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2 Simple words that you can meditate on during Advent

Philip Kosloski



The Church highlights for us two words that we can take with us during Advent and return to in our daily prayers and meditation.

The season of Advent invites us to look at the world anew, recognizing God's marvelous plan of salvation.

There are many ways to meditate on this reality, but Pope Benedict XVI offers to us **two simple words**:

At the beginning of a new yearly cycle, the liturgy invites the Church to renew her proclamation to all the peoples and sums it up in two words, "***God comes.***" These words, so concise, contain an ever new evocative power.

First of all, this should remind us that God did not simply come to us in the past, but that he "comes" in the present:

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Weekday Masses

Monday - Saturday 8:00 AM

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 PM

Sunday

8:00 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

Follow the Sunday Mass on our
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Confessions will be held
Saturdays 2:45-3:45

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Let us pause a moment to reflect: it is not used in the past tense — God has come, — nor in the future — God will come, — but in the present: “God comes”.

At a closer look, this is a continuous present, that is, an ever-continuous action: **it happened, it is happening now and it will happen again.** In whichever moment, “God comes.”

This simple fact reveals to us a God of love, who does not abandon his people, but who wants to be with them in every moment of history:

He is a Father who never stops thinking of us and, in the extreme respect of our freedom, desires to meet us and visit us; he wants to come, to dwell among us, to stay with us. His coming is motivated by the desire to free us from evil and death, from all that prevents our true happiness. God comes to save us.

This Advent, meditate on these two simple words and remember that God has not abandoned us, but comes to us now and desires to be with us in the present moment.

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Prayer for Priests & Future Priests

Eternal Father, We lift up to you these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them, heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to you. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

12/10 • Rev. Joshua Hare
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12/16 • Rev. Francis Mutesaastira

These are the names of the active priests and seminarians in our Diocese. Remember our Bishop has designated Wednesdays as Diocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please continue to pray that more young people will hear and answer God's call to the Priesthood and Religious Life.



Cookie Exchange

Join the Blessed Trinity Social Group for a Christmas Cookie Exchange
Sunday, December 17, 2023 at
12:30 pm in Courtyard Hall.

Bake three dozen of your favorite holiday cookies to share. Please no store bought cookies.



December 10, 2023

Second Sunday of Advent

Is 40:1-5, 9-11 | 2 Pt 3:8-14 | Mk 1:1-8

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Can you hear it? The voice crying out in the desert? While John the Baptist was the one literally proclaiming, from the desert, the coming of the Lord, we should listen for echoes of his message today. John foretold that Jesus – the Father's Incarnate Son – was on his way to redeem the world. Through Jesus' passion and death, the gates of heaven were flung open so all who believe in him would have eternal life. This is the Good News he proclaimed then, and the Church proclaims today: *Christ has come! Christ has died, Christ is risen, and Christ will come again.* This is what we prepare for in Advent – to celebrate, on Christmas day, Christ's coming into the world, and that he will one day return in glory. The Lord gives comfort to his people in his words, and in his presence to us in the Eucharist: "According to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells." So, trust in the Lord, remain vigilant, and take heed of the voices that remind us to "prepare the way of the Lord."

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Each year, we are given the gift of Advent. It is a season that invites us to slow down, reflect on the gift of Jesus and prepare to celebrate the Nativity of the Lord. Ironically, though, it happens at one of the most frenzied times of the year as we rush to keep up with cookie baking, tree decorating and merry-making. Advent is short – it includes four Sundays but can be three to four weeks long depending on the weekday upon which Christmas falls – and it sometimes doesn't seem long enough to truly prepare our hearts. This year Advent is three weeks and a day – so we are close to reaching the midway point, which is a good time to ask ourselves: How tuned in are we to John the Baptist's message? If we feel like we're being carried along in a wave of consumerism, it's not too late to make a course correction. We can step away from the fray and carve out time to enjoy the stillness of Advent and truly listen to the voice crying out in the desert.

SING *Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
One more seed is planted there:
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
That in course the flower may flourish.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the rose, is on the way.*



Are You Hoping to Receive One of the Seven Sacraments With Us?

Matrimony

Congratulations on your engagement! Every Diocese in Florida requires at least six months preparation before marriage. Please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for an appointment before setting a date.

Baptism

We are honored that you would like to choose Blessed Trinity Catholic Church for the baptism of your child! We ask that you please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for information regarding the pre-baptism class before scheduling a baptism.

Office Hours

Monday—Friday 9-12 and 1-4
Closed for Lunch Noon to 1 pm

Journeying Through Grief

“Grief is not a sign of weakness. It is a tribute to the loved one who died, and a healthy response to our heart ache.”

If you would like to be part of a Grief-Support “group” or you would prefer “one on one” support, please call Rachel between 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the parish office, 727-867-3663

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 9, Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. Frank and Sofia Gawlik (liv)

Saturday, December 9, Vigil for The Second Sunday in Advent

4:00 p.m. James Lawler and Pat Sullivan (dec)

Sunday, December 10, The Second Sunday in Advent

8:00 a.m. Silvana Bellini (dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Rosa Tomassi (dec)

Monday, December 11, Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. Gene Lamar Thomas (dec)

Tuesday, December 12, Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00 a.m. Frank Di Donatis (dec)

Wednesday, December 13, Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations

Thursday, December 14, Memorial of Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. Theresa A. Roy (dec)

Friday, December 15, Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. Fely Matawaran (dec)

Saturday, December 16, Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. Eileen Schloss (dec)

Saturday, December 16, Vigil for The Third Sunday in Advent

4:00 p.m. Bill Hueston (dec)

Sunday, December 17, The Third Sunday in Advent

8:00 a.m. Aline and Norman Gosselin (dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Marlene Romani (dec)





Merry Christmas!

