



## First Sunday of Advent



WEEK OF NOVEMBER 30, 2025



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## *Celebrating Our Faithful Altar Servers*

Altar servers at Holy Spirit Parish received a blessing from *Father Carlos* on November 16, 2025. Our altar servers play a vital role in helping the liturgy run smoothly and prayerfully each week. With reverence and quiet dedication, they assist the priest at the altar, prepare the sacred vessels, carry the cross and candles, and help set the tone of worship for the entire assembly.

Their service is not only a gift to the parish but also a meaningful way for young people to grow in faith, leadership, and responsibility. We are grateful for their commitment and encourage other youth who feel called to this ministry to consider joining our wonderful team of altar servers.



## Our Mission

United in the Holy Spirit, we are a multicultural community celebrating Mass in four languages as we strive to live humility, gentleness, patience, bearing one another through love, striving to preserve unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body, one spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God.  
-Ephesians 4:1-6

Stewardship is a way of life, and the diversity of our gifts is used to answer Christ's call to proclaim and live the Gospel.

Gather in God's Name!  
Grow in God's Time!  
Go in God's Spirit!

## Mass Times & Confessions

(check weekly schedules inside for holiday times and weekly changes to Mass)

**Vigil:** Saturday at 5:00p | Spanish 7:00p

### Sunday Masses

8:30a | 10:30a | 12:30p Spanish  
2:30p Swahili | 6:00p Chuukese (1st Sunday)  
8:00p Spanish

### Weekday Masses (in chapel):

Monday 9:00a  
Wednesday thru Friday 9:00a  
Wednesday 7:00p (Spanish)  
1st Friday (alternating months - see weekly schedule)

### Confessions:

Saturday 3:00p to 4:45p (Main church)  
Wednesday 6:00p to 6:45p (chapel)

**Vigil:** Saturday at 5:30p

### Sunday Masses:

9:00a | 11:30a | 5:30p

### Weekday Masses:

Monday & Wednesday at 9:00a  
Thursday at 6:30p  
1st Friday at 9:00a (alternating months - see weekly schedule)  
1st Friday Spanish at 7:30p

### Word & Communion/Liturgy of the Hours:

Tuesday & Friday at 9:00a

### Confessions:

Saturday 4:00p to 5:00p

## Office Hours

(check weekly schedules for changes)

Monday to Friday 8:00a to 5:00p  
Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday - Closed

Tuesday to Friday 9:00a to 4:00p  
Saturday from 10:00a to 3:00p  
Sunday & Monday - Closed



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## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH FAMILY



Holy Spirit  
PARISH

Please call 253-859-0444 for times.

### **Sunday, November 30**

Adult Faith Formation  
Centro Rendu  
Choir Rehearsal (Swahili) - 12:00 pm  
Rosary (Spanish)  
Sacramental Preparation  
Swahili Community - 4:30 pm  
Confirmation - 6:30 pm

### **Monday, December 1**

Bible Study (Spanish) - 10:00 am  
Grandparent Bible Study (Spanish) - 10 am  
Food Pantry - 1:00 pm  
Centro Rendu - 3:00 pm  
Confirmation - 6:30 pm  
Small Christian Communities - 7:00 pm  
Partners in the Gospel PFAC

### **Tuesday, December 2**

Rosary - 12:00 pm  
Choir Rehearsal (Spanish) - 12:30 pm  
Terrific Tuesday Meals - 5:30 pm  
Alpha - 6:30 pm  
Small Christian Community - 7:00 pm  
Adult Confirmation

### **Wednesday, December 3**

Cursillos (Spanish) - 2:00 pm  
Knights of Columbus Golf Committee - 6:00 pm  
RCIA/OCIA - 6:30 pm  
Bible Study  
Rosary (English & Spanish)  
Young Adult Group (Spanish)

