

# ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

### SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

BY: DEACON MODESTO CORDERO

#### *Advent calls us to surrender to the will of God!*

Our secular calendar marks the days one season ends and another begins. This weekend our liturgical calendar marks the ending of another season - Advent, and the beginning of another - Christmas. Each season should be celebrated to the fullest with their unique characteristics at their proper times. Especially this year, when the Fourth Sunday of Advent is also Christmas Eve. Even though we only have hours before the Advent season ends, we still have time to fully celebrate what Advent is and means to us. In the readings for this fourth Sunday of Advent we can find the proper guidance on how we should end this celebration of Advent.

The first reading from the Second Book of Samuel shares a wonderful account of David and of David's desire to build a house for the Lord. The point of this account, however, is that all of us must recognize that God is the center of life and not us. At one level we can do nothing for God. That should not stop us from trying to do everything for God! Even though all we have comes from God, we can still return His love by striving to live for Him and striving to be faithful to all that He asks of us.

The second reading from the Letter to the Romans speaks of the mystery of salvation now being revealed. Only when we believe in a personal God who loves us does any "plan of God" make sense. Sure God does not have to "plan" the way that we humans do, but God always has our good in His mind and is working to bring about His goodness and love within us. Part of the "plan" of God was sending His Only Son to save us from ourselves. This plan was revealed through an angel to a young lady (and us) in the gospel of Luke. Mary's yes to the angel's words set the stage for the greatest event in human history: the conception and subsequent birth of our Savior. The incarnation is relived every time we echo Mary's "yes" to God's call to bring his Christ into our world; when we accept, as did Mary, God's asking us to make the gospel of Jesus alive in our own time and place.

We are standing right at the front door of Christmas and before we enter, Mary has been presented to us, this last Sunday of Advent to be our model. Let us follow her example of faith & holiness, humility & simplicity, obedience & surrender to the will of God, as we await the coming of our Saviour into the world and into our lives. In the Advent of our lives, God Calls us to bring his Christ into our own time and place, to put aside our own doubts and fears to say, as Mary does, *I am your servant, O God. Be it done to me according to your word.* Peace!

### MASS SCHEDULE

**Weekday** (Mon - Sat): 8:00 AM

**Sunday:** (Sat. Vigil) 5 PM,  
(Sun) 7 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM, 6 PM

#### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**Saturdays:** 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM  
(or by appointment)

### MISSION / VISION STATEMENT

We are a Catholic Christian Community, called to develop a deeper relationship with Christ. Such a relationship is fostered through active participation in: *Word, Sacrament, Renewal Programs, Ministry/Service,* and other ***Spirit-led*** activities. We dedicate our time, talent and treasure to install, in our parish community, the basic building blocks of Christian living, ***to preach the Good News of Jesus Christ to all through our words, deeds, and lives.***

**Parish Rectory Hours**

**Monday:** 12:00 PM-4:30 PM  
**Tues. - Fri.:** 8:00 AM-4:30 PM  
**Saturday/Sunday:** Closed

**Outreach Office Hours**

**Mon. - Wed.:** 9 AM to 2 PM  
**Thurs. - Friday:** 9 AM to 11 AM  
**Saturday/Sunday:** Closed

**FOOD PANTRY Hours**

**Mon. - Wed.:** 9 AM to 12 PM  
**Thurs. - Friday:** 9 AM to 11 AM

**Religious Ed Office Hours**

**Monday:** Closed  
**Tues. - Thurs.:** 12 pm - 8:00 pm  
**Fri.:** 10:00 am - 6:00 pm  
**Saturday:** 2:00—5:00 pm  
**Sun:** 7:00 am - 1:00pm

**PARISH CLERGY & STAFF**

**Pastor** (ext. 111)

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## PASTOR'S CORNER



### Christmas Message 2017

*Peace be with you all!*

I take the opportunity to warmly welcome all visitors, returning parishioners and new parishioners as well as all regular parishioners. We are glad to celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord with you. May the Joy of this celebration fill your hearts "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will." Those words of the angel on that first Christmas night direct our thought to what we celebrate. Christmas as a celebration of the fulfillment of God's promises of salvation.

