

The Catholic Parish of
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Cottage Grove
with the Mission Church of
St. Philip Benizi, Creswell, Oregon.



DECEMBER 4, 2022

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



John the Baptist preaching repentance. Fresco by Ghirlandaio (1448-1494) in the Dominican church of Santa Maria Novella in Florence. Photo credit Lawrence Lew O.P. via Flickr

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SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Saturday: 5:30pm; Sunday: 10:30am

St. Philip Benizi
Sunday 8:30am
(Bilingual English-Spanish)

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Monday: 6:45pm; Tuesday: 9:00am (Latin, 1962 Missal);
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 9:00am (English)
Saturday: 9:00am (Latin, 1962 Missal)

CONFESSIONS

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Tuesday - Friday: 8:30am and after Mass.
Saturday: 9:40—10:30am; 4:00—5:15pm; Sunday: 9:45—10:15am

St. Philip Benizi

Sunday: 7:50—8:20am

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OUR OFFERINGS LAST WEEKEND AMOUNTED TO:

	November 27	July 1, 2022 to date
OLPH	\$1,477	\$67,067
Goal*	\$4,732	\$101,916
Difference	-\$3,356	-\$34,950
Maintenance	\$0	\$3,389
SPB	\$777	\$16,651
Goal*	\$1,059	\$23,298
Difference	-\$282	-\$6,647
Maintenance	\$5	\$360

DONATIONS FOR SPECIFIC FUND**

Communion Rail		\$450
Homeless Ministry		\$635
Pastor’s Discretion	\$1,000	\$6,920
Faith Formation Gift		\$5,000

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* Preliminary goals until budget is completed.

** These numbers reset at the beginning of the fiscal year.



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LITURGY SCHEDULE AND MASS INTENTIONS

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday Lectionary Year A

Preface of Advent I, Eucharistic Prayer III

Sunday Masses this weekend will be followed by

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday December 3

Second Sunday of Advent

4:00-5:15pm Confessions

5:30pm Mass (+Philomena & +Anthony Peragine)

Sunday December 4

Second Sunday of Advent

7:50am Confessions (Bilingual) (SPB)

8:30am Mass (Bilingual) (SPB) (+Bea Kimmel)

10:30am Mass (For the people of the parish)

5:00pm Sung Vespers

Monday December 5

Feria of Advent; (Commemoration of St. Sabbas)

6:45pm Mass (Latin, 1962 Missal)

Tuesday December 6

St. Nicholas, Bishop & Confessor;

(Commemoration of Feria)

9:00am Mass (Latin, 1962 Missal) (+Marie Hong Tran)

Wednesday December 7

St. Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

9:00am Mass (Deceased Relatives and Friends of Glyness Browne)

6:30pm Men of St. Joseph Holy Hour

Thursday December 8

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Solemnity (Holy Day of Obligation)

12:00pm Mass (Deceased Relatives and Friends of Michael and Kathy Kelly)

7:00pm Mass (For the people of the parish)

Friday December 9

Advent Weekday; (St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin)

7:30am Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9:00am Mass (Deceased Relatives and Friends of Margie Crane)

Saturday December 10

Feria of Advent; (Commemoration of St. Melchiodes)

8:00am Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9:00am Mass (Latin, 1962 Missal) and Quinceañera for Lesly Izucar; Confessions until 10:30am

Third Sunday of Advent, (Gaudete Sunday)

4:00-5:15pm Confessions

5:30pm Mass (+John & +Rose Slaughter)

Sunday December 11

Third Sunday of Advent, (Gaudete Sunday)

7:50am Confessions (Bilingual) (SPB)

8:30am Mass (Bilingual) (SPB) (For the people of the parish)

10:30am Mass (+Angelina Navarro)

5:00pm Sung Vespers

WELCOME!

