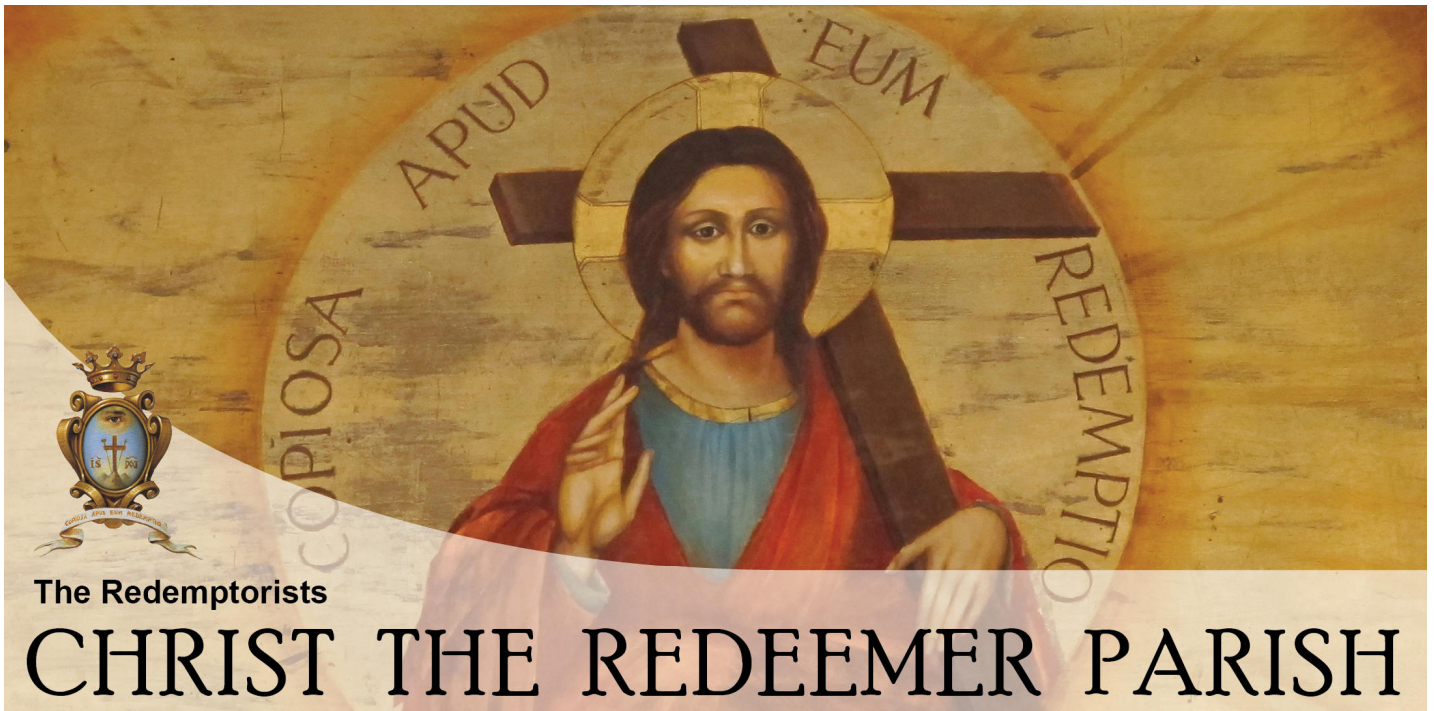


December 5, 2021

2nd Sunday of Advent



The Redemptorists

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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Sacred Heart Worship Site

SATURDAY 8:30 - 9:00 AM
(*Our Lady of Czestochowa Chapel*)

SATURDAY 4:00 - 4:45 PM

CONFESSION

(*English & Polish*)

WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY
6:30 - 7:00 PM

SATURDAY
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
4:00 - 4:50 PM

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9:30AM to 3:00PM.
Office closed on Thursdays. Saturdays and Evenings: By Appointment.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 6 (Poniedziałek) - Nicholas