On this Christmas, as one great family of God who is most generous in His gifts and blessings, we offer gratitude to God for whatever blessings God has given us. Jesus comes this Christmas to complete those blessings with more blessings. Together we receive the gift of real peace and joy. Christ's kingdom is one of peace for He is the prince of peace born for us this Christmas.

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2018!*

*Msgr. John S. Mbinda*

### SAINT OF THE WEEK: JOHN THE APOSTLE FEAST DAY- DECEMBER 27 FIRST CENTURY

#### The Call of the First Disciples

(Matthew 4:18—22)



As (Jesus) was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets & followed him. He walked along from there & saw two other brothers, James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They were in a boat, with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. He called them, & immediately they left their boat & their father & followed him. John & his brother, James, Galilean fishermen called the "sons of thunder," were chosen to be among the Twelve Apostles. John was with Jesus at the Transfiguration, in the Garden of Gethsemane, and on Calvary. It was to this "beloved disciple" that Jesus entrusted his mother's care. John evangelized in Ephesus (Turkey), was exiled to the island of Patmos, and according to tradition lived to be 100 years. John & his community of followers are credited with writing the fourth gospel, three epistles, and Book of Revelation.

## CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS GOSPEL REFLECTION

By Msgr. John S. Mbinda

More than two thousand years ago, while silence covered the little town of Bethlehem, something extraordinary happened. Little baby was born of the Virgin Mary. That is why at Christmas we joyfully celebrate the Good News announced by the Angel that night: "Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord". We join Christians around the world in celebrating this joyful event of Christ in our midst, the Son of God, who assumes our human flesh, born of the Virgin Mary. When we receive a precious gift, we rejoice because it is a sign that someone loves us. God's gift of himself to us in the Incarnation is therefore clear evidence of God's love and goodness for us. During the last 4 weeks of Advent, we have prepared ourselves for Christmas, the fulfilment of Isaiah's prophecy in the first reading. "For there is a child born for us, a son is given to us". That is why at Christmas we rejoice because the salvation promised us is now fulfilled; our Savior is born; a Savior who brings light into the world. "The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone".

The readings lead us into great joy and gratitude before the mystery of the child who is born. On that first Christmas at Bethlehem, a great light shone in the darkness. Christ our Savior was born of Mary and laid in a manger, "because there was no room for them in the inn". The birth of Christ takes place in poor surroundings in order to attract the attention of the shepherds. Through Christ God's grace is revealed to the poor. We are invited to go along with the shepherds to Bethlehem and see what has happened there according to message of the Angel, who brings news of great joy. "Today a Savior has been born" to us. We are invited to meditate with Mary and Joseph on the mystery of God's presence, and to express our joy in the words of the Angel: "Glory to God in the highest heaven and peace to people who enjoy his favor".

May this Christmas bring us all great joy, peace and happiness at Christmas and throughout the New Year 2018.

**Follow Msgr. John's Homilies! Blog**  
(text): [www.sundayhomily.com](http://www.sundayhomily.com)

**Podcast (audio):** <https://soundcloud.com/john-mbinda>

**iTunes (audio):** [Streaming Homilies](#)

## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Monday, December 25, 2017**

(12 am) †Bernardo P. Benino  
(7 am) †Mildred & Tadashi Furuta  
(9 am) †All Souls in Purgatory  
(11am) For the People

**Tuesday, December 26, 2017**

(8 am) †Harold Jones, Sr. & Jr.  
Aaron Saler (Birthday Blessing)  
Two Hearts & Our Lady of  
Fatima Prayer Group

**Wednesday, December 27, 2017**

(8 am) Primo & Joey Pablo  
(Wedding Anniversary)  
Jonah Fonacier (Blessings)  
†Tessie Aquino

**Thursday, December 28, 2017**

(8 am) †Agreda Acebo  
†Medy Manaco  
Nimit & Josie Howcumfu (Blessings)

**Friday, December 29, 2017 (8 am)**

Erin G. & Nick T.  
(Blessings/ Thanksgiving)  
Nicholas Howcumfu (Blessings)  
†Hilarion Savet (Death Anniversary)

