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ADVENT - THE NEW YEAR

December 1st this year marks the beginning of the new liturgical calendar and the beginning of Advent...a time set aside for Christians to prepare for the coming of Christ. As we get busy with lists, shopping, baking, traveling, donating our time & talents, etc., the season of Advent is God calling us to draw into Him, to let Him love us, and to know that we have already received the best gift ever...the promise of eternal life in Heaven with Him.

If you feel yourself being overwhelmed with the world's ideas of what the next 24 days are about, remember where Christ is always...in our churches, in the tabernacles, all over the world. We don't genuflect & kneel for no apparent reason in Catholic churches, we do it because the little candle in the church by the tabernacle tells us that He is present, His body and blood, under the appearance of bread and wine. So come to the Church, even if for a few minutes, to sit in the quiet and let the Lord speak to your heart. There are several times a week that there is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, including during Religious Education classes, from 6:30-7:30pm on Wednesdays. All are welcome! Even if there is not a scheduled Adoration time, know that you can still come to the Church to pray.

There is a song that comes to mind as I am writing this and I can imagine God speaking to us...

"I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear.

You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice,
be still and know I am here.

I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see.

In the shadows of the night, I will be your light,
come and rest in me.

Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.

Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine."

Have a blessed and safe Advent season!

"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire!" ~ St. Catherine of Siena