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November, 2022

**Special Dates:**

\*\*During this month we often place special significance remembering those who have passed on before us. In your parish this month have a special service to commemorate the deceased, especially who have died during the pandemic, when families could not gather together as they would have like to.

**All Saints** (November 1)

**The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed /All Soul's Day** (November 2)

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe / World Day of Youth** (November 20)

**The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary** (November 21)

**Featured Season: First Sunday of Advent** (November 27)

"Advent beings the liturgical year for the Church. The beginnings of things usually need some advance preparation, and the liturgical year is no different. One way to approach the beginnings of the Christian life is to look at Christ himself. Advent prepares the faithful through joyful waiting and hopeful expectation for Christ's coming."

"Companion to the Calendar: Second Edition" published by LTP

**Blessing an Advent Wreath:**

(Gather together to bless your wreath, this blessing can be done with 1 or 2 leaders!)

+ All begin with the sign of the cross.

Leader: It is wintertime. Days are short and nights are long.

We need the light of Christ. We need the warmth and joy of Christ. And so we gather around this wreath in hope.

Bless this wreath, as a sign to us of Jesus our Light.

The circle of this wreath reminds us of the coming of Christ, whose love for us has no end. Let us Bless the Lord.

Leader: By day and by night, and through every season,  
you watch over us, loving God.

By the light of this Advent wreath we shall wait in patience for your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. His coming comforts our fears and brings hope to our waiting world. All glory be yours, now and for ever.

All: Amen



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**Food for Thought!    The Assembly, a Community of Faith:**

**Experiencing God in Communal Worship** “We believe that Christ is present and active in the liturgy in diverse ways: in the gathered assembly, in the word proclaimed, in the presiding minister, in the eucharistic species (CSL, 7). Christ, as high priest, is the source of communication that takes place in the liturgy as the mediator from God to the community of faith, and from the community of faith to God... Through Christ in the power of the Spirit, we carry out our ministry in the assembly. Active participation in sacramental action enables us to become more Christ-like, more human. At the same time it is operative in making the church a visible sign or sacrament of Christ’s dynamic presence in the world... The community of faith is called to respond to God’s call, to live as the people of God, the body of Christ.

(Preparing for Liturgy Series / ‘Preparing the Assembly to Celebrate’ by Kim Aldi-Wanner)