

BREAD OF LIFE FAMILY OF PARISHES FAMILIA DE PARROQUIAS PAN DE VIDA

*1st Sunday of Advent
1º Domingo de Adviento*



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SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS | HORARIO E INTENCIONES DE LA MISA**MONDAY, DECEMBER 2 | LUNES, 2 DE DICIEMBRE**

9:00 am	Mass	IC	English	Fr. Len Wenke	+Michael Daniel Martin Jr.
6:00 pm	Misa	Sta. María	Español	P. Uriel Santos	La Comunidad Hispana

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3 | MARTES, 3 DE DICIEMBRE: St. Francis Xavier | San Francisco Javier

9:00 am	Mass	IC	English	Fr. Satish Joseph	+Ray Mock Anniversary Remembrance
6:00 pm	Misa	Sta. María	Español	P. Uriel Santos	La Comunidad Hispana
7:00 pm	Liturgy of the Hours	St. Anthony	English		

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4 | MIÉRCOLES, 4 DE DICIEMBRE

9:00 am	Mass	IC	English	Fr. Satish Joseph	+Marilyn Grieshop Anniversary Remembrance
6:00 pm	Misa	Sta. María	Español	P. Uriel Santos	La Comunidad Hispana
6:00 pm	Reconciliation	St. Helen	English	Fr. Len Wenke	

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5 | JUEVES, 5 DE DICIEMBRE

9:00 am	Mass	IC	English	Fr. Satish Joseph	+Henry David Burge
9:00 am	Mass with School	Holy Angels	English	Fr. Uriel Santos	
6:00 pm	Misa	Sta. María	Español	P. Uriel Santos	La Comunidad Hispana
6:00 pm	Reconciliation, Adoration, & Anointing of the Sick	IC	Bilingual	Fr. Satish Joseph	

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6 | VIERNES, 6 DE DICIEMBRE

9:00 am	Mass	IC	English	Fr. Len Wenke	+John W. Luehrs Anniversary Remembrance
2:00 pm	Adoration (until 3:15 pm)	St. Helen			
6:00 pm	Misa	Sta. María	Español	P. Sebastien Abalodo	La Comunidad Hispana

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 | SÁBADO, 7 DE DICIEMBRE: St. Ambrose | San Ambrosio

9:30 am	Adoration (until 10:30 am)	St. Anthony			
4:30 pm	Mass	IC	English	Fr. Uriel Santos	+Michael McGarry Birthday Remembrance
5:00 pm	Mass (Reconciliation from 4:00-4:45 pm)	Holy Angels	English	Fr. Len Wenke	Jim Luckett

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 | DOMINGO, 8 DE DICIEMBRE: Second Sunday of Advent | Segundo Domingo de Adviento

9:00 am	Misa	IC	Español	P. Uriel Santos	La Comunidad Hispana
9:00 am	Mass	St. Anthony	English	Fr. Satish Joseph	John Eckley
9:00 am	Mass	St. Helen	English & livestream	Fr. Jim Fitz	+Deceased members of the Redrick and Schmidt Families
9:45 am	Mass (Reconciliation at 9:15 am)	St. Mary	English	Fr. Tony Geraci	Dick Roderer
10:45 am	Mass	Holy Angels	English	Fr. Len Wenke	Ted Fischer
11:00 am	Mass	IC	English & livestream	Fr. Satish Joseph	+Rosemary Schneider
12:15 pm	Misa	Sta. María	Español	P. Uriel Santos	Por la niña Alaia Ventura Garcia en acción de gracias por sus 3 años de vida.
5:00 pm	Mass	IC	English	Fr. Satish Joseph	+Marcella Crews

Please note: The Priest schedule is tentative & subject to change | Nota: El horario de los sacerdotes es provisional y puede cambiar