- SH - 8:00AM †Zofia Kafara r/o Buratti Family
SH - 11:00AM †Andrew R. Vinchur r/o family

Tuesday, December 7 (Wtorek) - Ambrose

- SH - 8:00AM †Ilona Widerynski r/o Henry Pakosz
SH - 11:00AM †Robert Post r/o Lois & Gregg Zwerko
SH - 11:30AM OLPH Novena in English
SH - 5:30PM Religious Education Mass - All Grades
SH - 6:00PM (E) †Eugeniusz Puzio r/o cousin, Marian & family

Wednesday, December 8 (Środa)

Immaculate Conception

- SH - 11:00AM †Josephine Martinelli r/o daughter, Joann
SH - 11:30AM Exposition and Rosary
SH - 6:00PM (E) †Anna Kisaday r/o daughter, Frances & family
SH - 7:30PM OLPH Novena in Polish & Mass

Thursday, December 9 (Czwartek) \

Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

- SH - 8:00AM †Jozef Kafara r/o Ania Kleszcz
SH - 11:00AM †Jean Esock r/o children, John, Gale & Bonnie

Friday, December 10 (Piątek)

- SH - 11:00AM †Wladyslaw Rawinski r/o Joann Wolar
SH - 11:30AM Divine Mercy Devotions
SH - 7:00PM †Boleslaw Skwira r/o family

Saturday, December 11 (Sobota) - Damasus I

- SH - 8:00AM †Magdalena & Jan Chmiel r/o niece, Maria & rodzine
SH - 11:00AM †Vito J. Martinelli r/o daughter, Joann
SH - 5:00PM †Jadwiga & Andrew Terpilowski r/o daughter, granddaughter & great-granddaughter

3rd Sunday of Advent, Sunday, December 12 (Niedziela)

- SH - 6:30AM Godzinski
SH - 7:00AM †Alfred, Zygmunt & Jan Suchy r/o Wieslaw Woznicki
SH - 9:00AM †Ignacy Rogalski r/o zona, Krysia
†Andrew Wargin r/o wife, Janina
†Victor Buckovecky r/o Michele Magnani & daughter
†Ilona Widerynski r/o husband, Jerzy Health of Dianne Stennett-Toles r/o Iervolino Family
†Jennie Impellizeri r/o Natalie Day For the People of the Parish
SH - 11:30AM †Weronika Osetek r/o Kurasinski Family

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the repose of the soul of **Carmen DeBellis** at the request of David & Michael Schlenker.

The Altar Bread & Wine in Sacred Heart is consecrated this week in memory of **Jadwiga & Andrew Terpilowski** at the request of their daughter, granddaughter & great-granddaughter.



A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." - Lk 3:4

2nd Sunday of Advent

St. Ambrose shares some wisdom on our need to prepare the way and open the door for Christ. "You see that when the Word of God knocks hardest on your door, it is when his hair is wet with the dew of the night. In fact, he chooses to visit those who are in tribulation and trial, lest one of them be overwhelmed by distress. So, his head is covered with dew, with drops, when his body is laboring hard. It is important to keep watch so that when the Bridegroom comes, he is not shut out. If you are asleep and your heart is not keeping watch, he will go away without knocking; but if your heart is alert for his coming, he knocks and asks for the door to be opened to him." When life gets overwhelming and difficult and we find ourselves feeling a bit downhearted and miserable, these words can bring great comfort.

We sometimes choose to remain stuck in our uncomfortable darkness and being stuck becomes our norm. In this time of self-focus our hearts are closed to the graces and life God desires to give us. Wrapped in the robe of mourning and misery, we fail to see the mercy, justice, and love the Bridegroom wants to bring. If we take seriously the need to prepare the way for Christ and open our hearts in preparation for his visit, we can hear God's gentle voice calling us deep within. It beckons us to seek out its source and discover the inner calm and peace that can prevail over the darkness of despair. Sometimes our darkness is so dark that it may seem unsurmountable. Trusting in the spiritual friends who journey with us, and God's promise may bring a glimmer of light even when it is most difficult to keep our hearts' doors open. Sometimes, the only light in the darkness is found in trusting the faith of others both past and present.