### **Thursday, December 4**

Holy Hour for Vocations - 10:00 am  
Celebracion Guadalupana Dance Practice - 5:30 pm  
Young Adult Core Team (Spanish)  
Apologetics Bible Study (Spanish)  
Centro Rendu - 7:00 pm  
Adult Confirmation (Spanish)  
Small Christian Community

### **Friday, December 5**

Swahili Community Choir Retreat - 9:00 am  
Grupo de Oración - 7:00 pm  
Base Ecclesial Groups (Spanish) - 7:00 pm  
Bible Study Communities  
Divine Mercy

### **Saturday, December 6**

Swahili Community Choir Retreat - 9:00 am  
Sacramental Preparation - 9:00 am or 12:30 pm  
Choir Rehearsal (7:00 pm Spanish) - 7:00 pm  
Small Christian Communities - 7:00 pm



### **Sunday, November 30**

Mass - 9:00 am  
Children's Liturgy of the Word - 9:00 am Mass  
Mass - 11:30 am  
Mass - 5:30 pm

### **Monday, December 1**

Mostly Yoga - 8:00 am  
Mass - 9:00 am  
Hispanic Choir Practice - 6:00 pm  
Knights of Columbus Social - 6:00 pm  
Choir (9:00 am Sunday) Practice - 7:00 pm  
Spanish Charismatic Group - 7:00 pm

### **Tuesday, December 2**

Word & Communion/Liturgy of Hours - 9:00 am  
Safe Car Team Meeting - 2:00 pm  
Life, Justice, & Peace Meeting - 3:00 pm  
WICS - 6:00 pm  
Confirmation Phase 2 - 6:30 pm  
Grupo de Oracion - 7:00 pm

### **Wednesday, December 3**

Mass - 9:00 am  
Backpack Buddies Setup in Youth Room - 9:30 am  
Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena - 6:00 pm  
First Reconciliation - 6:30 pm  
Middle School Night - 6:30 pm  
Choir (Truthful Reign) Practice - 7:00 pm

### **Thursday, December 4**

Mostly Yoga - 8:00 am  
Adult Faith Formation Committee Meeting - 11:00 am  
Weekly Walking Group - 11:00 am  
Creation Care Team Meeting - 1:00 pm  
La Hora Santa - 3:00 pm  
Folklore Dance - 5:30 pm  
Mass - 6:30 pm  
Young Adult Night - 6:30 pm  
Azteca Dance Practice Para Guadalupe - 7:00 pm  
OCIA - 7:00 pm  
Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena - 7:15 pm

### **Friday, December 5**

First Friday Mass at SJTB - 9:00 am  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 9:45 am  
Choir (Filipino) Practice - 7:00 pm  
La Misa en Español - 7:30 pm  
Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena - 8:30 pm  
Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 9:00 pm

### **Saturday, December 6**

Advent Retreat - 9:00 am  
Multilingual Living Rosary - 3:15 pm  
Reconciliation - 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm  
Mass - 5:30 pm  
Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena - 6:45 pm

## Please Pray for

those who are **sick**:

**Ricky Collette**  
**Bruce Willard**

and those who have **died**:

All those names written in the  
Book of the Dead

## Sharing God's Gifts

Live your faith, give joyfully, and help our parish thrive. Stewardship lets us joyfully share our blessings, and your pledge supports our parish's mission and ministries. Remember, everything you give of your time, talent, and treasure will combine with what others give to build our future as a parish. Your gifts pay our staff, maintain our facilities, and supply our liturgies, faith formation, and justice and evangelization programs.



Check out our Annual Report on the front of our [web page](#) to see the impact of your generosity. Our goal remains at \$1M to cover our expenses for 2026-2027. As of November 25, our pledges total **\$649,833** from 291 of our 1200 registered families, 65% of our goal!



**Thank you** for being part of this journey of faith and generosity.

Make your pledge online by clicking or scanning the QR code or visiting our website at [sjtbcc.org](https://sjtbcc.org).

We also kindly ask you to consider St. John the Baptist in your estate planning. Your generosity helps sustain our parish mission for generations to come.

