



**SAINT ALOYSIUS**  
CHURCH AND SCHOOL

December 12, 2021 - Third Sunday of Advent

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

The Parish and Religious Education offices are open Monday through Friday from 8:30am until 3:30pm.

**Mass Schedule** - Mass Schedule - Live stream Masses will continue to be available through our website.

Monday through Friday: 8:30 am  
Saturday - 5:00pm  
Sunday - 7:00 am, 8:30 am and 10:30am

The Church will be open Monday through Friday from 10:00am through 2:00pm for Private Prayer.

**Confession:** Saturday at 4:00pm in the Church or by appointment by calling the parish office.

**St. Vincent de Paul Assistance Hotline: 732-370-0098**

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**Protecting God's Children** - Making the Church a safe environment for all, particularly children and at-risk adults, is a major priority of the administration and staff of Saint Aloysius Church. Please take a look at the posters and "Safe Environment & Standards of Conduct Policy" that are posted on the bulletin board in the Gathering Space of the Church and on our website at <http://www.saintalloysiusonline.org/protecting-children>. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about how to make our church, homes and community safer, please contact Jen Petrillo at 732-370-1515 ext. 311 or [jpetrillo@saintalloysiusonline.org](mailto:jpetrillo@saintalloysiusonline.org).

**To report the sexual abuse of minors call the diocesan hotline 1-888-296-2965 or [abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org](mailto:abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org). Please note: The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities.**



Dear Parish Family-

I know Jim Guldner thanked and recounted the Turkey Drive for you in the Dec. 5 bulletin. I would like to thank Jim, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, the Knights of Columbus and our volunteers for pulling off a big effort during the pandemic. Both last year and this year they did this big undertaking with a skeletal crew and did it effortlessly. Charity makes even difficult things easy!

The Thanksgiving Turkey Drive collected a total of 375 complete dinners. Of this number the St. Vincent de Paul Society gave 133 dinners to their guests. 40 dinners went to the Jackson Food Pantry, 25 dinners were direct delivered by volunteers to guests who do not have transportation and 177 dinners went to Catholic Charities. In addition those who did not wish to shop and assemble a dinner donated \$9,100 in gift cards or cash to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Thank you to everyone who donated a Thanksgiving dinner.

Our Christmas Adopt-A-Family program has 120 families being adopted, thank you! Christmas dinner requests are at 157 and the Knights of Columbus will deliver them, thank you to the K of C Members who live out their Orders motto, Charity, Unity and Fraternity.

Two weeks ago I asked each family in the parish to prayerfully consider the proposal made by the Parish Finance Council, your fellow parishioners who oversee finances, to consider increasing your weekly offering by \$10.00 per family. The pandemic has had a negative impact on our financial condition. Before the pandemic we skated on the razor's edge financially. While we are not a poor parish, we do have a large mortgage debt totaling 4.2 Million dollars, outstanding debt of nearly \$850,000.00 of unpaid bills and will need a new roof on the new church and the old church expected to cost approximately 1 Million which will have to be in the form of another loan, further straining our finances.

The Roofing Consultant and two engineers were here on the morning of Tuesday Nov. 16. They flew drones over the two roofs. I escorted them onto the new Church roof; by the way I am afraid of heights!!! Yikes, it is steep up on the New Church Roof!!! Going up is hard but coming down is terrifying. The Consultant advised he would be bringing on two additional experts who helped solve a problem with an unusual roof system here in New Jersey. He believes he has located where the water is coming into the bathroom areas and ministry room. There is a small EPDM roof where the Standing Seam Roof comes down over the flat roof of the bathrooms. The Standing Seam Roof has no clips to hold it down at this juncture so wind lifts the metal roof like a wing and water cascading down the metal roof goes under and around the EPDM roof pouring hundreds of gallons of water into the bathroom area. He has proposed a temporary fix in this area. He agreed the standing seam roof most likely will have to be removed and replaced with a synthetic membrane; he suggested a product that will be the same color and have ridges like the metal roof. He is presently going over the data he collected and will issue a full report with estimates to fix and replace the metal roof. The old Church roof is under 20 years old however it has too many layers and when it was reroofed these layers reduced the life span of the product and will need to be stripped down to the decking and a new roof put in place.

