

Advent 2020

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Fourth Sunday in Advent December 20, 2020

Count Down to Christmas

This week is a suitable occasion to look right into our hearts, to see how we stand with God. During the week we will be thinking mostly about Christmas. We must focus on the Baby in the manger who will remind us of what God has done and is still doing for us.

What are we doing in return? Have we shown our gratitude by living as true followers of Christ? It's time to be sure we answer “yes”!

God is asking this of us today. Will our answer be: “Behold, here I am Lord, your humble and grateful servant, let it be done to me according to your word”?

Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

REJOICE

GOD is with us!

The Word Of God

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Our readings this Sunday describe God's plan in announcing the Kingdom of God on Earth from the time of David to Our Blessed Mother. God tells the prophet Nathan to tell David

“I have been with you wherever you went and destroyed all your enemies...when you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your heir after you and I will make his kingdom firm. I will be father to him and he shall be my Son.” (2 Samuel 7:9,12-14).

In the beautiful rendering of the Annunciation by Leonardo DaVinci pictured below, the angel Gabriel shares God's plan for the Kingdom with Mary. He announces that she will become the Mother of the Messiah. In Luke's gospel Gabriel says: “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold you will conceive and bear a Son and you shall name him Jesus.” (Lk 1:28-31).



Celebrating Advent 2020

With Peace

Peace on Earth

Every week at Mass Father says:

” Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your apostles: Peace I leave you, my Peace I give you. Let us offer each other the sign of Peace.”

How do we give one another **Peace**?

In Hebrew, peace translates into many meanings including totality or completeness, success, fulfillment, wholeness, harmony, security and well being.

The Peace of God is to be in harmony with Him and with one another who are made in his image and likeness.

“Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister.”



excerpted from
*Pope Francis’
Prayer for
Peace*

Family Activities

Prayers of Gratitude

While the children (and maybe some adults) have just been thinking about what they are getting for Christmas, it may be time to be remembering to say thank you. Especially thank you to Jesus for the gifts of grace, love and family and to pray for Peace on Earth!



Dear God,

Thank You for giving us the gift of Jesus,
the greatest Christmas gift of all.
Please help me to remember why we
celebrate, even as we eat Christmas
cookies and open presents. I am
very thankful for the real reason for the
season and, without Jesus, we wouldn't
have Christmas!

Amen.

Reconciliation

Always available by appointment

- Saturdays: St. Lawrence 3:15-3:45 pm
St. Pius X 3:30-4:00 pm
- Tues., Dec. 22 Holy Family & St. Pius X
6:00 - 7:00 pm (with Adoration)

Reconciliation is this WEEK!

It is called the sacrament of **forgiveness**,
since by the priest's sacramental
absolution God grant's the penitent
'pardon and peace'