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE | HORARIO DE NAVIDAD

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 MARTES, 24 DE DICIEMBRE: Christmas Eve Nochebuena				
4:00 pm	Mass (Prelude at 3:30 pm)	Holy Angels	English	Fr. Kip Stander
4:30 pm	Mass (Pageant at 4:00 pm)	IC	English	Fr. Satish Joseph
5:00 pm	Mass (Prelude at 4:45 pm)	St. Helen	English	Fr. Len Wenke
7:00 pm	Misa (Preludio a las 6:30 pm)	IC	Español	P. Uriel Santos
7:00 pm	Mass (Prelude at 6:30 pm)	St. Anthony	English	Fr. Satish Joseph
7:00 pm	Mass (Prelude at 6:30 pm)	St. Mary	English	Fr. Tony Geraci
10:30 pm	Mass (Prelude & Carols at 10:00 pm)	St. Anthony	English	Fr. Len Wenke
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 MIÉRCOLES, 25 DE DICIEMBRE: Christmas Navidad				
12:00 am	Mass (Prelude at 11:30 pm)	St. Helen	English	Fr. Satish Joseph
9:00 am	Mass (Prelude at 8:30 am)	IC	English	Fr. Satish Joseph
10:45 am	Mass	Holy Angels	English	Fr. Len Wenke
12:15 pm	Misa	Sta. María	Español	P. Uriel Santos
	No Reconciliation at 6:00 pm	St. Helen		

ANNOUNCEMENTS: ENGLISH

The Seven Joys of Mary: Bread of Life Family of Parishes Advent Retreat

Presented by Fr. Satish Joseph, PhD.

Saturday, December 7, 2024

9:00 am–1:00 pm

Cost: Free (Free will donation)

Immaculate Conception Church



Women’s Advent Retreat

St. Anthony & Holy Angels

Sunday, December 8, 2024 from 5:30-8:00 pm in

Holy Angels’ School Gym

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN! All adult women of Bread of Life Family of Parishes are invited to join in an evening of food, friends, and reflections of The Joy of Advent. If you would like to host a table of your friends or family members, please contact bettyborgerding@gmail.com to reserve your table. To sign up as a guest, please visit bit.ly/4hkS48q. For more information, visit stanthonydayton.org.



Men’s Advent Retreat

St. Anthony & Holy Angels

Calling All Men! The Bread of Life Family of Parishes Men’s Advent Retreat will be **Saturday, Dec. 14**. Join us for food, fellowship, and discernment as we prepare ourselves for Christmas. The Men’s Retreat will be held in the **St. Anthony Rectory and Church from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm, at 820 Bowen St.**



Please RSVP via the QR code above or by e-mail to Nate Brinkman brinkmannate@gmail.com by December 11th. Invite a family member or friend to come along!

Praying the Rosary before Mass: December 8



Holy Angels

You are invited to join the Knights of Columbus every second Sunday of the Month before the 10:45 am Mass at Holy Angels to pray the Rosary. **Prayer will begin at 10:15 am** using a microphone, so you may sit anywhere in the church. All are welcome!

The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe



Mañanitas

Vigil prayer service for the feast day (in Spanish)

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

7:00 pm in Immaculate Conception Church

Mass in Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Thursday, December 12, 2024

7:00 pm in Immaculate Conception Church

Mass will be in Spanish

We hope you and your family will join us!

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! If you missed the collection, it’s not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click “How to Give” under “Resources.” #iGiveCatholicTogether also accepts funds for the collection—see usccb.igivecatholictogether.org/.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: ENGLISH**Welcome to Bread of Life
Family of Parishes**

- Walters Family (SH)
- John & Ruth Ann Thompson (HA)

Baptisms

Congratulations to all those who were baptized recently. May they continue to grow in Christ's love.

- Julio Guevara Ramirez (IC)

Rest in Peace

Funerals were held recently. Please keep them, their family, & friends in your prayers. May they rest in the eternal embrace of God.

- Carmen Thomas (SH)
- Philip Doepker (SM)
- Bonnie Begley (SH)
- Mary Cronin (IC)

Marriages

Wedding Congratulations to those who were united in Holy Matrimony recently. We wish them all the happiness in the world as they begin their new life together.

