

# *Advent Reflections*

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Advent gives us a chance to reflect on the two comings of Jesus Christ. The first is the coming of the Christ Child at Christmas in the manger in Bethlehem. The second is the awaiting of the second coming of Christ when he will return in all his Glory.

The first we reenact each year; the second we await in faith and live every day to the fullest in his love. We are Blessed because we know of Jesus Christ and we are Blessed because we see him with the eyes of our faith.

Yet Advent is a time to take inventory of our lives. When we go to Shop & Shop or Shop Rite late at night, there is usually someone taking inventory of what sold during the day or what needs to be stocked up for the next day. Advent is a time to take inventory of our heart and soul's blessings and look at things in our life that need to be corrected. Usually we only need a tweaking or an adjustment, but we need to take inventory, we need to examine ourselves and our relationships with God and others.

This Advent should not pass without us preparing our hearts for our Savior and never ever taking a moment for granted. This way we will be Blessed to see Christ Our Savior with his light shining in our hearts.

*Prayer: Lord Show me the light of the Star which led three Wise Men to you so I may see clearly the plan you have in my life. Help me to see the light of Christ in others so I may share that light with everyone that you bring into my life.*

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**Reading 1**      [IS 11:1-10](#)

On that day,  
A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse,  
and from his roots a bud shall blossom.  
The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him:  
a Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,  
A Spirit of counsel and of strength,  
a Spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD,  
and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD.  
Not by appearance shall he judge,  
nor by hearsay shall he decide,  
But he shall judge the poor with justice,  
and decide aright for the land's afflicted.  
He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked.  
Justice shall be the band around his waist,  
and faithfulness a belt upon his hips.

Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb,  
and the leopard shall lie down with the kid;  
The calf and the young lion shall browse together,  
with a little child to guide them.  
The cow and the bear shall be neighbors,  
together their young shall rest;  
the lion shall eat hay like the ox.  
The baby shall play by the cobra's den,  
and the child lay his hand on the adder's lair.  
There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain;  
for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD,  
as water covers the sea.

On that day,

The root of Jesse,  
set up as a signal for the nations,  
The Gentiles shall seek out,  
for his dwelling shall be glorious.

**Responsorial Psalm**     [PS 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17](#)

R.(see 7) **Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.**

O God, with your judgment endow the king,  
and with your justice, the king's son;  
He shall govern your people with justice  
and your afflicted ones with judgment.

R. **Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.**

Justice shall flower in his days,  
and profound peace, till the moon be no more.  
May he rule from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

R. **Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.**

He shall rescue the poor when he cries out,  
and the afflicted when he has no one to help him.  
He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor;  
the lives of the poor he shall save.

R. **Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.**

May his name be blessed forever;  
as long as the sun his name shall remain.  
In him shall all the tribes of the earth be blessed;  
all the nations shall proclaim his happiness.

R. **Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.**

**Alleluia**

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Behold, our Lord shall come with power;  
he will enlighten the eyes of his servants.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel**     [LK 10:21-24](#)

Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said,  
"I give you praise, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,  
for although you have hidden these things  
from the wise and the learned  
you have revealed them to the childlike.  
Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will.  
All things have been handed over to me by my Father.  
No one knows who the Son is except the Father,

and who the Father is except the Son  
and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him."

Turning to the disciples in private he said,  
"Blessed are the eyes that see what you see.  
For I say to you,  
many prophets and kings desired to see what you see,  
but did not see it,  
and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it."