

Well, here we are, the Fourth Sunday of Advent. This season is about fulfillment as we hear in this weekend's Gospel. Joseph teaches us the essence of fulfillment is about quiet persistent action. Remember there is still plenty of time to enter in. Further, it is the Holy Spirit that teaches us the power of Love. This is the main fruit of the Advent Journey as we continue to concentrate on the lessons of the previous weeks of the season of Prayer, Preparation, and Endurance. It is the Holy Spirit that reminds us that God IS with us. Take this week in prayer to remember how much he does love us.

A wonderful way to remember his love is by participating in any and all of the events of this week is Reconciliation. Take time to encounter his love through forgiveness. There are a few opportunities left including Midnight Madness Confessions on Tuesday evening from 1130p-1215a or until all are heard. This timing is called such because for many of us we will be up late in a frenzy. No better way to enter into the homestretch of Advent than with his peace. I promise you, there will be no better gift you give or receive in preparation for this great feast!

A reminder of our **Masses for Christmas** (that has been communicated since the beginning of November because I love Christmas) are **December 24 at 4pm (with the Sacrament of Reconciliation celebrated from 3-3:40p); and December 25 at Midnight, 8:30am, and 11:00am.** If your schedule allows, I encourage you to take part in an additional Mass as they all have their different assorted flavors (including incense). The reason I say that is not to make us sound "holier;" but it also may allow you to break away from the hustle and bustle of the moment and to begin the season with the light of the world. Again, a thought if your schedule allows. I also want to encourage us to keep the spirit of Advent into the Christmas Season. If you began a new or continued routine in Prayer, keep it up! As you prepare to enter the Season of Christmas, reference the mailing, website, myparishapp, and bulletin, for the events during the upcoming Christmas Season as well as there are many great ways to continue to keep the good pace of Advent. Remember the season only BEGINS on the 25th and continues through January 11.....so keep those Trees up as a witness to the world that Christ is Born! **(Reminder that January 1 is as Holyday of Obligation, and we will have Mass on December 31 at 5pm at St. Eusebius; and on January 1 at 8:30am and 11:00am.)** Also, our Offices close on December 23 at 4:30pm and will re-open on January 5.... If there is an emergency, please call the emergency extension listed in the bulletin/prompted on the phone system.

As of this writing we continue to pray for the recovery of Fr. Bungo our neighbor to the south. He continues to rest and recover with the hope of returning soon. Again, at this time he appreciates no visitors but appreciates prayers. If you would like to write him a note/card his address is: St. Charles Church 202 Washington St. New Bethlehem, Pa 16242. Again, with this unexpected situation, no better time to pray for more vocations to the priesthood as it is a wonderful life and up to us to also encourage such vocations! We also have been asked by Bishop Persico to pray for our new Bishop and will continue to do so in the coming weeks. Another note regarding sick visits, hospitalizations, etc., especially this time of year: please let us know at the office if someone is in the hospital and if you know of any homebound persons who would appreciate a visit from our Eucharistic Visitors (or me during the first week of the month). Again, I try my best to offer the Anointing of the Sick at any emergency and as needed outside of emergencies. Please remember to let the office know!

Thank you in advance for all you have done to help make this journey prayerful and meaningful. Thank you to all who have participated in our Stockings for Seniors, Feast Day, the various School activities such as Caroling and the Concert; and for your help in getting the Church ready this weekend.

Again, there is still plenty of Advent left to prepare his way. Please check your email and MyParishApp for any other updates and have a wonderful final week of Advent as we pray for one another! Take time especially this week to invite others to worship with us because they may be waiting for you to bring them to Jesus! Please also know I enjoy being with you and know of my love and prayers. See you on Wednesday or Thursday and Merry (almost) Christmas!

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