- Mackenzie Doyle & Stephen Pfau (IC)
- LeeAnn Black & Austin Sherwood (SA)

Monday, Dec 9: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception – Holy Day of Obligation

This year, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (our national patronal feast day) is transferred from Sunday, December 8 to Monday, December 9, and is a holy day of obligation. That day, Mass will be:

- 7:00 am—St. Anthony
- 9:00 am—Immaculate Conception
- 5:30 pm—Holy Angels
- 6:00 pm—St. Mary (Spanish)
- 7:00 pm—Immaculate Conception

Advent Discipleship Challenge

Pray with the Scriptures from the daily Mass readings this Advent. If you did not get an Advent Discipleship Challenge last week, you can go to icparishdayton.org/advent. Paper booklets might be available in the church vestibule.

St. Helen PTO Christmas Bazaar**St. Helen**

We are happy to announce the 2024 St. Helen PTO Christmas Bazaar will take place on **Saturday, December 7 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm!** If you would like more information, go to our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Sthelenchristmasbazaar>. We will be accepting donations for the bake sale and raffle baskets. If you would like to help with either of these please email Amy or Tatihana at sthelenchristmasbazaar@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you in December!

**Lunch Bunch Ladies!****Immaculate Conception**

Our next lunch: **Submarine House (Dorothy Ln.) on Thursday, December 12 at 12:30 pm.** This group is open to all ladies. No need to RSVP, just come! Questions? Contact Shirley at 937.344.1845.

**Holy Land Olivewood Carvings****Immaculate Conception**

Holy Land Olivewood Carvings will be available for purchase on December 7/8 after all Masses at Immaculate Conception Church in the main vestibule. These carvings are made by people living in the Holy Land. All proceeds from this sale will benefit them and their families.

Building the Nativity**St. Mary**

St. Mary Nativity and Christmas Church decorating continues each Monday evening at 6:30 pm. It will continue each week until completed.

St. Mary Christmas Open House**St. Mary**

SAVE THE DATES: December 26 & 27! St. Mary Christmas Open House: Mark your calendar for the annual Open House at Historic St. Mary Church. Follow the Star in the East to the Twin Towers. All are welcome! Bring your family, friends, and neighbors to the Church, decorated for the season complete with the famous Nativity covering a section of pews containing over 100 statues! Don't forget your camera! **December 26 & 27 from 2:00–5:00 pm.**

**Save the Date: Holy Angels Boosters Fish Fry & Silent Auction****Holy Angels**

Join us for food, friends, and lots of fun at the 2025 Holy Angels Boosters Fish Fry and Silent Auction! The event is **Saturday, January 11th from 6:00-11:30pm!** Each Fish Fry admission includes fish dinner prepared by "The Corpus Fryers", 3 drink tickets (more are available for purchase), dessert, silent auction, raffle drawings, and various games of chance! Please contact Dave Escobar at 937.901.6146 or haboosters.fishfry@gmail.com with any questions.



ANNOUNCEMENTS: ENGLISH**Immaculate Conception Giving Tree****Immaculate Conception**

Immaculate Conception's Giving Tree is now up! If you are able, please take an ornament and purchase the requested gift to help a family in our parish or school celebrate Christmas.

Wrapped gifts need to be returned to the church no later than **5:00 pm Mass on Sunday December 15, 2024.** If you have any questions, please contact Will Marsh at willmarsh@icparishdayton.org.

**Meals for St. Vincent Hotel****St. Helen**

This weekend there are casserole pans and recipes, for a simple sausage casserole, in the vestibule of the church. St. Helen parishioners provide food for the St. Vincent DePaul Hotel meal on the fourth Sunday of each month. Canned fruit and brownies are also needed. Please help with this important ministry as we perform the Corporal Work of Mercy of Feeding the Hungry. This is also a great way for students to gain service hours as they apply their faith to action.

**Holy Angels & St. Anthony Giving Trees****Holy Angels & St. Anthony**

The Advent Giving Trees are up this weekend in the back of Holy Angels and St. Anthony churches. Please take a tag and purchase the requested gift to help Oasis House, Good Shepherd Ministries, and Elizabeth New Life Center. **Unwrapped** gifts need to be returned to the church **by December 15.** If you have questions, please contact Sue Jenkins at sjenkins@stanthonydayton.org.

