

# Hope in our Lord, Jesus Christ!

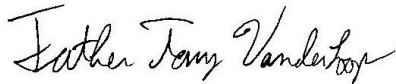
Dear Friends in Christ,

Human beings cannot live without hope. Hope is essential and we would fall into despair without it. We hear in Advent of the people of the Old Testament who had the courage to hope for big things: that the desert would be turned into fertile land; that the blind would see, the deaf hear and the lame walk; that their scattered and divided people would eventually be gathered again and united in the blessings of everlasting peace.

We and they have hoped for a Messiah whose coming in history, as a partial fulfillment of God's promises, immeasurably strengthens and confirms our hope. Jesus reveals to us that God is not far off. Rather, that he is already in our midst. So we join with John the Baptist, with Simeon and Anna, with Elizabeth and Zechariah, and with Mary and Joseph in recognizing the presence of our Savior in the world.

This Advent, we will dare to hope for big things for our parish and ourselves as we read the Archbishop's pastoral letter and imagine the possibilities of new ways that the Lord will come to us. Meanwhile, we will focus on being awake and alert for his coming through repentance and through the faithfulness that Mary and Joseph show us so profoundly. We will focus on how we can personally welcome the coming of God into our lives each day with renewed hope in His presence. He is Emmanuel – God with Us – God who searches for us and waits for us to receive Him in the Holy Eucharist that we receive at Mass. Let His search for you be successful. Come to Mass this Advent and Christmas season and our parish mission to meet the one who truly fulfills our hope. May God bless you this Advent and Christmas!

Yours in Christ,



Father Tony VanderLoop  
Pastor

## Advent and Christmas Calendar

Advent Penance Service	4:00 PM	Sunday, December 4 <sup>th</sup>	@ Guardian Angels
Memorial of Saint Nicholas Mass	5:30 PM	Tuesday, December 6 <sup>th</sup>	@ Saint Nicholas
Mass of The Immaculate Conception	12:00 PM	Thursday, December 8 <sup>th</sup>	@ Guardian Angels
Mass of The Immaculate Conception (bilingual)	7:00 PM	Thursday, December 8 <sup>th</sup>	@ Guardian Angels
Mass of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Spanish)	7:00 PM	Monday, December 12 <sup>th</sup>	@ Guardian Angels
Advent Penance Service for Faith Formation	6:00 PM	Wednesday, December 14 <sup>th</sup>	@ Guardian Angels
Masses of the Nativity of our Lord (Christmas Masses)	4:00 PM	Saturday, December 24 <sup>th</sup>	@ Guardian Angels
	10:00 PM	Saturday, December 24 <sup>th</sup>	@ Guardian Angels
	9:00 AM	Sunday, December 25 <sup>th</sup>	@ Guardian Angels
	9:00 AM	Sunday, December 25 <sup>th</sup>	@ Saint Nicholas
	11:00 AM	Sunday, December 25 <sup>th</sup>	@ Guardian Angels

Masses of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Regular Saturday and Sunday Mass Schedule

Masses of the Epiphany of Our Lord

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