We have to trust that God has already begun the accomplishment of good work in us and that humanity is on an incredible journey to something wonderful and awesome. God is not done. When we open the doors of our hearts, straighten the paths of our lives, and prepare the way, Jesus can come with God's simple gifts of peace, grace, and joy. Life throws a great deal at us. It is easy to get tired and confused. We have to train our hearts to keep watch, discern what is of value, and forge ahead. Not allowing ourselves to become so weighed down by things and brought out of focus is a tremendous goal to achieve this Advent season. God is knocking. Answer the door. You will see and understand life in ways you never thought possible before.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

To be a community of love, a family that joyfully proclaims and bears witness to the Gospel, and which serves the poor and one another.

This Week

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6

GUITAR CLASSES FOR CHILDREN - 5:15PM followed by Children's Polish Choir at 6PM.

ANNUAL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER - 6PM in the parish auditorium.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES - Christ the King School - 5:30 - 6:45PM.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED DUE TO THE HOLYDAY. In case of an emergency, please call 908-725-0072.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9

ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE - 7:30PM in Sacred Heart Church.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

CLOTHING DRIVE sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. New & gently used clothing can be dropped off at the St. John Neumann Center (on Sacred Heart grounds) from 9AM to 12Noon.

NEXT WEEKEND, DECEMBER 11 & 12

THE SECOND COLLECTION taken up after Holy Communion will be for Religious Retirement. Please be generous.

Ogłoszenia Parafialne

PONIEDZIAŁEK, 6 GRUDZIEŃ

LEKCJE GITARY - godz. 15.15; próba polskiej scholii dziecięcej - godz. 18.00.

WTOREK, 7 GRUDZIEŃ

KATECHEZA - Christ the King School - 5:30-6:45PM.

SOBOTA, 11 GRUDZIEŃ

"ZBIÓRKA ODZIEŻY", sponsorowa na przez Rycerzy Kolumba. Odzież, tekstylia, zabawki - wypchane zwierzaki, itp. można dostarczać do budynku Św. Jana Neumana (czerwony budynek przy parkingu), przy kościele Najświętszego Serca Pana Jezusa od 9:00 am - 12:00 pm.

NIEDZALA, 12 GRUDZIEŃ

DRUGA SKŁADKA, po Komunii świętej, będzie przeznaczona na Religious Retirement. Prosimy o ofiarność!

HOLY FAMILY FEAST DAY

On Sunday, December 26, 2021 we will be celebrating all milestone wedding anniversaries, i.e., 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, etc... with a special blessing at the 9:00AM Mass. Please call the parish office and let us know if you would like to participate.

UROCZYSTOŚĆ ŚWIĘTEJ RODZINY

W Piątek, 26 grudnia na Mszy św. o godz. 9.00AM (w języku angielskim) oraz o godz 11:30AM (w języku polskim) będziemy celebrować jubileusze małżeństwa. Zainteresowanych udziałem w tych uroczystościach prosimy o zgłoszenie się do biura.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Tuesday, December 7th - Children's Advent Retreat - Christ the King School—5:30PM.

Prayers for Vocations Ministry

Will there be a priest for you when you really need one? This question has been nagging us for decades.

Since the year 2007, in response to an initiative by Bishop Paul Bootkoski, parishioners in Manville and elsewhere have been participating in a ministry of regularly praying for vocations to the priesthood and other forms of religious life. Being part of this program simply involves a commitment to pray on a specific day of each month asking God to grant an increase in the number of faithful to commit to become a priest, deacon, or other religious. The form of prayer is not specified, it is up to the participant. It can be a simple Our Father, Hail Mary, a Rosary, or participating in the Holy Mass, as one wishes. It is only asked that a prayer be made for the intention of an increase in vocations. Your prayer can be said at home, during work, or in the church if you are so inclined, and it can be in English, Spanish, Polish, or any other language, Heaven will understand.