**Saturday, December 30, 2017**

8 am Dennis & Lorna Tulang  
(50th Wedding Anniversary)  
Hildegard Borowitz (Healing)  
George & Michele Dona & children  
(Blessings)

5 pm †Rosalina Bayona

**Sunday, December 31, 2017**

7am †Alfreda Lapinid  
9 am For the People  
11 am †Cristina C. Falke  
6 pm †Marina Guerrero

† Rest in Peace †

**HEALING / BLESSINGS:** Ben & Helen Guerrero, Santiago Tumpap, Bella Rillamas, Norma & Ethan Belamide, Jane Alukonis, Rosalie Tadda, Rowena, Eric, & Ryan Asuncion, Warren Chalmers, Carrie Becky, Deacon Modesto Cordero, Cheryl Solomon, Clyde Sauget, Felisa Rapisura, Linda Osdieck, David Hall, Evelyn Quinata, Shirley Del Rosario, Carol Towne, Darling & Ron Bunda, baby Mairenuí Tauotaha-Amo, David Torres, Jack & Ellen Cleghorn, and Ernesta Tolentino & all names in Prayer Intentions Book.

**DECEASED:** Violet Y. Chun, Antonia Peralta Galicinao, Florentino Tamondong, Sr., Kang Moreno, Lucy Lanas, Wendell Serrao, Marina Guerrero, Palamene Paselio, Alan Pearson, "Bestray" Sarsona, Jovita Daclan, Orly B. Ceon, James M. Hunkele, Larry Butcher, Teresita Aquino, Rosalina V. Bayona, Agreda Acebo, Maureen Hart, Francisco V. Soliven & Ernesto D. Dumlaog.



## † FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS †

### Rosalina V. Bayona (RIP)

*Wednesday, December 27, 2017 ~ Mililani Mauka Chapel*

Visitation: 6:00 pm

Wake Service: 6:30 pm

*Thursday, December 28, 2017 ~ SJAE*

Visitation: 9:00 am

Mass: 11:00 am

Burial: 1:00 pm ~ Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery

### Agreda R. Acebo (RIP)

*Wednesday, January 10, 2018 ~ Mililani Mauka Chapel*

Wake Service: 6:30 pm

*Thursday, January 11, 2018 ~ SJAE*

Visitation: 9:30 am

Mass: 11:00 am

Burial: 12:30 pm ~ Mililani Memorial Park

### Maureen T. Hart (RIP)

*Sunday, January 28, 2018 ~ Mililani Mauka Chapel*

Wake Service: 6:30 pm

*Monday, January 29, 2018 ~ SJAE*

Visitation: 9:30 am

Mass: 10:30 am

Burial: 1:00 pm ~ Schofield Cemetery

### Francisco V. Soliven (RIP)

*Monday, January 22, 2018 ~ Mililani Mauka Chapel*

Visitation: 8:30 am

Wake Service: 9:30 am

Burial: 11:00 pm ~ Mililani Memorial Park

### Ernesto D. Dumlaog (RIP)

*Monday, January 29, 2018 ~ Mililani Mauka Chapel*

Visitation: 9:30 am

Wake Service: 11:00 am

Burial: 12:30 pm ~ Mililani Memorial Park

## \*\*Upcoming Baptism Ceremony Dates

(Infants to Age 6):

Jan. 14 & 28, Feb. 18 & 25, March 11 & 18 ...

## \*Baptism Preparation Classes:

January 7, February 4, March 4...

\*\*Please contact the Parish Office to make all arrangements in advance for more information...

**Marriages** are scheduled by meeting with a clergy, at least 6 months prior to wedding date.

**Blessings** (*home, auto, religious items, etc.*),

**Anointing of the Sick, Homebound Communion, Funeral Services/ Notices.**

Please call the parish office for further coordination.

## The next 24-hr Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

will be held on *Friday, January 5*, immediately after the 8 am Mass, ending at 7:30 am on *Saturday, January 6*.



## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

DEC 16/17

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|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Sunday Collection</b>                          | <b>\$ 13,684.28</b> |
| Children's Collection                             | \$ 11.00            |
| Online Donation (WeShare)                         | \$ 2,807.25         |
| <b>Building, Equipment, and Maintenance (BEM)</b> | <b>\$ 692.55</b>    |
| <b>One Community Center</b>                       |                     |
| <b>Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)</b>            | <b>\$ 2,731.88</b>  |
| <b>Candle Sales</b>                               | <b>\$ 517.00</b>    |
| <b>Donation— Misa De Gallo (12/16– 12/20)</b>     | <b>\$ 1,809.23</b>  |
| <b>Donation— Baptism</b>                          | <b>\$ 50.00</b>     |
| <b>Donation - Social Ministry</b>                 | <b>\$ 151.00</b>    |
| <b>Donation - Charity</b>                         | <b>\$ 20.00</b>     |
| <b>Donation— Christmas</b>                        | <b>\$ 150.00</b>    |
| <b>Donation— Christmas Flowers</b>                | <b>\$ 120.00</b>    |
| <b>Donation— Stewardship</b>                      | <b>\$ 19.00</b>     |
| <b>Donation— Immaculate Conception</b>            | <b>\$ 69.00</b>     |
| <b>Donation— Church in Latin America</b>          | <b>\$ 10.00</b>     |
| <b>Do nation— Mass Intentions</b>                 | <b>\$ 290.00</b>    |

**Weekend Total: \$ 23,132.19**

"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with fruits of all your produce."- Proverbs 3:9



## LIFE TEEN REMINDER:

Sunday, January 7: **SUPER SUNDAY!**

All confirmation candidates **MUST ATTEND**.

If you have any questions, feel free to call the RE office.

(808) 623-3332 ext. 206/ 204. **SEE YOU THERE!**

## RE Announcements Dec 23 — Dec 29, 2017

No classes on Dec 23 & Dec 24 & Dec 30 & Dec 31.

Classes resume for "A" schedule on Jan 6 & Jan 7, 2018

## Confirmation Sponsor Declaration forms deadline:

Forms must be turned in by January 31st. Students attending RE in grades 2--12 should have their sponsor selected and paperwork submitted by this date. Any questions, please contact RE office, 623-3332 ext. 204 or 206.

## CYM - Edge & Life Teen

Class attendance on Super Sundays are vital for students preparing for Confirmation and should not be missed. Please check with your student's Catechists or the RE Office if you have any questions about attendance/absences.



## PARISH EVENTS & WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Don't Forget to Turn in Your Commitment Card

We're still in the midst of our annual Stewardship Renewal. If you haven't returned your Commitment Card, you can still mail it to the parish or drop it in the offertory collection basket. Returning your card is an important part of being an active member of **St. John Apostle & Evangelist**. Please take this opportunity to express your support for our parish with your time, talent, and treasure!

The Parish Office will be closed on **Friday, December 29** in observance of **New Year's Eve** and **Monday, January 1** in observance of **New Year's Day**.

**Save the Date!** 3rd Annual Charismatic Winter Conference "Come, HOLY SPIRIT Come! **January 12—14 at Catholic Charities Hawaii (Keeaumoku)**. Sponsored by Hawaii Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services. For more information, please visit [hccrs.net](http://hccrs.net), call 781-9254 or email: [chariscenter.hccrs@gmail.com](mailto:chariscenter.hccrs@gmail.com)

**St. John Knights of Columbus Chicken Dinner Fundraiser!** Mahalo to all who supported the Knights Fundraiser. Please don't forget to pick up your chicken plate on **Saturday, January 13 from 11:30am- 4pm** in the **Church Parking Lot**.

The next Catholic Book Club meeting will be on **Thursday, January 18th, 7-9 pm** in **classroom 6**. The title of the discussion book is "**God or Nothing: A Conversation on Faith**" by Cardinal Robert Sarah. Bring a snack to share. For more information, contact **Melissa Crisostomo** at (808) 626-2469 or [alohamc@gmail.com](mailto:alohamc@gmail.com).

**Rosary Making Ministry-** The next gathering is on **Saturday, January 20 at 10 am on the preschool breezeway**. Everyone is welcome!

**Stewardship Day 2018! Saturday, February 17 at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa, 8am- 2pm.** Please register by or before February 10. If you have any questions, **email:** [mclark@rcchawaii.org](mailto:mclark@rcchawaii.org) or **phone:** (808) 203-6723.