**St. Vincent de Paul Hotel****Immaculate Conception**

Each month we provide casseroles for the guests staying at the St. Vincent de Paul Hotels. Recipe: icparishdayton.org/ministries/SVDP. You may provide a casserole or canned vegetables or fruit (#10 size can preferred). Casseroles are collected at the parish in the South parking lot and taken to St. Vincent de Paul's central kitchen facilities.

The next collection date is: December 18 at 10:00 am.

Contact Dona Carlson at 937.469.0121 with any questions.

Thank you for your help caring for our unhoused sisters and brothers!

Change in Contact Information

Has your address and/or phone number changed? If so, please contact the parish office to update your contact information. We appreciate your help in keeping our information up to date.

- IC: Go to membership.faithdirect.net/OH796, click on Events, then click on Register next to Updated Contact Information, fill out information as requested.
- St. Mary: awagner@stmarydayton.org or 937.256.5633
- Holy Angels: 937.229.5911
- St. Anthony: sjenkins@stanthonydayton.org or 937.253.9132
- St. Helen: lynn.middy@sthelenparish.org or 937.254.6233

IC Food Pantry**Immaculate Conception**

IC Food Pantry's goal is to serve both the parish community and the Belmont Neighborhood. All are welcome!

- **Event:** Mobile Meal program (groceries for neighbors in need)
- **Where:** School Parking Lot (enter through the drive between the church and the school)
- **When:** December 19 from 6:00-7:00 pm

**Calling All NE7 Family Knitters & Crocheters****St. Helen**

You're invited to our Prayer Shawl Ministry.

We make shawls and lap robes for those in need of a hug and comfort in times of difficulty. We have made and given away some 700 shawls and lap robes. **We meet the 2nd and 4th Thursdays from 1:00-3:15pm at the Julie Center at St. Helen Parish.** For more info, please call Sadie Seward at 937.426.9942.

**St. Ann Society****St. Mary**

Attention ladies of St. Mary's! Looking for social opportunities to meet other women of the parish? Interested in helping to decorate and set up the altar? Possibly just considering some fun volunteer projects for St. Mary's? Maybe just interested in a ladies social group? Then come join our St. Ann Society! We welcome all English and Hispanic ladies of the parish. **Our meetings are in the evening at 7:00 pm the second Tuesdays of each month in the St. Mary Parish Center.**

**Hat and Glove Collection****Immaculate Conception**

Thank you for your support of the collection to purchase hats and gloves, for the guests of St. Vincent de Paul Hotel. We raised \$1,511.80 which was used to purchase 1,728 pieces of warm winter apparel.

ANUNCIOS: ESPAÑOL

¡Bienvenidos a la Familia de Parroquias Pan de Vida!

- Familia Walters (SE)
- John y Ruth Ann Thompson (Santos Ángeles)

Bautismos

Congratulaciones por su bautizo. Deseamos que continúe creciendo en el amor de Dios.

- Julio Guevara Ramirez (IC)

Descansen en Paz

Recientemente se llevó a cabo funerales. Por favor, manténgalos en sus oraciones. Que descansen en el abrazo eterno de Dios.

- Carmen Thomas (SE)
- Philip Doepker (SM)
- Bonnie Begley (SE)
- Mary Cronin (IC)

Matrimonios

Congratulaciones por su boda a los que se han unido en Santo Matrimonio recientemente. Les deseamos toda la felicidad del mundo al comenzar su nueva vida.

- Mackenzie Doyle y Stephen Pfau (IC)
- LeeAnn Black y Austin Sherwood (San Antonio)

Lunes, el 9 de diciembre: Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción - Día santo de obligación

Este año, la Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción de la Santísima Virgen María (nuestra fiesta patronal nacional) se traslada del domingo 8 al lunes 9 de diciembre, y es día santo de obligación. Ese día, la misa será:

- 7:00 am - San Antonio (Inglés)
- 9:00 am-IC (Inglés)
- 5:30 pm-Santos Ángeles (Inglés)
- 6:00 pm-Sta. María (Español)
- 7:00 pm-IC (Inglés)

La Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe



Mañanitas a la Virgen de Guadalupe:

Servicio de oración de vigilia para la fiesta.

