

Thoughts from Deacon

Tuesday of the Third week of Advent

Our **Parish Mission with Fr Stephen Hayes, O.P.** is underway. The first day, last night, was wonderful. Tonight will end with an anointing with St Joseph holy oils, followed by Confession for anyone in need. Tomorrow the mission concludes with a Eucharist procession and Benediction. Come to gain the graces available. Fr. Hayes is a knowledgeable, engaging speaker who has a lot to teach us. Take time to enrich your soul this Advent. We have plenty of room with the Church and the Chapel.

Advent continues, and we await the coming of the Lord. Take time out from the rush of consumerism to fill your soul with the presence of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. All worldly things shall pass away but our relationship with Jesus will be eternal, if we come to know, love, honor and adore Him in this life. That is why Holy Mother Church gives us the wonderful seasons in the Liturgical calendar to help us step back from the world and become more holy, more Christlike. That is, after all, what being Catholic is all about.

Beginning in January, we are going to restart the **Enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus** in the homes. Call the office or get in touch with me to arrange a date. In these turbulent times, we need the blessings of the Our Lord's Sacred Heart more than ever. A home that has Christ the King enthroned is a truly Catholic home. There have already been blessings poured out on our families that have Enthroned their homes. Marriages have been restored, including recovery from alcoholism. There is no limit to the graces that Jesus Christ wants to pour on the family, of any size, one or many.

Please help **decorate the Churches for Christmas** if you can: St Ann December 22 at 2pm and St Mary after Mass this Saturday, December 19. Many hands make for light work!!

Felicem Domini Nativitatis diem!! (Happy the day of the nativity of the Lord!)