The Gathering of Women, Inc. invites
you to attend a
Free Senior Christmas Luncheon
At Blessed Trinity Catholic Church
1600 54th Ave. S., St. Petersburg, FL 33712
Sunday, December 17, 2023
From 2:30-5 p.m.

A delicious dinner of turkey, ham, rice, sweet potatoes, potato salad, macaroni & cheese, green beans, collard greens, salad, rolls, and an array of delicious pies and peach cobbler will be served.

Santa will be coming to bring gifts for all our Seniors.
RSVP at 727-490-8914



CHRISTMAS ALTAR FLOWERS

For those wishing to contribute towards the Altar flowers, you may do so in one of two ways:

1. Use the Christmas Flowers Envelope included in your envelope packet.
2. Complete this form and return it to the office with your donation.

The names of the donors will be listed in the bulletin and also placed on the Altar. **Deadline for inclusion of your name in the Christmas bulletin is December 21.**

Please Check One:

☐ In Honor of

☐ In Memory of

Donor's Name: _____

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Thank you!

Many thanks to all who participated and donated to the Lynn Bartolotta Memorial Fund.

Our October 29 concert was a success.

Thank you sincerely for your generosity.

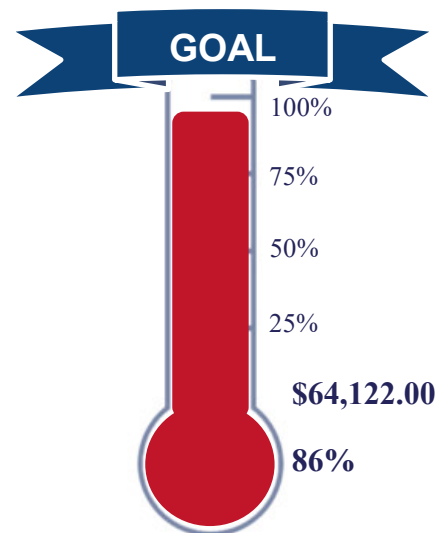
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The Marriage Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving will take place at the Cathedral of St. Jude on Sunday, February 11 at 3:00 pm. This event honors couples throughout the diocese who will celebrate their 25th anniversary as well as those celebrating 50 or more years of marriage during the 2024 calendar year. To RSVP, please call our parish office by Tuesday January 16.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 10	Second Sunday of Advent	
9:00 and 10:30 am	Coffee and Donuts	PH
Monday, December 11		
7:00 pm	"Life in the Spirit" Prayer Group	CYH
Tuesday, December 12		
10:00 am	Scripture Class	CYH
Wednesday, December 13		
6:00 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal	MR
Thursday, December 14		
7:00-8:00 pm	Advent Penance Service	CH
Sunday, December 17	Third Sunday of Advent	
9:00 and 10:30 am	Coffee and Donuts	PH
12:30 pm	BT Social Group Cookie Exchange	CYH
2:30 pm	Gathering of Women Senior Lunch	PH
Monday, December 18		
7:00 pm	"Life in the Spirit" Prayer Group	CYH
Tuesday, December 19		
10:00 am	Scripture Class	CYH
Wednesday, December 20		
4:00 pm	Gathering of Women	
	Children's Christmas Party	PH
6:00 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal	MR
Friday, December 22		
The parish office will be closed		
Sunday, December 24	4th Sunday of Advent	
9:00 and 10:30am	Coffee and Donuts	PH
Santa visits after the 4pm Mass		
Monday, December 25		
Christmas Day! The parish office will be closed		
Tuesday, December 26		
10:00am	Scripture Class	CYH
Wednesday, December 27		
6:00 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal	MR
Sunday, December 31		
9:00 and 10:30 am	Coffee and Donuts	PH
Monday, January 1, New Years Day		
The parish office will be closed.		
Tuesday, January 2		
10:00 am	Scripture Class	CYH
7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting	PH
Wednesday, January 3		
6:00 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal	MR

PH= Parish Hall, MR=Music Room, CYH= Courtyard Hall, CH=Church



Social Group

The Blessed Trinity Social Group is meeting regularly now. Please join us at the Kahwa coffee shop @ 400 45th Ave S, St. Petersburg, FL 33705 after the 8:00 am Mass on the Last Friday of each Month. Bring your ideas!

Please note our next meeting will be Friday, January 26th.

All are welcome!

Full-Time Cook Needed

The Missionaries of Africa Retirement Home in St. Petersburg, total of 8 men, needs a full-time cook Monday-Friday from 10:30 am to 6:30 pm. Health and pension benefits apply after a 3 month probation period. If you, or someone you know is interested, please send your resume to star30@verizon.net

Questions? Please contact Denise Starkey, 813-215-9535.

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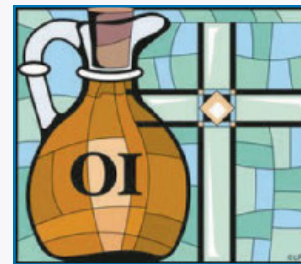
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Anointing of the Sick

To request the Anointing of the Sick for yourself or a loved one, please contact the parish office, 727-867-3663.

If you or a close family member would like to be added or removed from our prayer list, please contact the parish office at 727-867-3663.

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