

FAITH COMMUNIQUE

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ADVENT! What a wonderful season!! It is time to prepare for the arrival of our SAVIOR Jesus Christ. How wonderful our God is! We are given ample time to prepare our hearts to celebrate His miraculous birth. There are so many ways that we can do this; but it seems to me that we are given an ideal opportunity to prepare our souls (that private place where He resides within us) for His magnificent birth.

Just as we prepare our homes for special guests, we need to prepare our souls for His coming. The first thing we would do is “clean” our homes for important guests. So, we need to “clean” our souls, and the only way I know to do that is to go to confession. We should take time to read the daily readings and spend more time in personal prayer. Make a conscious effort to talk to the Lord about all things that may be troubling you at the time. Our faith grows as we learn to be open to God and His work in our hearts. Allow the Holy Spirit to open your hearts as you pray. Then, we can focus on our daily readings, prayers, and other preparations that we need to do to welcome our wonderful Savior into our hearts. In so doing, we can concentrate on the Religious and most important plans for the ADVENT season. The rest of the “materialistic habits” of the season can be set aside.

Christmas will come, whether we are prepared or not, but in truth, the most important preparations we can do, are those which open our hearts and souls to welcome the birth of our wonderful Savior, Jesus Christ. Be encouraged to sing the wonderful hymns which welcome His birth; O Holy Night, Silent Night, O come O come Emmanuel, or O come all ye faithful! The HYMNS that proclaim His miraculous birth are like prayers put to music.

Let us all make this ADVENT season a time to prepare our hearts for the birth of our Savior. Then..... Sleep in Heavenly Peace!!

Wishing you all a Blessed Christmas and a wonderful New Year.