

A Season of Peace

There is no question that currently the world is longing for peace! We want peace at the basic level, meaning that all wars will cease, and all violence will stop! We know that peace is not just an absence of war and violence but on a deeper level, it means being completely right with our Creator. The deepest peace comes from knowing that we are in the right relationship with God and that we are in a State of Grace. We don't have to be puppets to the circumstances of our lives. We don't have to be dependent on things going right for us to feel good. The true goal is to realize that no matter what happens to us we can rest in the deepest peace of God, knowing that nothing can destroy our soul made in the image and likeness of God and nothing can rob us of the promise of eternal life brought to us in Jesus Christ the Lord.

If we possess the whole world but do not possess Jesus, the Prince of Peace, living in our hearts, our lives will be utter anxiety and chaos. But amid an anxious and chaotic world, as one dwelling within the center of the eye of a hurricane, we can maintain an unshakable peace. Jesus comes to us, and he says, "Peace I leave you; My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

We don't often think about Advent as a time of repentance, a repentance that we often relegate exclusively to the Lenten season. However, Advent is a time of profound repentance. We empty ourselves and our hearts before God so that Christ may be born within us and so that his peace may dwell within us. Jesus tells us, "Receive my peace and live in my peace and then, give my peace to the world."

CHRISTMAS MASS INFORMATION

Sunday Mass:

Saturday, December 23rd

4:30 PM SM

Sunday, December 24th

9:00 AM SM Live-stream

& 88.1FM

10:00 AM BS

Christmas Mass:

Sunday, December 24th

4:30 PM SM

4:30 PM BS Live-stream

9:00 PM SM

Monday, December 25th

7:30 AM BS

9:00 AM SM Live-stream

& 88.1FM

10:00 AM BS

Tuesday, December 26th

No Mass

Solemnity of Mary:

Not a Holy Day of Obligation

Monday, January 1st

9:00 AM BS Live-stream



Advent Parish Activities

Parish Events

Dec. 5: Preplanning your funeral workshop
with Meyer Brothers Funeral Homes
Dec. 10: Knights of Columbus Breakfast
with St. Nick
Nov. 18-Dec. 10: Angel Tree
Dec. 4, 11, 18: Mondays in Advent

Online Resources

Advent Adventure Email series
(Ages 5-12)
Rejoice! Advent Journal & Videos
Jesse Tree
(Family & Individual Devotions)
Advent Calendars
(Youth & Adult)

Advent Devotional Books

Available starting November 18th

Youth-Preparing for Jesus
Adult-Waiting for Hope
Seniors-A Season of Peace

Adoration Hours

Every Tuesday at Blessed Sacrament
from 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

2nd & 4th Monday at St. Michael
from 6:00 -7:00 PM

My beloved parishioners I invite you to the peace of Christ! I invite you in this Advent season to slow down and redirect your hearts. Get more involved at the parish. Take up a holy hour. Go to confession. Spend time in quiet adoration and prayer. Give alms. Connect with your loved ones. Check-in on other parishioners. Enter into silence. Pray. Let's wait for God together. If you do these things I assure you that you will enter into a SEASON OF PEACE.

May the peace of Christ be in your heart,

Fr. David A. Herman

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January 1, 2024?

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Winter Office Hours





Monday - Friday 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM

Closed November 23 & 24, December 25 & 26, January 1 & 2, 2024

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