

HELP YOUR PARISH*share the perfect gift***THIS ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS**

WEEKLY BULLETIN AND SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

First Sunday of Advent

As we begin this season of Advent, our parish and others across the Archdiocese of Washington are encouraging our parishioners to help others to find the perfect gift of Jesus Christ. You can do this by inviting family, friends, neighbors, or coworkers who are not currently practicing their faith to join us for Mass and other experiences of parish community. To find Advent and Christmas resources, volunteer opportunities, and reflections, visit FindthePerfectGift.org.

Second Sunday of Advent

Advent is a time when many of us are preparing our homes to gather with family and friends. We play our favorite Christmas music, make seasonal meals and desserts, and practice traditions and rituals from our childhood. Keep Christ at the center of your celebration in these simple ways: include Christian songs in your Christmas playlist, say grace before meals and let people offer intentions, and incorporate a moment of prayer and reflection into your family's traditions. Then share with others how you celebrate the perfect gift of God's love by going to FindthePerfectGift.org/traditions and posting on social media with #ADWPerfectGift

Third Sunday of Advent

Happy Gaudete (or Rejoice) Sunday! As we receive the perfect gift of Jesus at Mass we are filled with a joy that demands to be shared. This Advent challenge yourself to share the Perfect Gift of Jesus with someone in our life who may be searching for meaning or friendship. Invite your family and friends to our parish Advent and Christmas community celebrations, so that together we may grow closer to the source of all joy: Jesus Christ. To find Advent and Christmas resources, volunteer opportunities, and reflections, visit FindthePerfectGift.org.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Is there someone in your life who has been away from Church for a while or may not have a place or loving community in which to celebrate Christmas? Christmas Mass is a beautiful moment to

reconnect to the Catholic faith and many people are waiting for a personal invitation from someone like you! Visit FindthePerfectGift.org to find Advent and Christmas resources, volunteer opportunities, and reflections.

Christmas Day

Is today the last day of the Christmas season, or the first? While storefronts and radio stations might be ready to move on us Catholics continue to celebrate the joyful news of the birth of our Savior! Keep your tree up, the lights on, and share joy with family and friends. Tell those who see your persistent Christmas spirit about the joy of celebrating the entire Christmas season; and invite them to celebrate the feast of the Epiphany with you! Find inspiration and see how others are celebrating across the Archdiocese of Washington at FindthePerfectGift.org.

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

This Sunday we continue the celebration of the Christmas season, by celebrating Mary, the Mother of God whose "yes" allowed Jesus to come into the world. How might you imitate Mary's openness to God and motherly care of His son? Consider inviting others to experience the joy of being Catholic and walking with them in Christian friendship. Find inspiration to continue to celebrate the season at FindThePerfectGift.org.

The Epiphany of the Lord

This week we celebrate the final day of the Christmas season with the Feast of the Epiphany. The story of the three Magi who bring Jesus gifts ends with the phrase, "they returned home another way." This is a reminder to us that when we encounter Jesus we are always called to conversion, to change our lives and share the good news of Jesus who changed us. What gifts do you have? How might you share them with Jesus, His Church, and the world? Visit our parish website to learn more about opportunities for weekly prayer and ways to get more involved in our community.

