hernandez **EM-Juanita Sosa**

Mass Intentions for Week of December 4, 2021-December 12, 2021 +(RIP) H-Health

Saturday, December 4, 2021-5 pm Mass **+Ruth Cahill**

Sunday, December 5, 2021-9 am English Mass **+Kay Kovach**

Sunday, December 5, 2021-Noon Spanish Mass **Pro Populo**

Monday, December 6, 2021 No Mass

Tuesday, December 7, 2021- 6 pm Mass **Dave & Margie Acker Special Intention**

Wednesday, December 8, 2021-5 pm-6 pm Adoration, 6 pm **+Raymond Johnson**

Thursday, December 9, 2021-9 am **Ann Johnson, Georgie Brandon, Linda Booker, Debbie Cahill, Marietta Duncan, Rose Lopez, Linda Robison, & Waveleen Wehling-Special Intentions**

Friday, December 10, 2021- 9 am **Phyllis Buck Happy Birthday Intention**

Saturday, December 11, 2021-5 pm Mass **+Mary Cahill Morris**

Sunday, December 12, 2021-9 am English Mass **+Helen Tiedeken**

Sunday, December 12, 2021-Noon Spanish Mass **Pro Populo**

Dear Padre,

My sister says that singing the O Antiphons are her favorite part of Advent. What are they?

An antiphon is a brief refrain, usually from the Bible, either sung or said during worship. An *O Antiphon* is an antiphon that starts with O, as in “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”—each verse of that song is made up of an O Antiphon.

The antiphons are most at home in the Liturgy of the Hours—the collection of psalms, hymns, prayers, and readings that make up the regular rhythm of the Church’s prayer at morning, midday, evening, and night. The O Antiphons your sister refers to are verses used during the Church’s evening prayer from December 17–23. With one verse spoken or sung before Mary’s Magnificat each evening, these antiphons call on the Lord to come to his people using titles taken from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

When the O Antiphons are sung in Latin, they present a sort of acrostic with a hidden message. The first letter of each title in the antiphon spells *sarcore*, which is *ero cras* (Latin for “tomorrow I come” or “tomorrow I shall be”) spelled backward.

In their original language and context, the O Antiphons have a particularly rich significance, but they remain beautiful even when sung simply in English as in the verses of “O Come, O Come Emmanuel.”

Fr. Matthew Allman, CSSR / Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



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Calendar

Monday

DECEMBER 6
Advent Weekday
Is 35:1–10
Lk 5:17–26

Tuesday

DECEMBER 7
St. Ambrose,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church
Is 40:1–11
Mt 18:12–14

Wednesday

DECEMBER 8
Immaculate
Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Gn 3:9–15, 20
Eph 1:3–6, 11–12
Lk 1:26–38

Thursday

DECEMBER 9
Advent Weekday
Is 41:13–20
Mt 11:11–15

Friday

DECEMBER 10
Advent Weekday
Is 48:17–19
Mt 11:16–19

Saturday

DECEMBER 11
Advent Weekday
Sir 48:1–4, 9–11
Mt 17:9a, 10–13

Sunday

DECEMBER 12
Third Sunday
of Advent
Zep 3:14–18a
Phil 4:4–7
Lk 3:10–18



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

To prepare the way of the Lord's coming, it is necessary to take note of the requirements of conversion to which the Baptist invites us....First of all we are called to fill the "valleys" caused by coldness and indifference, opening ourselves to others with the same sentiments as Jesus, that is, with affection and fraternal attention.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 9, 2018