Peace and Good – Fr. Bambrick

# We **NEED** you. Can you **HELP**?

Dear Parish Family-

Each year before Advent we usually receive requests for gifts for a Giving Tree; this year due to the Covid-19 Pandemic we received no requests. We did, however, receive a request for assistance for food from Fr. Lazarus Luyinda, the Rector of St. Mary Seminary Ggaba in Kampala Uganda. Fr. Lazarus, who usually travels to the U.S. yearly for rest and to raise some funds, has not been able to travel for 2 years due to the Pandemic.

Due to the Pandemic the students of St. Mary's are required to stay at the Seminary all year to prevent infection from Covid-19 and its variants. This has placed tremendous stress on the food supply and finances of the Seminary and they are struggling to feed the 230 students plus the priests, teachers and staff each day. The cost to provide a meal a day is 5 Million Uganda Shillings, approximately \$1300 U.S. dollars a week.

A box has been placed in front of the Statue of the Sacred Heart marked "Funds for Food for Ugandan Seminarians". Would you please consider making a donation to provide food for these young men living on the periphery of society who also live in poverty?

A check should be made out to St. Aloysius with "Funds for Food Uganda" in the memo line. Anything in an envelope should also be marked the same. They may also be mailed, dropped in the Collection or brought to the parish office.

Thank you for considering this act of Charity in the Spirit of the Christmas Season!

Peace and Good – Fr. John Bambrick



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[www.saintaloyisiusonline.org](http://www.saintaloyisiusonline.org)



### Journeying Together through the Synod

Hopefully, you have been thinking about your own experience of journeying with the Church. We can learn so much when we reflect on our own story of faith and listen to the story of others. These conversations can be a time of grace! And we believe the Lord Jesus who promised, *“For where two or more are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” Matthew 18:20*

The Synod is not an invitation to debate Church teachings. The Synod is not a time or place to create conflict or chastise the “other.” Pope Francis calls us to step away from the caustic battles of 21st century conversations; and instead to share part of our own story, listen with care to one another, and build understanding and insight.

**We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.**

**With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;**

**Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.**

**We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.**

**Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.**

**Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life**

**and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.**

**All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.**

**Amen.**

*Many thanks to George Hassler for the printing of the Synod Prayer Cards .*

#### ***Prayer to St. Michael***

Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into Hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about the world for the ruin of souls.

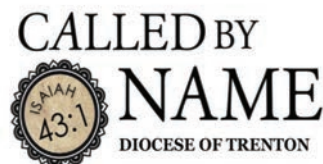
Amen

#### **PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

Lord of the Harvest, we petition you as you have instructed us to ask for more laborers to serve in the vineyard of Your Church. You have told us that the harvest is rich and laborers are few and we experience this great need in the face of the challenge of the New Evangelization.

We ask the Holy Spirit to inspire young men to seriously consider vocations to the priesthood. Help all of us to be effective instruments to encourage and support those whom you are calling to serve and lead the Church in the future.

Lord, you told the Apostles to put out into the deep. We ask for the grace and courage to accept your call as we pray and work for an increase in vocations to the priesthood. We ask this in the Name of Jesus Christ, the Great High Priest, Amen.



***MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS***

**St. Aloysius Live Stream Mass Schedule and Sunday Worship Aid**  
 via [www.SaintAloysiusOnline.org](http://www.SaintAloysiusOnline.org)

**Daily Mass 8:30am**

**Weekend Mass Schedule** Saturday 5:00pm & Sunday at 7:00 am, 8:30am and 10:30am



**Christmas Mass Schedule**

Sunday, December 26 - 7:00am, 8:30am and 10:30am

New Year's Day - Not a Holy Day of Obligation,

**NO** New Year's Eve Mass

Saturday, January 1 at 5:00pm

Sunday, January 2 at 7:00am, 8:30am and 10:30am

**December Confession Schedule**

Saturdays at 4:00pm

December 19 at 4:00pm, December 21 at 1:00pm, December 22 at 7:00pm

**Sunday, December 12, 2021**

7: 00 a.m. Parishioners  
 8:30 a.m. Bryan Broschart,  
 r/o Diane, his Mom and his  
 Brother and Sister  
 10:30 a.m. William Burns, r/o Nancy Burns

**Monday, December 13, 2021**

8:30 a.m. William R. Terhune, r/o Jennifer, Richard  
 Serafin and Family

**Tuesday, December 14, 2021**

8:30 a.m. Peter Dogas, r/o Mr. and Mrs. Silvestre

**Wednesday, December 15, 2021**

8:30 a.m. John A. Cosentino,  
 r/o Joseph and Jean Cosentino

**Thursday, December 16, 2021**

8:30 a.m. Marie Roberts, r/o Rose and John Basiak

**Friday, December 17, 2021**

8:30 a.m. Kenneth Hersom, r/o Pauline Dressler

**Saturday, December 18, 2021**

5:00 p.m. Living and Deceased Members of Liz  
 Annino, r/o Liz Annino

**Sunday, December 19, 2021**

7: 00 a.m. Parishioners  
 8:30 a.m. Bryan Corey, r/o Velda Roman  
 10:30 a.m. Otto Perlach, r/o Arlene Perlach  
 Diane Calabrisotto, r/o Jeanine Mack

**Weekly Readings**

**Monday:** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 21:23-27  
**Tuesday:** Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23; Mt 21:28-32  
**Wednesday:** Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 7:18b-23  
**Thursday:** Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30  
**Friday:** Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17  
**Saturday:** Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25  
**Sunday:** Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45



**Weekly Collection envelopes for weekend of November 20 and 21, 2021**

Offering: \$10,948.43      Assessments: \$1,444  
 Online Givers: 1010      Online Giving: 4,271.93