You have probably noticed in the parish bulletin, the names of those who have committed to this program. This list has been maintained since the beginning of 2008 but due to the turmoil of life, it is now obsolete. People have moved on to other parishes, or to Sacred Heart or other cemeteries, i.e., hopefully to Heaven. We need to create a new list for our weekly list to be relevant and useful. We are asking you to consider being part of this simple program by signing up to add your name to the list.

A signup calendar is in the foyer along with post-it strips. Please write your name on one and attach it to the day you like.



If any of the following items pertain to you or your family, please check the appropriate box in front of the listed item. This information will be a great help to us. You may tear off the form and deposit in the collection basket or mail it to the Parish Office. Your cooperation in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Fr. Stan

- New in Parish and would like to register
- Change of address
- Request Collection Envelopes
- Moving out of Parish
- Need Information – Please CALL
- New Telephone Number: _____
- Family Member (Name: _____) is ill:
 - At Home
 - In the Hospital: Room #: _____
 - Would like to receive Holy Communion

Your name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____



Pierogi are on sale at the parish office during regular office hours and can be ordered on the website.

Potato w/cheddar cheese—\$10

Potato w/farmers cheese—\$12



Oplatek (Christmas wafers) are available at the parish office for \$3 per package during regular business hours.

Oplątki na Wigilię Bożego Narodzenia, do nabycia w Biurze Parafialnym, w cenie \$3 za paczkę, w godzinach urzędowania.

The Christ the Redeemer collection for: the weekend of November 21, 2021

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| Offertory | \$ | 4,877.00 |
| Mail-Ins | \$ | 3,655.00 |
| Children's Donations | \$ | 33.00 |
| Total | \$ | 8,565.00 |

Works of Mercy Campaign \$ 1,458.00

the weekend of November 28, 2021

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| Offertory | \$ | 4,837.00 |
| Mail-Ins | \$ | 1,270.00 |
| Children's Donations | \$ | 90.00 |
| Diocesan Assessment | \$ | 2,310.00 |
| On-line Giving | \$ | 4,498.00 |
| Total | \$ | 13,005.00 |

Thank you for your generosity and support. May God bless you. Fr. Stan

"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value..." (Philippians 1:9-10)

During the Christmas shopping season it is easy to get caught up in the frenzy of buying gifts. But, is that "gift" truly an expression of your love for the other person. Or, are you just fulfilling your "obligation" to give them something? To grow in friendship with someone, you need to spend time with them, learn what is of value to them. Maybe this year, buy less "stuff" and spend more time with those you love.

OUR CHILDREN'S GIFTS TO CHRIST THE REDEEMER PARISH

My Good Deed was when I:

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| helped my dad at his work. | Vivien |
| helped my mom with shopping. | Eric |
| helped my mom clean. | Olivia |
| helped with the leaves. | Nicholas |
| helped take care of my puppy. | Abigail |
| did my doggy chores. | Megan |
| helped my brother. | David |
| cleaned my room & listened to my parents. | Benjamin |
| helped my granmom clean. | Jacob |
| helped my mom take care of my baby brother. | Julia |
| took a friend to WalMart with my mom. | Evalise |
| cleaned my room. | Megan & Benjamin |
| helped my mom decorate for Christmas. | Abby |
| helped mom clean the closet. | Vivien |
| helped do the laundry. | Eric |
| helped the family decorate the Christmas tree. | Olivia |
| put my toys away. | Maya |
| helped my teacher. | David |
| put the utensils away. | Julia |
| took care of my baby cousin. | Sarah |
| helped my mom when she was sick. | Emma |
| was good in school. | Nicholas |
| fixed flags at the cemetery. | Kyle |
| prayed for my cousin. | Logan |



We ask you for your prayers for the health of those in need, especially:

Edwina Andreyko, Toni Antonelli, Evelyn Appenzeller, Cheryl Argento, John Bartley, Thelma Bartus, Jean Batula, Elizabeth Bednarczyk, Harold Bok, Shawn Brickley, Denise Buanano, Lorraine Burkoski, Marylou & Jason Cebula, Luke Chartowich, Palo Cizmar, Allison Collins, Kaiden Crothwer, Bill and Denise Davidson, Dolores DeFazio, Marge Demski, Brenda DuBois, Mary Evancho, Maureen Femiano, Lou Fischer, Kathryn, Debbie, Madison & Michael Fisne, Valerie Frank, Nancy Franklin, Karter Fridlund, Marian Gano, Ethel Gargiulo, Helen Gazo, Helen Gilmore, Dorothy Gluch, Robert Goffredo, Christopher Gregor, Dolores Hart, Frank Honkisz, Maryann Hughes, Marge Iarkowski, Maria Ingot, Raul Jaime, Stanley Jasinski, Kim Jenkins, Dennis Koslowski, Ed Kawalchuk, Theresa Kraska, Wiktoria Lach, Rita Lagasse, Ken Lake, Janice Lalley, Donna Lawler, Ann Marie Lazor-Shapiro, Judy Lentzsch, Antoinette Leotti, Cheyenne Liccardi, Rachel Lukacs, Jerry Mamola, Quaid Mobus, Alexander Monto, Ed Nawracaj, Mai Nguyen, Hunter Norz, Ned Panfile, Barbara Pankowski, Brian, Robert & John Parlier, Andrzej & Wanda Paszuda, Barbara Perone, Steven Pirello, Mary Poltarek, Joseph G. & Mark Pschar, Carolyn Puia, Steve Quintana, Chelsea Rivard, Laura Rodaman, Marie Rogusky, Jerry Russell, Jr., Dolores Serra, Cindi Shandor, Michael Sheehan, Irene Shelcusky, Pat Sherwood, Eric Slaughter, Charlotte Snow, Joe Sokoloski, Albert Stanski, Gertrude Szczecina, Michelle Tranter, Helen Turiano, David Urban, Frances & Barry Viola, Irena Walczak, Ramona Walsh, Mark Waugh, Cindy Weigel, Cathy Wildgust, Raymond Wisniewski, Brett Wood, Rose Zakszewski, Michael Zamorsky, Margaret & Mark Zujkowski, Maria Zurawiecki and Regina Zydalis.

God of all consolation give life and health to our sisters and brothers for whom we pray in your Holy Name. Amen.



Our Men and Women in the Service

Please pray for all of our men and women serving in the Armed forces, especially

Airman Thomas Caswell

SPC Christopher Elsen

PFC Joshua Hussey

Lieutenant Colonel James A. Jablonski Jr.

Master Sergeant Kimberly Kaminski USAF

Airman Michael Edward Kassick III

Captain

John Limyansky USAF

First Sergeant Jeff Morella USMC

SR Jerry Lee Rogalski

Commander Peter G. Rybski, Jr.

PFC Steven Ubry

Staff Sergeant Lindsay Zaccardi USAF

Let us know if you have a family member who is serving in the military and we will acknowledge them in our weekly bulletin. Please share the good news with us when one of the above soldiers returns home!

The Knights of Columbus Saint Jude Council # 6573



Council Meeting: Held monthly on the 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 pm; Saint John Neumann Center.

Recruiting: Catholic men 18⁺ are invited to reach out to Chester Makowski (chester.makowski@gmail.com) or approach any of the brother knights.

Clothing Drive: December 11th - 9AM—12 Noon church grounds.

Bible Study: Prayerful study and discussion of the Book of Isaiah will take place on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. at the Saint John Neumann Center. All are welcome to join.