Miércoles 11 de diciembre de 2024 a las 7:00 pm en Iglesia Inmaculada Concepción Santa Misa en Honor a Virgen de Guadalupe

Jueves 12 de diciembre de 2024 a las 7:00 pm en Iglesia Inmaculada Concepción

Los esperamos a todos con sus familias.

Invitación a integrar el Coro Español Inmaculada Concepción

¡Les invitamos a considerar unirse al coro español de la Inmaculada Concepción! Si está interesado en obtener más información sobre cómo unirse al coro, por favor comuníquese con la Coordinadora de Música Madeleine Demetriades en: madeleinedemetriades@icparishdayton.org. No es necesario que tenga experiencia previa en canto. Considere unirse sólo para la temporada de Adviento/Navidad. Ensayamos los jueves de 6:30 pm a 7:30 pm y cantamos para la misa del domingo a las 9:00 am.

Construyendo un Matrimonio Eucarístico: Un curso para todas las parejas



Les invitamos a todas las parejas al curso: Construyendo un Matrimonio Eucarístico Un curso práctico y basado en principios católicos.

Cuando: todos los martes desde el 7 de enero a 25 de febrero

Hora: 7:00 -9:00 pm

Donde: el sótano de la Inmaculada Concepción

Costo: \$25 por pareja

Culpo limitado

Registrarse: [BIT.LY/CURSODEPAREJAS](https://bit.ly/cursodeparejas)

Preguntas: Heidi Acuña, 937.239.2620



Bazar de Navidad de St. Helen PTO Sta. Elena (St. Helen)

Nos complace anunciar que El Bazar de Navidad de St Helen PTO se estará realizando el sábado, **7 de diciembre desde las 9:00 am a 3:00 pm**. Este año hemos expandido el bazar y tendremos vendedores adicionales en el edificio Smith. Para más información, visite nuestra página de Facebook de St. Helen PTO Christmas Bazar: facebook.com/Sthelenchristmasbazaar

Si deseas donar artículos para la canasta de rifa o las ventas de pasteles por favor comuníquese vía correo electrónico con Amy o Tatihana a sthelenchristmasbazaar@gmail.com.

¡Esperamos verlos en diciembre!

El Árbol de Regalos Inmaculada Concepción

El Árbol de Regalos de la Inmaculada Concepción ya está listo. Si usted puede, por favor tome un ornamento y compre el regalo solicitado para ayudar a una familia en nuestra parroquia o escuela a celebrar la Navidad. Los regalos **envueltos** deben ser devueltos a la iglesia a más tardar a las **5:00 pm Misa el domingo 15 de diciembre de 2024**. Si usted tiene alguna pregunta, por favor comuníquese con Will Marsh en willmarsh@icparishdayton.org.



Sociedad de Santa Ana Sta. María

¡Atención señoras de Santa María! ¿Buscas oportunidades sociales para conocer a otras mujeres de la parroquia? ¿Posiblemente solo estás considerando algunos proyectos de voluntariado divertidos para la Parroquia Santa María? ¡Entonces únete a nuestra Sociedad de Santa Ana! Damos la bienvenida a todas las damas inglesas e hispanas de la parroquia. Acabamos de empezar y tenemos muchos planes. **Nuestras reuniones son los segundos martes de cada mes a las 7:00 pm en el Centro Parroquial de Santa María.**



ANUNCIOS: ESPAÑOL

La Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano

¡Muchas gracias por su generoso apoyo la semana pasada a la colecta para la Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano! ¡Si ustedes no alcanzaron a donar, aun lo pueden hacer! Visiten www.usccb.org/nationalcollections, y hagan clic en “How to Give” bajo “Resources.” #iGiveCatholicTogether también acepta fondos para la colecta—entren a <https://usccb>.

PARISH DONATIONS | DONACIONES DE LA PARROQUIA

With heartfelt thanks, Stewardship of Treasure:

Holy Angels Santos Ángeles	St. Helen Santa Elena	St. Mary Santa Maria
Oct. 2024: \$35,827.25	Oct. 2024: \$34,210.17	Oct. 2024: \$23,152.00
St. Anthony San Antonio	Immaculate Conception Inmaculada Concepción	
Oct. 2024: \$23,952.53	Oct. 2024: \$51,494.59	

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Donation Envelope Exchange Policy

If you are a member of another parish & attend Mass here, we have an envelope exchange agreement. If you drop your donation envelope in the collection basket, we will see that your home parish receives your donation.