Welcome to those who are visiting our parish. Thank you for joining us for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass while you are in the Cottage Grove and Creswell areas. If you are new to the parish, please consider registering at olphcg.net

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to have a Mass offered for your intention, there are special envelopes in the vestibule (please put your name on the envelope, in case of questions) or please come

Resumen de puntos de Rescatados¹ - Parte II: Capturados

- La Escritura es una “película de juego”: nos equipa y nos dice tanto “lo que sucedió” como “lo que siempre sucederá”.
- Dios es todo bueno, pero una de las criaturas que hizo escogió rebelarse contra Dios y contra nosotros. Esa criatura es el enemigo, Satanás.
- Satanás, o el diablo, no es un rival igual de Dios. Él es simplemente una criatura.
- El motivo de la rebelión del enemigo fue la envidia de la raza humana. Nos odia y nos ha declarado la guerra.
- Su estrategia: convencernos de que Dios no es nuestro Padre amoroso y que podemos ser felices sin Dios.
- Sus tácticas: acusar, mentir, dividir, halagar, tentar y desalentar.
- Su objetivo: destruir nuestras vidas.
- Debido a la libre elección de Adán y Eva de creer las mentiras de Satanás (la caída), estamos atados por los poderes de la muerte y el pecado.
- La gracia de la desesperación nos ayuda a ver cuán grave es nuestra situación: literalmente hemos sido capturados y necesitamos rescate.

Preguntas

- ¿Creo que realmente hay un enemigo que tiene un plan para arruinar mi vida?
- ¿Cómo veo diferente a Satanás después de escuchar esto? ¿Cómo veo la caída de manera diferente?
- ¿Qué mentiras y acusaciones ha dicho el enemigo a mi vida?
- Pídele a Jesús que exponga las mentiras, acusaciones y divisiones que el enemigo ha usado o está usando para causar estragos en tu vida. Considere capturar esas mentiras y acusaciones por escrito. Pídele a Dios la gracia de escuchar su voz amorosa, no los odiosos susurros del enemigo.

Verdades clave

- No solo estamos separados de Dios; la humanidad está esclavizada al Pecado y a la Muerte.
- El Enemigo es el enemigo y eso significa que ninguna persona humana lo es. El Diablo y los demonios son reales y desean nuestra muerte. ¡Estamos en una batalla espiritual!
- El Enemigo trabaja de maneras ciertas y consistentes para mantenernos esclavizados: acusación, mentira, división, adulación, tentación, confusión y desánimo.
- La humanidad no tiene remedio por sí misma; comprender esto nos ayuda a comprender que la vida cristiana no es simplemente una cuestión de moralidad. Estás atado y necesitas la gracia para ser liberado. “Conoceréis la verdad y la verdad os hará libres” (Juan 8:32).

Considerar...

Reconocer el regalo de Dios de la creación en comparación con el mundo en el que vivimos rápidamente planteará la pregunta: "¿Por qué todo está tan obviamente desordenado?" GK Chesterton dijo que el pecado original era la más evidente de las doctrinas cristianas. No podemos

¹*Rescued: The Unexpected and Extraordinary News of the Gospel*, Father John Riccardo, Word Among Us Press (September 23, 2020)

comprender y sentir profundamente el impacto de Jesús como Redentor, Salvador, Rescatador sin aclarar el estado de cosas del que nos está salvando.

“Ahora bien, la serpiente era el más astuto de todos los animales...” (Gén 3:1) La realidad es que la humanidad no cayó en el Pecado por su propia fuerza; hubo un Enemigo que vino detrás de nosotros. Cuando Adán y Eva vendieron a nuestra raza humana como esclava, lo hicieron primero debido a una pérdida de confianza en Dios. “El hombre, tentado por el diablo, deja morir en su corazón la confianza en su creador...” (CIC 397).

Después de la Caída, el Pecado y la Muerte han venido a reinar. Una gran imagen del estado de la humanidad en Pecado, sin gracia, es la de haber sido arrebatados, secuestrados, apresados de la casa de nuestro Padre. La gran pregunta de Dios, "¿Dónde estás?" en Gn 3,9 muestra cómo esta dinámica de buscarnos a los que hemos sido capturados está presente desde el principio. El relato de la historia de la salvación será acerca de Dios viniendo a recuperar su mundo. El protoevangelio en Gen 3:15 anuncia esta conquista que traerá la simiente de la mujer; su misión de rescate será sobre la invasión del reino de la muerte por parte de un reino inconmensurablemente más fuerte.