## A Special Invitation to Serve at Mass



Thank you to everyone who responded to the call to serve as a Eucharistic Minister (EM). We are pleased to share that eight individuals have stepped forward, with most serving at the 9:00 am Sunday Mass. These ministers will receive training in time to serve at the Christmas Masses.

We are still in **need of EMs for the Saturday 5:30 pm Mass, as well as the Sunday 11:30 am and 5:30 pm Masses**. Please prayerfully consider this ministry as you discern how to share your time and talents in stewardship. Your service is greatly appreciated.

## NO Children's Liturgy of the Word on November 30.



## Help Fill Hearts and Stock The Store



Santa's helpers - led by our chief elves, **Mary Hammock** and **Kathy Kernan** - are gearing up to launch Santa's workshop any day now. Soon, all the lovingly prepared gifts will make their way to the **Giving Tree Store** on December 21. On that joyful day,

families from our St. John the Baptist community, many of whom feared Christmas might not happen for them this year, will be invited to shop for toys and gifts for their entire family.

If Christmas feels overwhelming or hopeless this year, and you need a little help with gifts for your children, we warmly invite you to stop by the narthex, fill out a form, and drop it in the offering box.

This year, the Giving Tree team is excited to bring back two long-time favorites that weren't available last year: queen-size blankets and laundry detergent. Of course, we hope to offer the ever-popular essentials - socks, underwear, PJs, pants, tops, coats for kids (infant through adult 2XL), and a wide variety of toys. Take advantage of Black Friday sales to shop for these items! Tags will be available in the narthex beginning November 29 and will remain there until a few days before the store opens.

But two elves can't make Christmas happen on their own - they need a whole team! They are looking for more elves to:

- Help families shop at the Giving Tree Store on December 21.
- Move gifts from under the tree to the closet near the nursery after all Masses.
- Transfer items from the closet to the McMullen Center each Monday.
- Sort, set up, restock, and clean up the store on December 21.



If you can give of your time to bring joy and big smiles to families this Christmas, please scan the QR code to the left or you can also sign up at [sjtbcc.org](https://sjtbcc.org). Thank you!



## These Are Our Gifts

Partners Reports Available Online

If you missed the visual report included with the bulletin last weekend, or would like to spend more time with it, you can read the report on our parish website in English and Spanish. You'll also find a link there to a full written summary report with more detail about the themes that emerged.

Visit: [sjtbcc.org/what-are-our-gifts/](https://sjtbcc.org/what-are-our-gifts/)

## First Friday Masses at St. John the Baptist for December 5

Family 30 Mass in English, 9:00 am  
Misa en Español, 7:00 pm





## Support Neighbors in Need Donate a Storage Unit

Our *St. Vincent de Paul ministry* at St. John the Baptist (SJTB) works tirelessly to help our community - keeping families from eviction, providing the hungry with bags of food, recycling furniture (especially beds), and so much more. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we receive many offers of furniture and other items.



However, our storage space at SJTB is limited. We are exploring the possibility of renting a storage unit in Kent to safely store donations and provide them to neighbors when the need arises.

If you have a storage unit with a reputable company that is not being used, please consider donating it to support our mission. Your contribution will directly help neighbors in need.

If you can donate a unit or have leads, please contact **Pat Defiesta** at [patd@SVDPSSeattle.org](mailto:patd@SVDPSSeattle.org).


Thank you for helping us make a difference!



## Fighting Weekend Hunger

On behalf of the *Backpack Buddies Ministry*, thank you for your generous support and faithful partnership. Because of your compassion, we have been able to provide over 380 weekend meal bags to students at Covington Elementary - children who might otherwise face hunger when school meals are unavailable. Your kindness is a powerful reminder of what it means to care for our neighbors. Each donation, prayer, and act of service helps us live out our mission to love others as Christ loves us. You are truly making a difference in the lives of these students and their families. Thank you for being a blessing to this ministry. If you have any questions, please contact **Andrea Shimek** in the parish office.