**ANNUAL ENROLLMENT:** Rose Hubit, James and Natalie McMahon, Tom Ferullo and the Ferullo Family, Richard Iacono, Arlene Hassler, Michael Barone, Barbara and Alice Henriques, Edward Sweeney, Bozena Lukaszewicz, Thomas Cetnar, Ameial Marie Havrilla and the Clifford and Havrilla Families, Msgr John McCarthy, Deceased Members of the Limberti Family, David Murray, Warren Leidenheimer, Teresa Brown, Richard Galati, Bob Uhlman, Virginia Bonagura, William McCarthy and Family, Boryschuk Family, Louise Jones, Alton J. Bennett, Sr., Bergen Mesko and Family, Religious Education Volunteers, Bless our Family through His love and guidance, Manny Oliveira (10 year Anniversary), Boscarino Family, Johnson Family, Joseph Simpson, Jr., Philip Yasso, Elizabeth McGovern, Kuhl, Pitkethley, Quillinan and Walters Families, Jim Kraeutler, Lorraine Patanella, Heather Ann Wol-lack, Cunningham, Jacobs, Thezan, Theodore, Jourdan, Cabrol, Duplan and Butler Families, Sophie, Anthony and Ted Wojton, Rosemary Hunter, Jean and Michael Zisa, William Campbell and Merced Loterena, Kathleen Angel, Steven Pirniak, Joseph LaScala, Kathleen Angel, John Congo and Family, Anna Profaca, Marie Roberts, John Castagna, Mark Cabrol, Robert Renode, Jr., Alice Dowling, Cheryl Dowling, Thomas Gaven, Jr., Elizabeth Guinta, Jean Day, Thoams Sullivan, Kevin McWeeney, Maria Infante, Andrew Kuminski, Spencer Callahan, Tom and Mary Kenny, Sr. Ellen Roach, Brian Sosa, Peggy Iorio, Richard Ott, Eileen Joseph Flanagan, Joyce Hansen, Mary Condreas, Antonietta Lijoi Suzanne Petrizzi, William R. Abrams, III, Barbara Margan, Stephanie Santora, Arthur O'Connell, Frances and Fehmi Emanetoghu, Evelyn Manvill, Francis Jelley, Gisele A. Tassy, Dianna DiMento, Brendan Maguire, Miriam A. Whalen, Teddy Domanski, Connie Russo-Riley, Carmela Vicidomini, Marie Pompa, Frank DeRiso, Joseph & Giz Kaleycik, Michael & Julia Podhayny, Eileen & George Graziano, Joseph Moroney, John P. Riso, Karen Foerschl, Rose Walp, Mike and Jamie Scala and Family, Joseph DePalma, John Genuard, Jr., Fortunato S. Perez, Patricia In-diveri, Manny Oliveira, Fortunato S. Perez, Manny Oliveira, Richard Iacono, Brianne Timony, Tony Caronia, John Dempsey, Linda Sokolowski, Carmela (Lina) DePinto, Stacy Marie Redish, Rose Mary Luyinda, Dora Mercedes Blanchett, Des Fitzgerald, Pat Dolan and Albert Holl, Jennie Savona, Kathleen Lauro, Anthony Lotito, Joseph Lotito, MaryAnn and Joseph Lipari, Joseph Bianco, John and Barb Davis and Family, Dominick and World World II Veter-an, Linda Alm, Frances J. Brauner, John Salvatore, Robert Halmi, Patricia O'Connor, John and Carol Bambrick & Family, Frank Jelley, John Stasny, Gina Baglivo, Jelnicki Family, Edith Lane, John Wilkins, Margaret Minge, Barbara Lenhart, Charles Vaccaro, Jr., Patricia DeCarli, Brian Rafferty, Danielle Ellis, Maureen Keough, Sharon Silverstein, Hla and Uncle Tun, Birthday and Anniversary of Lidia Perillo, Carmela Nicholson, Agnes Oleniak, Julius Witzak, Anthony Witzuk, Nellie and John Olenski, Richard Galati, Vincenzo Bisignano, Them Duong, Raoul Villanueva, Richard Dabaoul, Margaret Van Brackle, Anthony Gervasio, Phyllis A. Sheppard, Chris O'Connell, James Federico, Jack Bassi, Mary Ellen Pampilio, Nicole and Sonny Soi, Cathie Lovuola, Esther Rita Tomlinson, Marla Rae Thorn, Kristin Litterio, Anthony Giammona, Charlie Larsson, Margie Torres, Corine and Hugo Berthin, Evelyn Doerbacker, Eleanor and Emil Milano, Debbie Nunez, Stella and Charles Kwiatkowski, Nezancielle Joseph, Virginia Bonagura, Patricia Festa, Gilda Vitola, Peggy Lennan, Pam and Don Duin and Family, Agnes Brassfield, David Dimech, Libby Ruggiero, Joseph DiDomenico.

**We have many options for a long term remembrance of a loved one. Please call the Parish Secretary, Pat Mulhol-land, at the Parish Office for additional information.**

***Annual Enrollment*** – 12 Masses celebrated the 1st Friday of each month at 8:00am (\$25.00 donation for 12 Masses).

***The Gift of Bread and Wine*** – Can be offered for one week (Sunday through Saturday) for a donation of \$50.00.

***Devotional Lamps*** are silent sentinels lifting up our prayer intentions to the Lord even when we cannot be physi-cally present in the church. You can honor or remember a loved one with one of the Devotional or Shrine Candles in the Church.

***Sanctuary, Blessed Mother and Holy Family Devotional Candles*** will be lit in honor or memory of your loved one (\$25.00 donation for one week)

***Shrine Candles*** – Located at the entrance of the Church, these candles will be lit in honor or memory of your loved one and includes a label listing your loved one's name for a period of **one year** (\$250.00 donation per year).