Es fundamental entender esta dinámica porque hoy todavía luchamos contra el Enemigo y sus intentos de mantenernos esclavizados al Pecado y la Muerte. Como el Papa Francisco nos ha recordado una y otra vez, todavía intenta trabajar en cada una de nuestras vidas de maneras que a menudo no reconocemos para alejarnos de la "vida en plenitud" (Jn 10:10) a la que Jesús ha venido a traer.

2do Domingo de Adviento - Leccionario: 4

Primera Lectura - Isaías 11:1-10

Salmo - Salmo 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17

Segunda Lectura - Romanos 15:4-9

Evangelio - Mateo 3:1-12

Posibles versos para Focus:

Isaías 11:1 - “En aquel día, brotará un renuevo del tronco de Jesé, un vástago florecerá de su raíz”. Satanás trajo muerte y decadencia; no hay vida de un tronco. La esperanza del hombre se perdió en la desesperación del pecado y de la muerte. Las menciones de los "pobres... desamparados... violentos... impios" dan una clara ofrenda de lo que estaba viviendo el mundo después de la caída.

Romanos 15:4 - “Todo lo que en el pasado ha sido escrito ... se escribió para instrucción nuestra, a fin de que, por la paciencia y el consuelo que dan las Escrituras, mantengamos la esperanza.” Estamos llamados a responder al pecado con perseverancia y aliento. En “armonía unos con otros” (v.5) podemos esperar la restauración de una relación correcta con los demás y con Dios.

Mateo 3:1-12 - “En aquel tiempo, comenzó Juan el Bautista a predicar en el desierto de Judea, diciendo: “¡Arrepiéntanse, porque el Reino de los cielos está cerca!” La primera palabra citada atribuida a Juan es “arrepentirse”. Éramos gente atribulada con corazones heridos y sin esperanza. Arrepentirse es dejar lo que Dios ha prohibido y volver a lo que ha mandado. Se nos ofrece un cambio de corazón con el mensaje de Juan de “preparar” como “voz de uno que clama en el desierto” (v.3), extendiéndose a través de la desolación para ofrecer un nuevo camino.

Part II: CAPTURED

Asking God for the grace of despair

Summary Points from Rescued¹ - Part II: Captured

- Scripture is a “game film” – it equips us and tells us both “what happened” and “what will always happen.”
- God is all good, but one of the creatures he made chose to rebel against God and us. That creature is the enemy, Satan.
- Satan, or the devil, is not an equal rival of God. He is merely a creature.
- The enemy’s motive for rebellion was envy of the human race. He hates us and has declared war on us.
- His strategy: to convince us that God is not our loving Father and that we can be happy without God.
- His tactics: to accuse, lie, divide, flatter, tempt and discourage.
- His goal: to destroy our lives.
- Because of Adam and Eve’s free choice to believe Satan’s lies (the fall), we are bound by the powers of death and sin.
- The grace of despair helps us see how dire our situation is: that we have literally been captured and are in need of rescue.

Questions

- Do I believe that there really is an enemy who has a plan to ruin my life?
- How do I see Satan differently after hearing this? How do I view the fall differently?
- What lies and accusations has the enemy spoken into my life?
- Ask Jesus to expose the lies, accusations, and divisions that the enemy has used or is using to wreak havoc in your life. Consider capturing those lies and accusations in writing. Ask God for the grace to hear his loving voice, not the hateful whispers of the enemy.

Key Truths

- We are not just separated from God; humanity is enslaved to Sin and Death.
- The Enemy is the enemy and that means no human person is. The Devil and demons are real and they desire our death. We are in a spiritual battle!
- The Enemy works in certain, consistent ways to keep us enslaved: accusation, lies, division, flattery, temptation, confusion, and discouragement.
- Humanity is hopeless on its own; understanding this helps us to understand that the Christian life is not simply a matter of morality. You are bound and need grace to be set free. “You will know the truth and the truth will set you free,” (John 8:32).