Ways to support the *Backpack Buddies Ministry*:

- Shop our Amazon wish list (search “**2025-2026 Backpack Buddies for Covington Elementary**”) by clicking  [Amazon](#), or by scanning the QR code. Items can be shipped directly to the parish office.
- Use your preferred online retailer and have your items shipped directly to the parish office.
- Purchase items locally and place them in the bin by the *Life, Justice, and Peace* table in the narthex or bring them to the parish office.
- Monetary donations. Write all checks out to “St. John the Baptist Catholic Church”.



**This week, we need granola bars, shelf-stable milk, popcorn, and BOXES (not single serve cups) of Macaroni and Cheese. Needs change every week**, so be sure to check our weekly bulletins for items needed for that particular week.

## Holiday Season Pancake Breakfast

Sunday December 14th

10:00 – 11:30 am



Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage, Biscuit & Gravy

All Proceeds Will Support

**The Archdiocese of Seattle Seminarians**  
(Our Next Generation of Priests)

Adults: \$10 | Youth 6-16: \$5 | Children 5 and Under: Free

## Multi Lingual Rosary

Everyone is invited to a multilingual living rosary following the *Advent Retreat* on **December 6, 2025 at 3:15 pm.**



We are looking for volunteers to lead decades of the rosary. If you are fluent in **English, Spanish, Swahili, Tagalog, Chuukese, or any other language** and would like to lead a decade, please contact [rosem@sjtbcc.org](mailto:rosem@sjtbcc.org) or [kathyw@sjtbcc.org](mailto:kathyw@sjtbcc.org) with your name and language. If we have enough volunteers, each person will represent a “bead” on the rosary.

Join us in this beautiful, prayerful tradition! All ages are welcome. Say “Amen” in the language you pray.

## Honoring the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Quilt

**Father Carlos** and the *Liturgy Commission* have determined that the time has come to retire the 25th Anniversary quilt that has been hanging in the nave. It was removed on Wednesday, November 26, 2025.



To honor the parishioners who contributed their time and talent to create the quilt in 2016, the Liturgy Commission is planning a commemoration ceremony sometime in the next two months. **If you, or someone you know, helped assemble the quilt, please contact Laurie Moloney in the parish office.** We will share the date of the ceremony once it is set.

The quilt will be professionally cleaned and then stored or displayed in a suitable location to preserve this cherished piece of our parish history.

## Your Voice, Your Bulletin!



This bulletin is created to serve you. To help us improve future editions, we'd love your feedback:

- What information would you like to see included?
- Do you have suggestions for future cover photos?

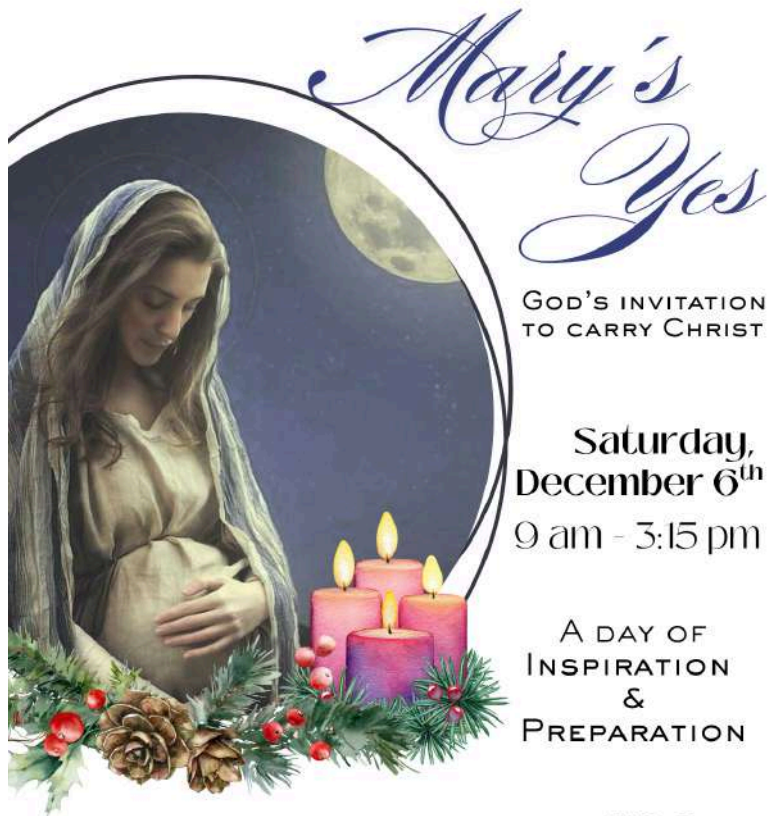
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# St. John the Baptist provided 426 Thanksgiving meals to 13 organizations last weekend