Please remember in your prayers these friends of our Parish who have recently died. Please also pray for all the deceased members of our Parish, the Souls in Purgatory, and those who died in the Service of our Country. May they enjoy peace in new life with Christ Jesus.

**Devotional Lamps - week of December 12-18, 2021**

The Blessed Mother Lamp will burn **In Memory of Michael Seyglinski**, r/o The Bambrick Family



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE MEN AND WOMEN IN OUR ARMED FORCES ESPECIALLY:**

CPT Chris Mision  
 CPT Jason DiDomenico  
 PVT Logan Mora  
 LT Scott Maraldo  
 Capt. Zach Gould  
 SSGT Nicole Marchitto  
 RCT Patrick McBride

*You may email updates, additions of the names of your loved ones you would like included in both our Intercessory Prayer and Armed Forces Prayer lists to the Parish Office.*

**INTERCESSORY PRAYERS** *Lord of Life, you desire wholeness for your people. Be with those who ask for help. Please bring health, healing and hope to those in our community who ask for our prayers. Amen.* Vocation Awareness, Christopher Hunt, Stephen Maraldo, Donna Maglio, Brian Venables, A Special Intention, Chris Bligh, Peace on Earth, Raymond Mamazza Sr., Roger Kliemisch, Angela Hardie, Curtis Hart, Bernadette Clifford, Owen McCabe, Frank Hubit, Jodi Fletcher, Vincent Maione, Zak and Jill, Toni Martorano, Ray Perez, Brian Cassidy, Michael McGranahan, MaryAnn Pucilowski Susan Miluk, Charlotte Barnard, Melissa Couto, Barbara Sullivan, Robin Costa, Jack Collins, Judith Weaver, Theresa McGranahan, Pat Scimica, Lawrence Fitzsimmons, Carol Meltzer, Patricia Atkins, Audrey Campbell, Christine Lanzaro, Angelina Valko, Brian Daly, Marie Zimbile, Karen Cummings, Danny and Linda Paliaga, Judy Saal, Jason DiDomenico, Eric and Dick Lund, Carol Kubicka, Anthony Pelle, Jr. Charley DeMaio, Phil Wenz, Matthew Safran, Janice Pavis, William Raimondi, Kimmie Luke, Paige Luke, Pat Uber, Jill Snow, Logan Martucci, Luba Delmonte, Peggy Connelly, John Bambrick, Bertha Vihonsky, James Vihonsky, John Marsanyi, Margaret Sabo, Kaitlyn Krutulis, Christina Marie Fletcher, Laura Coyle, Danielle Ellis, Sister Margaret Smith, Ellen Harris, Margaret Matthews, Fran Baker, Ailor Family, Stephen and Kathleen Oleksy, Vinnie Gagliardi and John Scherer, Kyle Patrick Hurley, Amy Wroda. Meg Noone, Koren Dubbs, Thomas Fletcher, Joe and Lucille D'Angelo, Thomas Fletcher, Jr. and Thomas Fletcher, Sr., Lucia Novak.

**Thank you for your prayers for all those on our intercessory and armed forces prayer list.**



Welcome to our new parishioners **Joseph and Kathleen Settineri** and to **Jax McInerney** who was baptized from St. Aloysius Parish last weekend.



**Wedding Banns: Henry Turner and Nicole Necci (2)**



**The new hymnals have arrived!** *Please do not remove them from the Church.* If you would like your own personal copy, contact the parish office. Hymnals are \$25 each.



**Christmas Adopt a Family** - Thank you to all our parishioners who adopted a family. We are in the “distribution/pick up” phase of the program and the smiles we have seen from families who pick up their gifts is heartwarming. Thanks to your efforts, we have spread the Christmas Spirit across Jackson. If you adopted a family and have not yet dropped off your gifts, please contact the parish office to schedule a drop off date and time.



**Keep Christ in Christmas** magnets are available for \$5.00 each in the parish office and we also have *Oplatki* available for a good will donation.



