



An Angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them. Luke 2:8-9

Advent & Christmas 2024

Dear Friends:

As we begin the holy season of Advent, we prepare to celebrate the fulfillment of God's greatest promise to us: our God's complete immersion in our world in the person of Jesus, to be with us, teach us, comfort us, walk with us, and ultimately, save us.

He promises to never leave our side. He promises to forgive us every time we fail, to pick us up and comfort us in ways that only He can. God promises to guide us, inspire us and transform us, to grace us with everything we need to live a holy, loving, God-centered life. Through Jesus, God promises to save us from death --- as well as from every little "death" we encounter along the way. We have a God we can depend on more than anyone else, in ways we can't even imagine.

Advent is just beginning. We await the fulfillment of God's incredible promise fully realized in the gift of his Son. There's nothing that could show us more powerfully how much God loves us and will do for us. As we journey these four weeks of Advent together, may we also be able to keep our promise to God: to endeavor to become the loving and compassionate people He created us to be.

Thank you for all your love and your support of the mission of Saint Benedict Parish at Saint Francis Xavier Church. As always, I pray for you and your loved ones during this Advent season.

Prayerfully yours,

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2024 Advent/Christmas Mass Schedule:

November 24: Christ the King/Thanksgiving Mass 10:30 am
December 1 - December 22: Sunday Advent Masses 10:30 am
December 24: Christmas Eve Vigil 7:00 pm
December 25: Christmas Day Mass 10:30 am
January 1, 2025: New Year's Day Mass 10:30 am