The outpouring of donations and the able hands of the following 52 volunteers led to a speedy delivery of our national feast, to the glory of our generous God.  
Thank you all for your stewardship!

Mary M-J, Margie B, Diane S, Lyn J, Tom H, Joanne A, Mary H, Jim & Pat C., Renee H, Paul & Rowlyn C, Jo D, Elisa, Rachel & Siera A, Nicky M.W., Wariolaski, Annette - Bevs, Cha, Lynee, Chris, Cruz, Lovelyn, Kiam, Kristian, Lanna, Art & Susan K, Kathryn K, Janet & Gregg, Danny & Chris, Clara & Ingrid, Carol H, Melissa B, Peter & Deirdre, Rachel H, Alex, Danny, Justin, Chris D, Dylan H, Tom P, Mandy E, Bash, Natalia P, Roberta & Dan, Joan S, Curtis + Cecile S, Ben P, Jose Z, Oats R., Myke S, Pat & Angel A, and Sabah J.

And of course we have our amazing organizers, Debbie Poirier and Tina Reeves to thank, and the willing hands of Cub Scout Troop 506 (named above), and St. Vincent de Paul for caring for our neighbors so well.



GOD'S INVITATION  
TO CARRY CHRIST

Saturday,  
December 6<sup>th</sup>  
9 am - 3:15 pm

A DAY OF  
INSPIRATION  
&  
PREPARATION

FAMILY 30  
ADVENT RETREAT  
 

Please register by Wednesday,  
December 3 so we can plan  
food and small groups.





# Christmas



## SOCKS, GLOVES AND BLANKET DRIVE

COLLECTING  
AFTER EACH MASS AT  
HOLY SPIRIT &  
ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH

NOVEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup> & 30<sup>TH</sup>  
&  
DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> & 7<sup>TH</sup>



SPONSORED BY THE  
CONFIRMATION  
TEENS

## A Reminder for our Generous Community



Please refrain from leaving  
donations of clothing,  
religious items, flyers, and  
other material in the narthex  
until you receive approval  
from the office.

We hope to maintain a clean  
and welcoming space for all  
who come to worship.



# ADVENT & *Christmas at Parish Family 30*



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## OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

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### December 3 - 12

See additional flyer in the narthex  
for a detailed schedule

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## DECEMBER

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### 12/5: First Friday

9:00 AM, Mass, SJTB

9:30 AM - 4:00 PM, Adoration, SJTB

### 12/5: First Friday Mass in Spanish

7:30 PM, SJTB

### 12/6: Family 30 Advent Retreat

9:00 AM - 3:15 PM, SJTB

### 12/6: Advent Reconciliation Service

10:00 AM, Holy Spirit, English

### 12/6: Multi-Language Rosary

3:15 - 4:00 PM, SJTB

### 12/8: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception - Holy Day of Obligation

9:00 AM, Mass, Holy Spirit, English

6:30 PM, Mass, SJTB, English

7:00 PM, Mass, Holy Spirit, Spanish

### 12/6: Reconciliation Service, English

10:00 AM, Holy Spirit

### 12/13: Reconciliation Service, Spanish

10:00 AM, Holy Spirit



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## DECEMBER continued

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### 12/13: Advent Reconciliation Service