**Weekly Collection Envelopes** - If you are newly registered, are an online giver or did not receive 2021 envelopes, no envelopes will be in the Gathering Space for you. To receive a 2022 starter set of contribution envelopes, stop into or call the parish office.



**Do you want to be a better....Catholic father? Catholic husband? Catholic man?** Join the Saint Aloysius Men’s group and take part in “That Man Is You” which provides a program of videos featuring dynamic Catholic speakers from a range of backgrounds. This year’s course, Fight of Faith, equips and enables men to engage in the cosmic, spiritual battle raging in our day. You will rediscover and reclaim your identity as a soldier, saint brother, disciple, and friend of Christ. Your cost...just one hour per week of your time. We meet Saturday mornings from 7am-8am (we start early and finish early so you don’t miss any part of your day) in the parish cafeteria. Our winter/fall semester starts on February 5<sup>th</sup>. Now is the perfect time to join or re-join TMiy! To register email David at [dfurb@aol.com](mailto:dfurb@aol.com).



**Howell-Jackson #6201 and St. Monica #11529 Knight of Columbus are hosting a blood drive on Monday, December 27 from 1pm to 7pm in the Grand Knights Room at 401 Bartley Road, Jackson.**

Appointments are strongly recommended and can be made by calling 1-877-258-4825 or by visiting [https://donor.cbsblood.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/52713](https://donor.cbsblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/52713) or by scanning the QR code featured here. All donors will receive a long sleeve shirt, via email. Donor Guidelines: All donors are required to wear a cloth based mask or face covering ° Weigh at least 110 lbs ° Eat a meal before donation ° Bring ID ° Drink plenty of water before and after donation.





Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>28</b> First Sunday of Advent I will spend a few extra minutes in prayer today.	<b>29</b> I will do my work well today and with joy for God.	<b>30</b> I will be kind in a special way to someone I do not like much.	<b>1</b> I will obey my parents, my teachers, and others in charge of me.	<b>2</b> I will work hard today and do my best.	<b>3</b> <u>St. Francis Xavier</u> I will try to show special love for someone who seems unhappy or lonely.
<b>5</b> Second Sunday of Advent I will secretly do a kind act for someone.	<b>6</b> <u>St. Nicholas</u> I will donate like-new toys and books I've outgrown to needy families.	<b>7</b> <u>St. Ambrose</u> I will be a peacemaker today in school and at home.	<b>8</b> <u>Immaculate Conception of Mary</u> I will honor Mary in a very special way today by being cheerful.	<b>9</b> I will do some work for my parents to help them rest after a day of work.	<b>10</b> I will eat more of what is good for me today and less of what is not.	<b>11</b> I will be satisfied with the things I have instead of asking my family for more.
<b>12</b> <u>Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe</u> Third Sunday of Advent I will ask Mary to help me make room for Jesus in my heart.	<b>13</b> <u>St. Lucy</u> I will find a quiet place and sit for a few minutes, just letting God love me.	<b>14</b> <u>St. John of the Cross</u> I will try to be more thoughtful of others.	<b>15</b> I will try to be patient today.	<b>16</b> I will make a special effort to be kind to those I find it hard to like.	<b>17</b> I will speak kindly to all I meet today.	<b>18</b> I will be helpful at home these last days before Jesus' birthday.
<b>19</b> Fourth Sunday of Advent I will not complain today, even if I must do things I do not want to do.	<b>20</b> I will thank God for all he gives to me.	<b>21</b> <u>St. Peter Canisius</u> I will give a smile to all I meet today.	<b>22</b> I will be grateful and thank God today for all the food I have.	<b>23</b> I will do a kind act for each member of my family.	<b>24</b> I welcome Jesus with great love and offer him all the good acts I have performed and the prayers I have said during Advent.	<b>25</b> MERRY CHRISTMAS!

ADVENT  
**2021**

*May Christ our Savior bring light into the darkness of this world, and to us, as we wait for his coming.*

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