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Advent Parish Mission

Monday, November 30, Tuesday, December 1 and Wednesday, December 2
7:00pm

In the church—call Rectory to reserve a seat
and live-streaming on the Parish Facebook page



Sister Maryann Cantlon

Echoes of Praise Advent Reflections

Short Gospel reflections with music will be posted on Facebook and YouTube weekly on **Wednesdays** during Advent. This is a great opportunity to take a few minutes to reflect and ponder on the upcoming Sunday Gospel and the incredible love God has for us.



Lessons and Carols



Lessons and Carols will be live-streamed on Facebook **Sunday, December 13 at 3:00 pm** (it will not be open to the public in the church). Lessons and Carols is a service of scripture and song that recounts the fall, the promise of the Messiah and the birth of Jesus. Each lesson is followed by a carol or song that reflects the lesson's message and a prayer.

Next Sunday we begin the holy season of **Advent**. It is a time each year when throughout the world rededicate themselves to waiting in hope. We anticipate the coming of Christ, the light of the world, who scatters the darkness of sin and shatters the bonds of death. We prepare to celebrate Christ's coming in *history* at Christmas; we ponder the ways that he comes to us in *mystery* even now, especially in the Eucharist; and we look forward to his coming in *glory* at the end of time. We cannot have Christmas without **Advent**.

There are three very special **Advent** activities recommended to assist in your celebration of **Advent**.

The first is our Parish Mission next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Sr. Maryann Cantlon has graciously offered to lead us in three evenings of reflection. Each evening begins at 7pm, and can be attended in-person in our church, or remotely via Facebook livestream.

The second is Dynamic Catholic's 'Best **Advent** Ever' (<https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/advent/best-advent-ever-promo-video.html>).

This year's theme is 'Let Your Soul Shine'. As in previous years, once you sign up, a daily reflection will come in your email every day. This is free of charge.

And the third is offered through the University of Notre Dame. As you know, I have an extensive collection of Nativities myself, so I am looking forward to this, and feel you might find it beneficial as well.

For the past six years, the McGrath Institute for Church Life has partnered with the Marian Library of Dayton, Ohio, bringing to Notre Dame's campus an exhibit of creches, or Nativity scenes, from around the world, and gathering members of the community to pray in procession and prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ.

This year, the coronavirus pandemic prevents them from hosting their annual exhibit and pilgrimage. Instead, they invite us to reflect on the Incarnation in their **digital Advent and Christmas Creche Calendar**-a beautiful retrospective selection of creches from their previous six exhibits.

Once you sign up, (<https://mcgrath.nd.edu/events/creche-exhibit>), you will receive a daily email through January 10, 2021, with an image and description of a creche from a different part of the world, along with a brief prayer that you can offer for yourself and your loved ones. There is no charge for this either.

My hope and prayer is that we will take some time each day to enter into this beautiful season as we await the blessed hope of the coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.