

My Dear Parish Family,

Today we enter the Holy Season of Advent and we enter a new year for our Church. The Church's new year begins the First Sunday in Advent. With a new year many people make resolutions for many temporal things to improve. Why not do the same at the beginning of our new year in the Church for the things that matter most, our life with God.



There is a longing in the human heart that desires deeper union with our Lord and He wants this to come about. Advent is a time of preparation; a time to make things new so that our hearts will be ready for our Lord's first coming and ultimately be prepared for His Second. We prepare for so many things in this world and we dedicate enormous amounts of time to accomplish them, what about the great gift that keeps on giving, a life with Christ?

The Sacrament of Confession is one of the best ways to prepare for His Coming not only at Christmas, but also for eternity.

This week our young people will be making their First Confessions at both Mary of the Immaculate Conception and St. Michael's. Please pray for them that they will be dedicated to this Sacrament all the days of their lives. It is one of the best gifts given to us by Jesus Christ Himself and it is neglected so much today.

On Wednesday December 3rd there will be a Penance Service at Mary of the Immaculate Conception for all Parishioners beginning at 7PM. Our children will be making their First Confession at that time as well. On Thursday December 4th at St. Michael's the children will be making their First Confession.

On Sunday December 14th at 2PM, at St. Michael's will be the Penance Service for the entire Parish. There will also be special times scheduled throughout the Advent Season at both Parishes in addition to the Saturday times.

May this Advent Season be a special time to grow in deeper holiness. As we just finished celebrating the Thanksgiving holiday in our Country, there is no better way to give thanksgiving to God than a heart so on fire for Him at every moment of our lives.

May God Bless you and Mary keep you,

Fr. Christopher Coman