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Dear Parish Family,

Remember last weekend's homily at the 5:30pm Saturday and 8:00am Sunday masses where I mentioned about the Friday after Thanksgiving Day being the greatest sales day of the year? Well, there was this article about how Christmas sales were going. Some stores claimed their sales were up and some claimed it was down and one or two said it was the same as last year! Well, the shopping for Christmas gifts is just beginning.

Still there has been no reporting on what the world is getting for Jesus for His birthday. So allow me to suggest some ideas. First of all, put Jesus on your shopping list. There were very many things that we have done for the Christmas holidays over the years, but have we ever seriously wrote down His name before, between or after all the other names of friends and family that we wish to share our love? Go ahead and write it down.

Now that we have finally decided to add Jesus to our list, we need to decide what to give Him. What does the Son of God need? Did Mary and Joseph give Him presents? As God, doesn't He have all?.....how about me as His gift? No, that is not selfish. In fact that is the answer. Jesus wants me!

So now let us prepare this special gift by getting rid of old wrappings and price tags of material things and then dress up a pure, sacred, and a reconciled child of God. You and I are most precious to Jesus! We are an image and likeness of Him. How much hope and kindness are seen in our eyes? The twinkle.....the shine.....And how much brightness do we bring to a darkened world? "I absolve you....." are such simple words yet they convey healing and peace.....a oneness with our God like the day we were baptized. Come to to the Sacrament of Reconciliation before the big feast. Allow Jesus to touch us and heal us as we prepare His special gift! Amen!

Peace

Fr. Dwight

P.S. I am celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation each weekday during Advent from 5:00pm - 6:00pm and on Saturday from 4:00pm - 5:00pm.