

ADVENT 2015

Sunday, December 13, Third Sunday of Advent

Prayer for the Advent Wreath

Lord, our God, we praise You for Your Son, Jesus Christ, for He is Emmanuel, the Hope of all people. He is the Wisdom that reaches and guides us. He is the savior of us all. O Lord, let your blessing come upon us as we light two (purple) advent candles and the third (pink) of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise of salvation. May He come quickly and not delay. We ask this in His holy name. Amen

Tuesday, December 15, 2015

For then I will change and purify the lips of the people, that they all may call upon the name of the Lord, to serve Him with one accord. (Zephaniah 3:9)

Examine your conscience. Are you continually turning towards God?

Thursday, December 17, 2015

Though the mountains leave their place and the hills be shaken My love shall never leave you nor My covenant of peace be shaken, says the Lord, who has mercy on you. (Isaiah 54:10)

Send a get well card to someone in the hospital.

Pray for those affected by war.

Saturday, December 19, 2015

But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, because your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall name him John. And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of (the) Lord. He will drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb, and he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God. He will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of fathers toward children, and the disobedient to the understanding of the righteous, to prepare people fit for the Lord." (Luke 1:13-17)

In a card or letter, tell someone how much you care for them. Let them know they are loved by you—and God.

Monday, December 14, 2015

When He had come into the temple area, the chief priests and the elders of the people approached Him as He was teaching and said, "By what authority are you doing these things? And who gave you this authority?" (Matthew 21:23)

Make something (bake a cake, draw a picture, cut out a cartoon) to cheer someone up or as a means of sharing the spirit of the season.

Wednesday, December 16, 2015

Turn to Me and be safe, all you ends of the earth, for I am God; there is no other! (Isaiah 45:22)

Think of some possession you have that you can give away to the poor. Give to the Catholic Relief Fund or to some other charity.

Friday, December 18, 2015

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord has said through the prophet; "Behold, the virgin shall be with the child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel" which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took his wife into his home. (Matthew 1:22-24)

If you haven't already done so, put up a crèche or some other symbol to remind you of the coming feast.