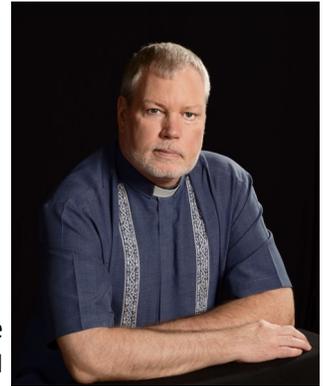




Pastor's Page



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we cross the midpoint of the Advent season and draw closer and closer to the beginning of the Christmas season with the celebration of the Nativity of the Lord, I wanted to encourage parishioners to join us for our annual **Advent Reconciliation Service**, this year scheduled for **Wednesday evening, December 16th, at 7:00 p.m.** Due to the COVID-19 situation we all are facing, this year's Reconciliation service will be live-streamed via our Facebook and Vimeo formats. While we would much rather be able to gather together with everyone who would normally attend a service such as this, we also want to strive to be as safe and careful as we can, especially with coronavirus cases increasing, hence this Advent's Reconciliation Service at OLG will be live-streamed. I hope you will all tune in as we pray for and reflect upon the call to repentance that is always at the heart of the gospel proclaimed to us, and as we seek the mercy and forgiveness of our gracious God, not only for our own sins, but for the sins of the whole world.

Also, don't forget our final celebration of **"Gifts of the season—Advent Offerings of Prayer and Song"** scheduled for the final Wednesday of the Advent season on **December 23rd at 7:00 p.m.** This celebration will focus on the gift of joy God so longs for us all to know and share. As Jesus himself said to his disciples, "I have come that my joy might be in you, and your joy might be complete." May our offering of this Advent gift help everyone to make final preparations for our **Christmas Masses** celebrating the Nativity of the Lord scheduled for the following days and times:

Christmas Eve – Live-streamed Mass at 4:00pm (Geared to families with children)

Christmas Eve – Live-streamed Mass at 8:00pm (Traditional Christmas Liturgy)

Christmas Day – Public Mass at 10:00am (Traditional Christmas Liturgy)

We hope that you will be able to join us for one of these Masses as we celebrate the birth of our Savior in Bethlehem of Judea when he came to us as a babe clothed in the humble raiment of human flesh.

Don't forget that there will be **NO public Vigil Mass on Saturday, December 26th**, at 5:30 p.m., but that our **10:00 a.m. live-streamed Mass on Sunday morning, December 27th** will take place as usual as we celebrate the second facet of the five-fold Christmas mystery with the **Feast of the Holy Family**.

Continued Advent blessings to all,

Fr. Kevin