

# One Family in Mission

Called to Evangelize



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## AT-A-GLANCE... December's Stewardship Resources for your Parish

### December 3<sup>rd</sup> – First Sunday of Advent

*Bulletin Reflection:* In today's Gospel, Jesus warns us to always be vigilant in our spiritual life.

*Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Formation:* This week, put Jesus' warning into practice in your life—make time to go to confession and prepare yourself for this Advent season.

*General Intercession:* That those who have been away from the Church may return this Advent season. We pray to the Lord...

### December 10<sup>th</sup> – Second Sunday of Advent

*Bulletin Reflection:* In today's Gospel, we are introduced to John the Baptist who came and proclaimed the coming of Jesus Christ.

*Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Prayer:* As Catholics, we are called to proclaim Jesus Christ to others as St. John the Baptist did. We should use the talents and gifts God has given us to draw others to Him. Pray to God to show you how you are called to invite people to grow closer to Him.

*General Intercession:* For our parish, that we may grow closer to the Lord this Advent. We pray to the Lord...

### December 17<sup>th</sup> – Third Sunday of Advent

*Bulletin Reflection:* "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus."

*Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Hospitality:* As Christmas approaches, do not become stressed out with shopping, cooking and preparing—rejoice in God's love for us and deepen your prayer life.

*General Intercession:* For peace in the Holy Land. Let us give thanks to the Lord...

### December 24<sup>th</sup> – Fourth Sunday of Advent

*Bulletin Reflection:* Jesus came into the world to die for us.

*Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Service:* This Christmas, be at service to those in need. Invite a lonely friend or family member over for Christmas dinner. Perhaps, also, after Christmas dinner you can assist family and friends in cleaning up.

*General Intercession:* For all the sick in the hospital, who are celebrating Christmas away from their homes. We pray to the Lord...

### December 31<sup>st</sup> – Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

*Bulletin Reflection:* This upcoming year, let us open our hearts and minds to the Lord and let Him guide us.

*Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Prayer:* As we enter the new year, make a resolution to deepen your prayer life. Adopt a new spiritual practice, like praying the Rosary daily, attending a weekday Mass or going to confession monthly.

*General Intercession:* That our community, our country and our world may grow closer to the Lord and more compassionate to our neighbors in 2024. We pray to the Lord...