**Respect Life:** "An unexpected pregnancy can be a difficult and frightening time, and it's important that your friend knows you are thinking of her and supporting her. ...Your support might be the only support she receives. Even if we never know how, the smallest things we do can change someone's life."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "10 Ways to Support Her When She's Unexpectedly Expecting," [ww.bit.ly/10WaysRespectLife](http://ww.bit.ly/10WaysRespectLife)

### Planting Seeds for the Future:

Proper estate planning can reduce administrative time, expense and inconvenience. Careful estate planning can also be one of the biggest gifts you give your family.

Please remember **St. John Apostle & Evangelist Church** in planning your will.

### THIS WEEK: December 25— December 31

**Monday** - Office Closed

12:00 am - *Christmas Midnight Mass*

7:00 am— *Christmas Day Mass*

9:00 am— *Christmas Day Mass*

11:00 am - *Christmas Day Mass*

No 6 pm Mass

**Tuesday** -7:30 am- Rosary

8 am- *Daily Mass*

8:45 am—Rosary Prayer Group (CH)

9 am—Church Cleaning—Environment (CH)

3 pm - Cenacle Prayer Group (CH)

4:30 pm— Children's Choir Practice (CCH)

7 pm— Combined Choir Practice (CH)

7:30 pm - AA Meeting (Rm 6)

**Wednesday**-7:30 am— Rosary

8 am- *Daily Mass*

8:45 am— Rosary Prayer Group (CH)

6 pm - OLPH Prayer Group (CH)

7:30 pm - NA Meeting (Rm 6)

**Thursday** -7:30 am— Rosary

8 am- *Daily Mass*

8:45 am— Rosary Prayer Group (CH)

**Friday** - Parish Office Closed

7:30 am— Rosary

8 am- *Daily Mass*

8:45 am— Rosary Prayer Group (CH)

9 am— Church Cleaning (Group 1)

9 am— Church Cleaning (Environment)

6 pm— Girl Scouts (Troop 104) (Rm 5)

**Saturday**- 7:30am— Rosary

8 am- *Daily Mass*

8:45 am— Rosary Prayer Group (CH)

3 pm— NO RE Classes (Rms 1/3)

3:30 pm - Confession

5 pm- Mass (Saturday Vigil)

6 pm— Family Rosary Prayer Group— CH

7 pm— Family Rosary Prayer Group

Fellowship (Rm 4)

**Sunday** - New Year's Eve

Religious Ed & Lifeteen: No Classes

Masses: 7 am, 9 am, 11 am & 6 pm

4pm—6pm Choir Practice

*Happy  
New Year  
-2018-*

FOR YOUR SECURITY PLEASE...

... AND SECURE YOUR VEHICLE!

**PARK SMART!**

Take ALL your belongings with you.



*Car thieves love to window shop!*



# PREPARE *the way*

Reflections on the Fourth  
Sunday of Advent

## Saying Yes to God

Luke 1:26-38

**T**his Gospel passage is the account of the annunciation to Mary by the angel Gabriel that she is to be the mother of Jesus. The angel announces God's desire that Mary bear a child, who will be great — the Messiah, the holy Son of God. The messenger greets Mary, "Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you." Mary is blessed because God has chosen her to be part of God's saving plan. The phrase "the Lord is with you" is a frequent expression throughout sacred Scripture for God's assurance. No matter what obstacles Mary faces, God's indwelling in her will be realized.

Gabriel tells Mary: "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, Son of God." The point of the Spirit's coming upon and overshadowing Mary is to place this woman in deep, attentive relation to God. We, like Mary, are challenged to be open to God's Holy Spirit coming upon us, for it is the oxygen we need to live our faith.

Mary's response needs to be our response as well: "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Gabriel's departing words ring with assurance: "Nothing will be impossible for God." They echo Jesus' later declaration, "What is impossible for mortals is possible for God" (Lk 18:27). A virgin can conceive. The Lord can enter into human history as a child. From a tomb can come the Resurrection. It is a promise in the future tense, providing hope for the rest of Advent and forever.