Facebook updates provided at <https://www.facebook.com/kofc6573biblestudy/>



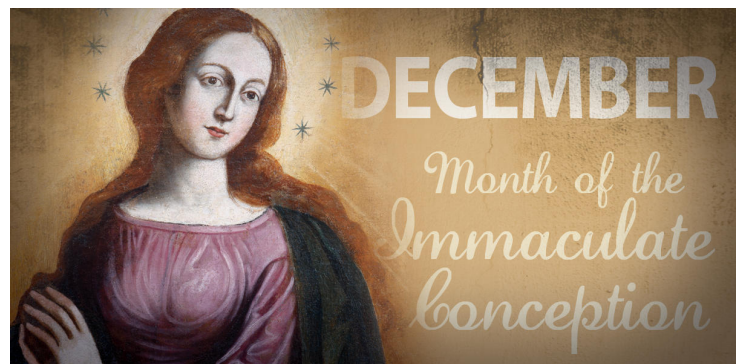
The Altar Rosary Society Christmas Party will be on **December 13th 6:00PM** in the auditorium. Call the office to r.s.v.p.

The next Altar Rosary Society Mass will be said on **December 12th at 9:00AM - 8:30AM Rosary.**

The next **FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS** to Our Lady of Fatima will take place on **January 1st at 11:30AM.**



Thank you for your continued support of Caritas. The Caritas Team collects food **every week** at the church. Needed items: Spaghetti Sauce, Soup, Cereal, Macaroni and Cheese, Dried Potato Mixes, Rice, Canned Meat-Ham, Tuna, Chicken, Canned Fruit, Peanut Butter and Jelly. The Caritas Team also collect monetary donations and on-line through our church website.



Please visit our parish website:

www.ctrmanville.com

up-to-date information, schedules, church bulletins, pictures from parish events and much more...

Be sure to check out our video reflections on the Sunday Readings each week. This week Linda Cavaluzzo will be presenting the reflections and next week Barbara Porter will be the presenter.

Have parish newsletter delivered to your email. Sign up for our newsletter on the website.

Readings for the Week of December 5, 2021

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 [cf. Is 40:10ab]/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

The daily Scripture references are printed here. If you find it helpful and have internet access, you can find the complete Daily Scripture Readings at <http://www.usccb.org/nab/>.

Weekly Vocation Prayer Schedule

Sunday: Edwina Andreyko
Monday: Helen Tomko
Tuesday: The Drurys
Wednesday: Becky Dinsmore
Thursday: Maximilian Czajka
Friday: Kelly Baccarini
Saturday: Josephine Pschar

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Sometimes, especially when life gets overwhelming and difficult, we can find ourselves feeling a bit downhearted and miserable. Wallowing in this uncomfortable darkness seems to be our norm and it's difficult to see a way out of, or through, this experience. If we listen carefully enough, we will hear God's voice calling out deep within, beckoning us to seek out its source and discover the inner calm and peace that can prevail over the darkness of despair. Faith tells us that God has already begun the creation of a good work in us and is with us, bringing it to completion, until Christ Jesus comes again. It is this light of God's glory for which we are asked to pave the way and straighten the paths of our lives so that it can shine. With all that life can ask of us and bring to us, it is our task to constantly discern what is of value. So that we do not get so weighed down by things that we no longer see, or feel, God's salvation.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question:

With Christmas fast approaching, can you give me some practical tips to prepare myself and my family that will help us stay grounded in what this holiday is really about? With all the commercialism, it's easy to stray.

Answer:

Happy times and events bring fond memories and a renewed sense of love and kinship with others. The anticipation is half the joy of the event itself. The coming of the Lord is that kind of event that people have been looking forward to for generations with fervent hope and desire. It gave them strength and courage as they waited for the coming of the Lord.

We know that Christmas is rushed. Sales begin in August and carols blare long before the season begins. Everyone laments the commercial aspects of the season, but as Advent begins, do something to help you be more mindful of the Lord's coming. Use an Advent wreath, or enthrone the Bible prominently, or read the readings from the Bible assigned to each day. Postpone the tree and decorations until closer to Christmas. Establish new family rituals, customs and prayers that help remind everyone that we are preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Fasting, daily Mass, a special celebration of reconciliation, reaching out to those alienated from family or society, and visiting the homebound manifest the love of the Christ Child and the Holy Family. Resist the temptation to rush the season. In his own time and in his own way, God will come. Our task is simply to be watchful and ready.