Consider...

Recognizing God’s gift of creation compared to the world we live in will quickly raise the question, “Why is everything so obviously messed up?” GK Chesterton said that original sin was

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the most self-evident of Christian doctrines. We cannot understand and feel deeply the impact of Jesus as Redeemer, Savior, Rescuer without making clear the state of affairs from which he is saving us.

“Now, the serpent was the most cunning of all the animals...” (Gen 3:1) The reality is that humanity did not fall into Sin on its own power; there was an Enemy who came after us. When Adam and Eve sold our human race into slavery, they did so first because of a loss of trust in God. “Man, tempted by the Devil, let his trust in his creator die in his heart...” (CCC 397). After the Fall, Sin and Death have come to reign. A great image for the state of humanity in Sin, without grace, is of having been taken, kidnapped, captured from our Father’s house. God’s great question, “Where are you?” in Gen 3:9 shows how this dynamic of seeking us who have been taken is present from the beginning. The story of salvation history will be about God coming to get his world back. The protoevangelium in Gen 3:15 tees up this conquest which the woman’s seed will bring; his rescue mission will be about the invasion of the kingdom of death by an immeasurably stronger kingdom.

This dynamic is critical to understand because today we still battle against the Enemy and his attempts to keep us enslaved to Sin and Death. As Pope Francis has reminded us time and again, he still attempts to work in each of our lives in ways that we often do not recognize to keep us from the “life to the full” (Jn 10:10) which Jesus has come to bring.

2nd Sunday of Advent - Lectionary: 4

First Reading - Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalm - Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17

Second Reading - Romans 15:4-9

Gospel - Matthew 3:1-12

Possible Verses for Focus:

Isaiah 11:1 - “On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom.” Satan brought death and decay; there is no life from a stump. The hope for man was lost in the despair of sin and death. The mentions of the “poor...afflicted...ruthless ...wicked” give a clear offering of what the world was living in after the fall.

Romans 15:4 - “For whatever was written previously was written for our instruction, that by endurance and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.” We are called to respond to sin with endurance and encouragement. In “harmony with one another” (v.5) we might hope for a restoration of right relationship with others and God.

Matthew 3:1-12 - “In those days John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea[and] saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!” The first quoted word attributed to John is “repent”. We were troubled people with wounded hearts and no hope. To repent is to leave what God has prohibited and return to what he commanded. We are offered a change of heart with John’s message to “prepare” as a “voice of one crying out in the desert” (v.3), reaching out through desolation to offer a new path.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESKTOP

From *The Church's Year of Grace* by Dr. Pius Parsch.

'In Palestine, Christians gather today in Jerusalem for the celebration of Holy Mass. In Rome, they proceed to the station church "Holy Cross at Jerusalem" which serves to give the atmosphere of the Holy City.

'Why "Jerusalem"? Excavations of ancient sites often reveal a number of strata. When enemies destroyed a city, a new one would rise on the same location, so that today there are several layers of remains, one city, as it were, above the other. Our Jerusalem likewise has four strata. The bottommost layer is the Jerusalem of the Jews, that venerable land where the Lord Jesus began His mission of redemption, where He suffered and died. This is the historical Jerusalem so dear to us Christians. Anyone making a pilgrimage to the Holy Land enters that ancient city with holy awe. That Jerusalem, however, lies buried deep.

'For us, another has been built upon it, the Jerusalem of Christians, God's kingdom on earth, the Holy Church. This city still stands; it is the one which the divine King will enter at Christmas. Now, we understand why we will hear so much about Jerusalem during the coming week. We should now clean and adorn our city, improving its streets and avenues through which the Savior will make His entrance. As a motto, we should take the words of the precursor, St. John the Baptist: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths; let every valley be filled, every hill be leveled." Holy Mother Church's message today is that the Savior is coming to the Jerusalem of the Christians, to the Church.