### POINTS TO PONDER

How is being pregnant and waiting for the birth of a child an apt description for Advent?

How is Mary an ideal disciple and a model for your own practice of faith?

What have you learned in your waiting and watching this Advent season?



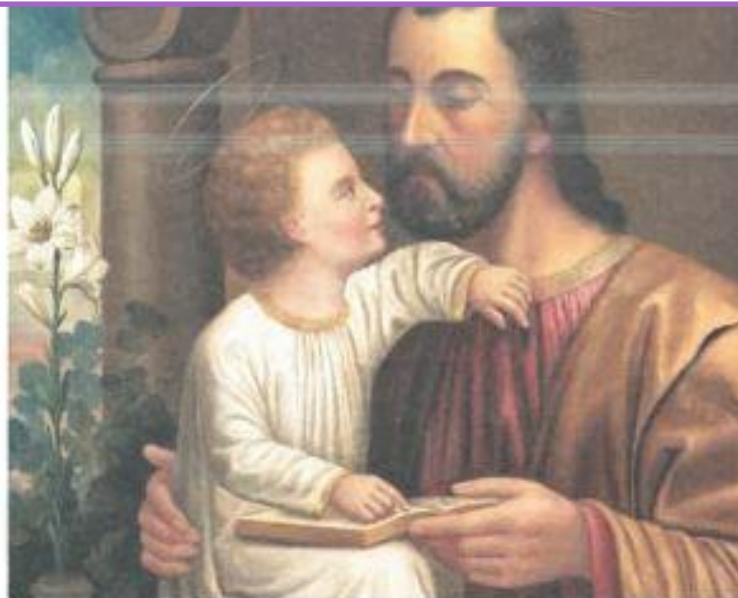


## SIGNS OF THE SEASON

### Celebrate Mary's Hope



This week, in addition to lighting the fourth candle of your Advent wreath, light a candle for Mary to celebrate her steadfast faith and hope in the darkness. You can even decorate it. Choose a white pillar and place it in a glass candleholder. Then cut and glue an image of Mary to the outside. Your family can add beads, stickers, and other decorations to make the candle as joyful as Elizabeth and Mary were when they met.



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### Model of Faith: Saint Joseph

If anyone had to rely on a feeling that things will turn out for the best, it was Saint Joseph. He took in Mary, risking his reputation and accepting a responsibility that he at first didn't understand. But he had hope and faith, and he forged on to serve as the father and protector of the Savior. Saint Joseph's trust was called upon again when Jesus was a baby. An angel appeared to him in a dream and told him to take Mary and Jesus to Egypt to escape King Herod, who was seeking to kill the newborn king (see Mt 2:13-18). Joseph didn't call up his friends in Jerusalem to confirm plans or Google places to stay in Egypt. He fled with faith, believing that what he desired — safety for his family — would be fulfilled. *St. Joseph, pray for us!*

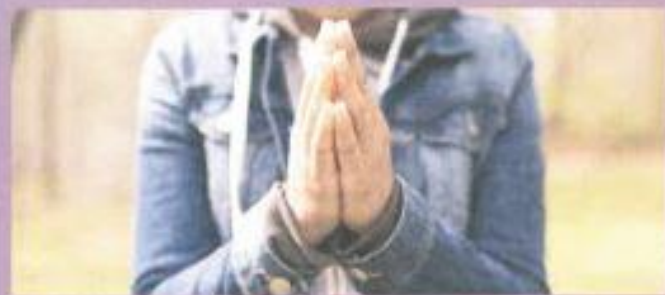
*"It is Christmas  
every time you let God love  
others through you."*

— SAINT MOTHER  
TERESA OF CALCUTTA

### Catechism CONNECTION

**"T**hough already present in the Church, Christ's reign is nevertheless yet to be fulfilled 'with power and great glory' by the king's return to earth."  
— *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 671

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### ADVENT PRAYER

Lord God, thank you for your never-ending grace!  
"The Virgin today brings into the world the Eternal  
And the earth offers a cave to the Inaccessible.  
The angels and shepherds praise him  
And the magi advance with the star,  
For you are born for us,  
Little Child, God eternal!"

— Kontakion of Romanos the Melodist, CCC 525