Política de Intercambio de Sobres de Donaciones

Si usted es miembro de otra parroquia y viene a la Misa, nosotros tenemos un acuerdo de intercambio de sobre de donaciones. Si usted pone el sobre de su donación en la canasta de la colecta, nosotros nos aseguraremos que su parroquia recibe su donación.

Hope. Peace. Joy. Love.

These are the gifts of the Advent season. The gifts you help share here in our community, throughout the year, with your thoughtful stewardship.

Advent is a meaningful time to reflect on your generosity. One special way to give is eGiving. It can simplify your stewardship and provide steady, consistent support of the parish—so we can be ready with programs, services, and ministries for church families and those in our community. Your recurring gifts will sustain our parish, even if you need to miss a Sunday service.

It's easy to get started. Here are the ways to sign up:

- For Immaculate Conception, visit faith.direct/OH796
- For St. Helen, visit faith.direct/OH790
- Call Faith Direct Customer Service at 866.507.8757
- Scan the QR code



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St. Helen | Sta. Elena

Thank you and may God bless your generosity.

Holy Angels, St. Anthony, & St. Mary: WeShare Giving

Your Financial Support Needed!

- **St. Anthony:** Go to stanthonydayton.org: Online Giving tab (located on the right of the home page).
- **Holy Angels:** Go to holyanfelschurchdayton.org, click on the GIVE tab, and then click Sunday collection tab.
- **St. Mary's:** Donors can go to St. Mary's website and click on the WeShare icon on the home page.

Esperanza. Paz. Alegría. Amor.

Estos son los dones del tiempo de Adviento. Los dones que ustedes ayudan a compartir aquí en nuestra comunidad, a lo largo del año, con su atenta corresponsabilidad.

El Adviento es un tiempo significativo para reflexionar sobre su generosidad. Una manera especial de dar es eGiving. Puede simplificar su corresponsabilidad y proporcionar un apoyo constante y consistente de la parroquia, para que podamos estar listos con los programas, servicios y ministerios para las familias de la iglesia y los de nuestra comunidad. Sus donaciones recurrentes sostendrán nuestra parroquia, incluso si tiene que perderse una Misa.

Es fácil empezar. Estas son las formas de registrarse:

- Para Inmaculada Concepción, visite faithdirect/OH796
- Para Sta. Elena, visite faithdirect/OH790
- Llama al Servicio al Cliente de Faith Direct al 866.507.8757
- Escanea el código QR

Gracias y que Dios bendiga su generosidad.

ANUNCIOS PARA EL BOLETÍN PARROQUIAL

Para promocionar sus eventos programados, por favor contactar a la Hermana Emily a emilysandoval@icparishdayton.org. Envíe la información **al menos 3 semanas antes del evento.**

PARISH BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

To promote your event in the bulletin, email Sr. Emily: emilysandoval@icparishdayton.org. Please submit them at **least 3 weeks in advance.**

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Advent: An In-Between Season for an In-Between People

Fr. Satish Joseph

The liturgical cycle has brought us once again to the season of Advent. The Advent season is unique in the sense that it anticipates something we have already experienced. The Christ-child whose birth we celebrate at Christmas is the same Christ we anticipate at his second coming. One part of the celebration looks to the past while the other anticipates the future. This makes us an “in-between people”.



It is a privilege and a blessing to live in the “in-between” times. We have the grace to be able to look back and look to the future at the same time. I propose, then, that we approach Advent 2024 from an “in-between” perspective.