10 AM, Holy Spirit, Spanish

### 12/14: KoC Pancake Breakfast

9:30 - 11:30 AM, Holy Spirit

### 12/14: KoC Pancake Breakfast

10:00 - 11:30 AM, SJTB

### 12/20: Advent Reconciliation Service

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM, SJTB

### 12/20 Simbang Gabi

5:00 PM Mass, Holy Spirit

5:30 PM Mass, SJTB

In lieu of a reception, following the  
Mass there will be to go boxes of  
Filipino food provided by the  
Fil-Am community of St. John the Baptist.



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## JANUARY

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### 1/1: Solemnity of Mary the Most Holy Mother of God - Holy Day of Obligation

10:00 AM, Mass, Holy Spirit, English

6:00 PM, Mass, SJTB, English

7:30 PM, Mass, Holy Spirit, Spanish

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## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

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For more information about how you can help the  
many ministries in Family 30 contact:

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### 11/22 - 12/21, Giving Tree at Holy Spirit

Pick up a tag, purchase, and return the gift

### 11/29 - 12/14, Giving Tree at St. John

Pick up a tag, purchase, and return the gift

### 11/29 - 12/7, Sock, Glove, & Blanket Drive

Drop-off donations of new warm items at Holy  
Spirit or St. John the Baptist, organized by the  
Confirmation Youth of Family 30.

### 12/21: Giving Tree Store, McMullen MPR

*Volunteers needed*

9:00 - 11:30 AM, Setup

12:30 - 7:00 PM, Guests Shopping

7:00 - 9:00 PM, Cleanup





# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

O house of Jacob, come,  
let us walk in the light of the LORD! (Isa 2:5)

### Psalm:

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord. (Ps 122)

### Second Reading:

You know the time;  
it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep.  
For our salvation is nearer now than when  
we first believed. (Rom 13:11)

### Gospel:

"So too, you also must be prepared,  
for at an hour you do not expect,  
the Son of Man will come." (Mt 24:44)

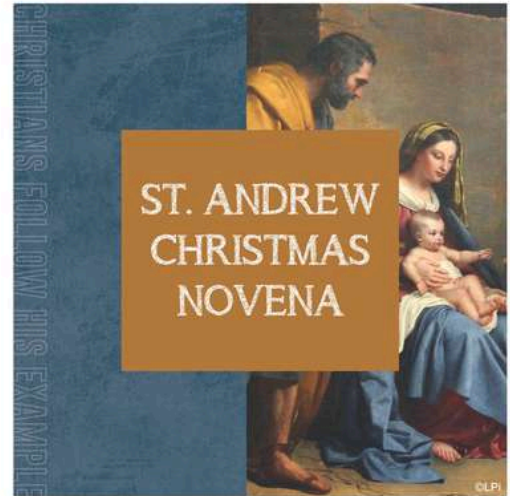
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"You do not know on which day your Lord will come," Jesus says. He is reminding us that we do not know the mind of God. But we do know the heart of God, and we know that it is filled with mercy for those who heed the warning: Stay awake!

## Observances for the week of November 30, 2025

- Sunday:** 1st Sunday of Advent; Respect Life Sunday  
**Wednesday:** St. Francis Xavier, Priest  
**Thursday:** St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church  
**Saturday:** St. Nicholas, Bishop  
**Next Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Advent



## Devotions, *Explained!*

The St. Andrew Christmas novena is a prayer said from Nov. 30 through Christmas Eve. St. Andrew was the first disciple of Christ, and in saying this prayer Christians follow his example of prescient faithfulness throughout the days of Advent.

## Prayer for Advent - Arise

Bless God's Holy Name!  
Prepare our hearts for Your coming, Lord.  
Awaken them from any places that have become sleepy or despondent.  
Inspire us with new visions.  
Be with us as we climb closer to You.  
Amen.

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