'Above the second stratum, there arises a third, the heavenly Jerusalem at the end of time. Already now, the Church sings of this Jerusalem. For during Advent, we await the Savior who will appear on the Last Day to take all into "the new Jerusalem coming down from Heaven."

'Finally, there may be recognized a fourth Jerusalem, our souls in sanctifying grace. This city too must be adorned and prepared, for the King will want to enter. That is our present task.'

I invite and urge everyone to make a good confession this Advent, perhaps at our December 13 Advent Reconciliation Service. "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." ~Fr. John

to the parish office during office hours for more information. Mass Cards are available in the office as well.

KC MEETING—FIRST TUESDAY

December 6th, 2022

The Leadership of the Carl Keibelbeck Council #3154, Cottage Grove, Oregon invites all to join the Knights on Tuesday December 6th at 6:00pm in the church, to pray a Novena for Life. Followed by a Knights' meeting at roughly 6:20pm-6:30pm. All Knights are highly encouraged to attend so we may discuss the upcoming Christmas dinner and other projects.

ROSARY AT SPB

Wednesdays at 6:30pm: a Rosary will be prayed for the grace of discernment concerning the mission of the community in Creswell and St. Philip Benizi Church as it relates to the wider mission of the whole parish.

DECEMBER 8TH

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

This great solemnity on which we celebrate the mystery of Mary's having been conceived free from original sin is a

Holy Day of Obligation, i.e. all Catholics are bound to attend Mass. Mass times are listed in the liturgical schedule. But rather than speak of obligation, why not consider this an opportunity. It's not so much that we have to attend Mass on a holy day but that we get to attend Mass, the greatest thing this side of Heaven! Anyone who, for some reason other than sickness and frailty, foresees that they cannot fulfill the obligation may request a dispensation from their parish priest, who will usually suggest some other prayer or work of piety.

AVE MARIA ROSARY GROUP

Meets and prays the rosary on Thursday, December 8th at 2:00pm at OLPH.

FRIDAY HOLY HOUR AT SPB - 6:30PM

Come and spend some time with the Lord in the Tabernacle. Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Quiet Time & Eucharistic Devotions.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE FEAST

December 12th

Come and celebrate this magnificent feast in honor of our Blessed Mother at St. Philip Benizi Church, Creswell.

December 4th – 11th ;6:30pm Novena prayers.

December 12th : 5:30am: Mañanitas to Our Lady followed by delicious hot chocolate, champurrado, coffee, and Mexican pastries.

5:00pm: Procession begins at Creswell Community Center, 99 South 1st Street

6:30pm: Mass (Latin, 1962 Missal) followed by a pot luck in the church hall.

FIESTA DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE

12 de diciembre

Ven y celebren esta magnífica fiesta en honor de nuestra Santísima Madre en la Iglesia St. Philip Benizi, Creswell.

4 – 11 de diciembre : 18:30 Oraciones de la novena.

12 de diciembre: 5:30: Mañanitas a Nuestra Señora seguido de delicioso chocolate caliente, champurrado, café y pastelería mexicana.

17:00: La procesión comienza en Creswell Community Center, 99 South 1st Street

18:30: Misa (Latín, Misal 1962) seguida de un pot luck en el salón de la iglesia.

APOLOGETICS: HOW TO READ THE BIBLE

Next class: December 15st, 3:30pm in the Newman Room.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION/ CONFESSION SERVICE

TUESDAY DECEMBER 13TH, 6:30PM

Visiting priests (so far Fathers Ron Nelson and Edgar Rivera) will be available to hear confessions. The service will be followed by the English traditional Mulled wine/cider and Mince Pies, perfect for a winter's evening!

SERVICIO DE CONFESIÓN/ RECONCILIACIÓN DE ADVIENTO MARTES 13 DE DICIEMBRE, 18:30

Los sacerdotes visitantes (hasta ahora los padres Ron Nelson y Edgar Rivera) estarán disponibles para escuchar confesiones. El servicio será seguido por la tradición inglesa de vino/sidra cálido especiado y Mince Pies, iperfecto para una noche de invierno!

PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER

All parishioners are invited to the annual Christmas dinner December 18th after the 10:30am Mass sponsored by the Knights of Columbus who will provide the turkeys, stuffing, potatoes and cranberry sauce. We ask that you bring your favorite Christmas side and/or dessert. This is also a call out

to those Knights who haven't attended a meeting in many months that we need your assistance and we need 8 or 9 turkeys, stuffing and cranberry sauce donated, please! Thank you all and hope to see you there!

COFFEE NEEDED AT OLPH

Donations of coffee are needed for parish activities. Please bring your donation to the Fellowship Hall when open.

DONATE POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS!

Please donate either live Poinsettias (best) or a monetary contribution. You may drop them off at the parish office during office hours or bring to the church.

CHRISTMAS CHURCH DECORATION

Sunday, December 18th after Mass. Please plan on staying after Mass to help. If we have many hands, it will make light work and go very quickly. All ages welcome and it is usually a lot of fun! Be among the first to see what the church will look like on Christmas!

MY FUTURE, MY FAITH

Advantages of a Faithful Catholic College

At most colleges today, professors will ignore and even outright reject the truths of our Catholic faith, undermining that of their students. Even Catholic colleges can be captured by false and even anti-Christian ideologies which students must either embrace or face discipline and rejection. Please check out The Cardinal Newman Society's *My Future, My Faith* which highlights benefits of a faithful Catholic college and helps families navigate the college search. One copy is available for consultation at the Faith Formation Office. Further copies can be and a video version can be found at cardinalnewmansociety.org/magazine/.

FUNERAL PLANNING

Catholic Funeral Services, owned and operated by the Archdiocese of Portland, provides helpful information on how a catholic funeral should be planned. They provide this information free of charge, whether or not one chooses to plan one's funeral through them or to be buried/interred at one of the catholic cemeteries in Portland, Happy Valley or Eugene. Leaflets entitled "Catholic Funeral Information" and "The Church and Cremation" are available in the pamphlet rack in the vestibule. If you would to know more about the Catholic Church's position on cremation, please ask at the office for a copy of "Honoring the Dead – Catholics and Cremation Today", or arrange a chat with

Father John. Clarity on funeral issues in advance helps minimize any distress that might be caused when the time comes to celebrate a funeral. The Church has a rich tradition. Our bodies are not our own for us to decide how they should be treated after death. Just as the Church has rites of initiation, so she has rituals that should be observed at the time of our departure from this life.

BEDS FOR FREEZING NIGHTS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As the cold weather sets in, it is likely that Beds For Freezing Nights will activate and set up our parish center as a warming shelter on nights when the temperature is forecast to fall to 29°F or below. To find out more and to volunteer, please check freezingnights.com. It is an honor for our parish to host this outreach to our homeless neighbors.

PEACE IN THE WOMB CHRISTMAS CAROLING

on Saturday, December 17th

In the Christmas story, hope enters the world through the birth of a child, even in the midst of difficult circumstances. Join us as we sing carols and share this Christmas hope where it's needed most: the abortion facility right here in our community. Songbooks and hot drinks provided! Saturday December 17th, 2022 1:00pm at Planned Parenthood, 3579 Franklin Blvd, Eugene. Contact Love Billings at rosaryvigil@hotmail.com or at prolifeaction.org for more information.

PRO-LIFE REFLECTION

*From Pro-Life Reflections for Every Day
By Father Frank Pavone*

December 4

You also must be prepared, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect Him. — Matthew 24:44

The word "Advent" means "coming," and the season focuses on the coming of Christ at the end of time, and then on His first coming at Christmas.

The joy of Advent is joined by a strong warning that we must be prepared for His coming. Promoting justice and human rights is a key element of our preparation. A society that aborts its children is not prepared for the coming of Christ.

Come, Lord Jesus. May we be prepared to welcome You by welcoming all human life.

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