The incarnation of Jesus was a not merely a historical event, but a cosmic event. It did not merely change history; it changed humanity. It did not merely transform the earth; it transformed the universe. But all this was not accomplished in some ostentatious manifestation of power, in unparalleled grandeur, and unmatched majesty. It was accomplished humbly, tenderly, gently, and peacefully. Nothing captures the paradox of the event than an infant lying in an animal trough in a manger surrounded by farm animals. His endearing and holy parents were helpless as they watched over him, nurtured him, even fled to protect him, while also trying to fathom the paradox of the incarnation events. Did not the angel announce, “He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High?” Is a child in a trough in a stable what greatness looks like? Did the angel not also promise, “The Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end” (Lk 1:32-33). Is this what the promise meant?

As we observe Advent, we know the answers to these questions. We know how the paradox played out. We realize how the promises were fulfilled. The gospels tell us that story. And because we are an “in-between people” who know how God came among us, we approach the future confidently. Despite the image scripture paints of the second coming (we owe that to apocalyptic literature), I believe Christ will come again not to beating us into submission, waging warfare, or paralyzing us with fear, but rather, humbly, tenderly, lovingly, gently, peacefully, with compassion and love. It is the privilege of having the “in-between perspective”.

Hence, I propose 5 ways to make Advent 2024 meaningful:

Be intentional

Enter Advent with intentionality and with your eyes wide open. It is a beautiful season. It is a purpose-filled season. It is a meaningful season. It is an “in-between season”. On the very first Sunday of Advent, participate in Sunday Mass. In fact, decide to do this on all four Sundays of Advent. Advent has very tangible and visible symbols in the church. Let the mood of the season—the Advent hymns, the change of liturgical colors from green to purple, the Advent wreath, the more subdued spirit of the celebration, and the scripture readings—speak to you. Let them remind you most of all that we are in an “in-between time”.

Decide also that not a single day in Advent will pass without taking even the littlest time to catch your breath, to reflect on the meaning of the season, and to whisper a prayer.

Pray the daily scripture

There is simply no better way to approach Advent as an ‘in-between people’ than to allow sacred scripture to lead us. Each day’s scripture readings for Mass are very carefully selected to lead an entire people to reflect on both what God has accomplished by Christ’s incarnation and what we can anticipate when he comes again. Each day’s readings connect us to the Messianic vision. Without the scriptures to guide us, Advent is directionless—like a ship without a rudder or a car in motion without a steering wheel. Here is a resource based on the Mass readings of the day that also proposes a daily practical action—<https://www.icparishdayton.org/advent>

Choose one simple, achievable, love-action

The Advent scripture readings can be a guide not only for reflection but also for what I call, “love-action”. Let the scripture readings lead you to one simple action for the day. It could be reaching out to someone in need, becoming sensitive to those around us, making a phone call that needs to be made, mending a relationship, performing a daily act of charity, advocating on behalf of the poor and those on the periphery, making it to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, or simply spending some time each day in silence and solitude. As an in-between people, do not let a day in Advent pass by without a simple, achievable love-action.

Embrace the poverty and simplicity of Christ’s birth

The liturgical and spiritual mood of Advent as an ‘in-between people’ is not what we find replicated outside of churches and sacred spaces, for what that secular world calls, “holidays”. The glitter and glamor of commercial Christmas has the power to shift our eyes from the meaning of Advent to the temporal, the transient, the superficial. Instead, embrace the spirit of poverty, simplicity, humility, and joy. This Advent, let us train our minds and hearts to find Christ where he was found that first Christmas—in the ordinary, the simple, the humble, the poor, and the innocent. There Christ awaits us to discover the mystery of the incarnation.


Homage at Christmas Mass

The Eucharist is usually associated with the Paschal Mystery—the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus. First and foremost, though, every Eucharist is a little Christmas. At every Eucharist heaven and earth unite. At every Eucharist the word becomes flesh to dwell among us. Every Eucharist presents Christ in the manger, only now, on our altar in bread and wine—the flesh and blood of the Son of God. Every Eucharist is the incarnation story played out yet again right in our midst.

A meaningful Advent should lead us to the Christmas manger (altar) where we offer our homage—like the poor shepherds, like the magi. The Christmas Mass offers us the opportunity to offer him our lives in profound and perfect homage. This is closest we get to heaven while we are ‘in-between’ here on earth and our future destiny in heaven.

May Advent 2024 lead us to Jesus Christ, who came to us at Christmas, and awaits us in eternity.

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