

The Courageous Journey of Advent

Inspiration from St. Oscar Romero and St. Edith Stein



Monday-Wednesday
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7PM Each Night

Our Lady of Mercy Church
2 Fremont Avenue
Park Ridge, NJ



This year's parish mission will help us enter the season of Advent with inspiration from two courageous martyrs of the 20th century: St. Edith Stein (died in Auschwitz, 1942) and St. Oscar Romero (died celebrating Mass in El Salvador, 1980). What might these heroic individuals teach us about recognizing the presence of God in the darkness, speaking the truth of our faith despite the risk, and growing in faith and holiness in difficult times? We will be encouraged by St. Oscar Romero to have hearts "brave and strong to face the world's difficulties," and to live our faith with renewed enthusiasm, as we pray with St. Edith: "O my God, fill my soul with holy joy, courage, and strength to serve You. Enkindle Your love in me and then walk with me along the next stretch of road before me."



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