

## DID YOU KNOW?



Advent is all about waiting for Jesus Christ. The Gospel readings of Advent make us mindful of three ways we await Jesus—past, present, and future. First, we remember and accompany Mary, Joseph, and the newborn Jesus. Second, we prepare for the celebration of His birth this Christmas, so that the day doesn't pass us by with just sentimental words and short-lived presents. Third, we anticipate the second coming of Jesus Christ, who will come in power and glory and establish his kingdom of peace and justice on earth.

We are blessed, but we are challenged, too, to understand the ways of God and how we personally may understand and respond to them now.

One of the ways we can better understand and respond to the Lord during this holy season of Advent is by rediscovering, along with Christians all over the world, a powerful, ancient form of prayer known as sacred reading (*lectio divina*). What better way to deepen one's friendship with Jesus Christ, the Word of God, than by prayerfully encountering him in the daily Gospel?

Mass readings for every day can be found online at [USCCB.org](http://USCCB.org). Praying with one or all the readings of the day unites us with the movement of the Church, opens us to direct communication with Christ, and invites Him to walk with us throughout the day as we prepare a home for Him in our lives.

Find Advent resources including daily email reflections, movies, Advent calendars, and more at [saintbrigidparish.org/advent](http://saintbrigidparish.org/advent).