

Home Study Parent Meeting

St. Laurence Catholic Church

December 1, 2025

*“Raising Saints: Helping Families Navigate Tech and
The Stages of Child Development”*

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Meeting Agenda

Welcome! SLCC Advent Challenge

Opening Prayer

An Advent Prayer for the Family

Heavenly Father, your son, Jesus,

Is your greatest gift to us, a great sign of your love.

Guide us as we strive to walk in that love together as a family this Advent.

As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, bring us closer to each other and to your son.

Give us the grace and strength we need every day.

Help us to always trust in you.

Come, Lord Jesus, lead all people closer to you.

Come and dispel the darkness of our world with the light of your love.

Amen.

<https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/advent/advent-prayers.html?srltid=Afm8OorqUQayXBYTqLMfhqBSXXUfR0Q0b94FNLePaldZHnU1d-GzsmCf#family-prayer>

Reflection Questions:

- What do I view as the primary goals of parenting, and why?
- What sources of pressure do I recognize as having the most challenging impact on my ability to fully approach the parenting of my children as a ‘ministry’?
- Are there any additional steps I take to better *disciple* my child(ren)? If so, what specifically?

Closing Prayer Advent Prayer

Lord Jesus,

Master of both the light and the darkness,

Send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.

We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day,

We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.

We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom.

We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.

We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.

To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"

Amen.

- Henri J.M. Nouwen

<https://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource/online-resources/prayer-index/advent-prayers>