



Daily Prayers

Monday 15th December
3rd Week of Advent:
Prayer Theme this week – JOY AND PEACE

CST Theme:
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COMMUNITY AND
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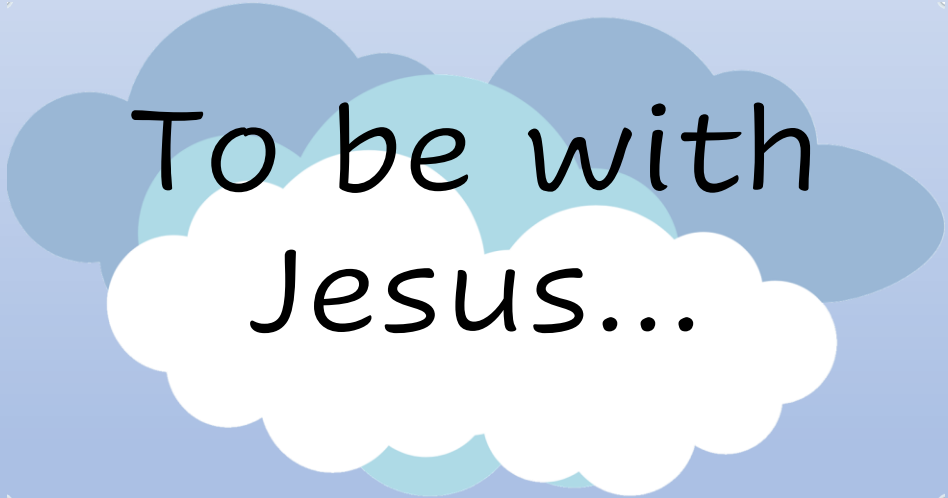
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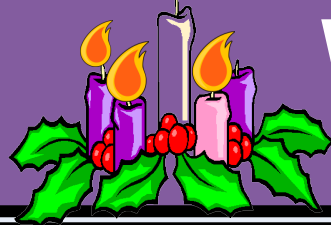
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The Gospel – Matthew 11:2-11

When John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of the Christ, he sent his disciples to Jesus with this question, “Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?”

Jesus said to them in reply, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offence at me.”

As they were going off, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John, “What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind? Then what did you go out to see? Someone dressed in fine clothing? Those who wear fine clothing are in royal palaces.

Then why did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you.

Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”



Understanding the Gospel:

This Sunday encourages us to stay hopeful.

Joy does not come from perfect circumstances but from God's presence among us. We are called to look for signs of His goodness and to wait with faith. Our joy grows as we remember that Jesus brings healing, peace, and new life to the world.

Jesus is near. His coming brings healing, justice, and peace. Even now, we can see signs of that in the world.

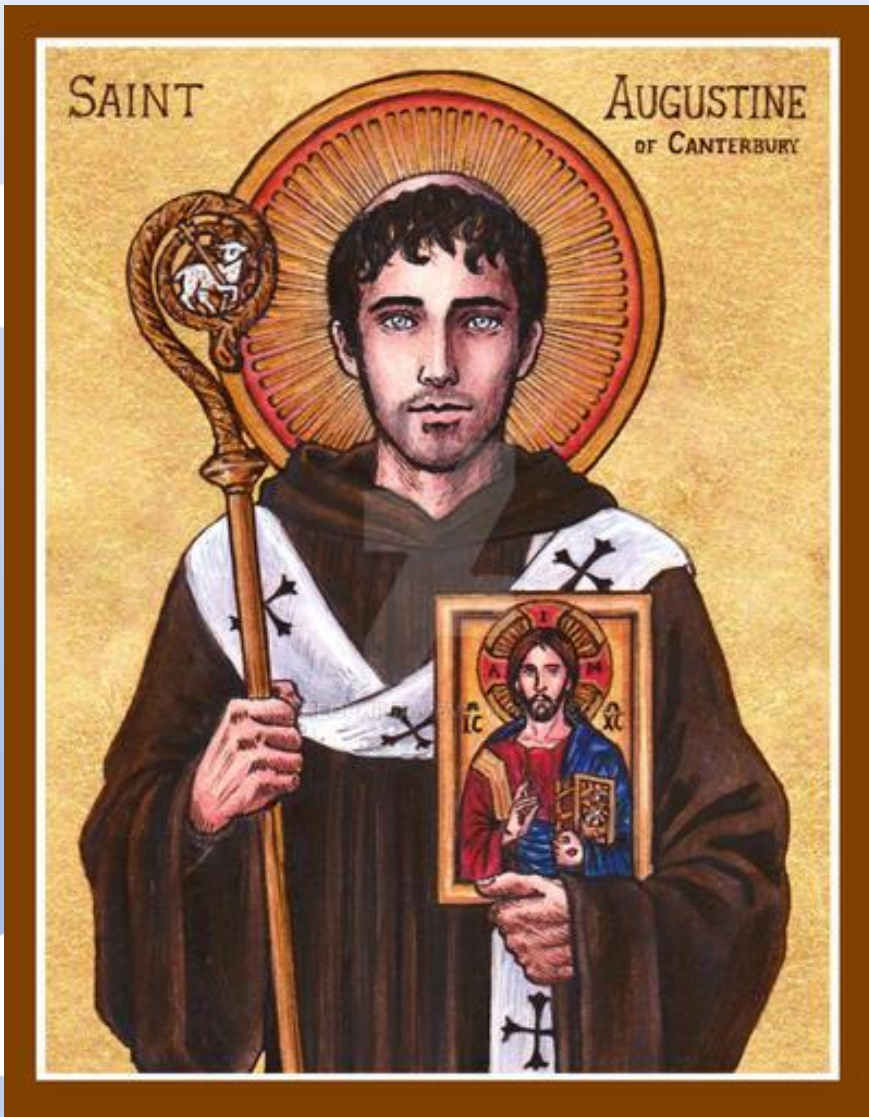


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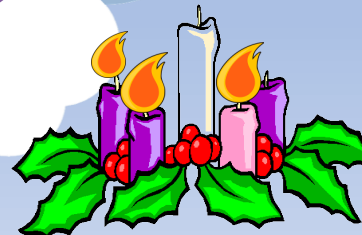
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*I wonder... how
can we bring joy
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Almighty God,
by the preaching of St
Augustine of Canterbury,
you led the people of
England to the gospel.
Grant, we pray, the grace to
love and serve through
Christ.

In imitation of our great
patron, may we do so in a
spirit of love, respect, service,
joy, and responsibility.
Amen

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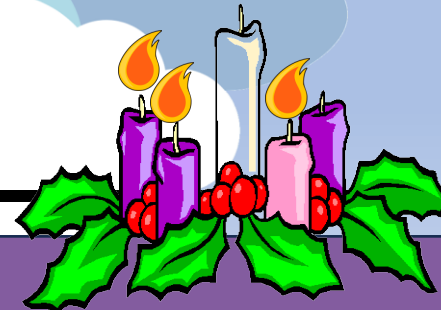
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Today's Advent Challenge:

Bring joy to someone today – give a complement to 5 different people throughout the day!



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Christmas Crib Scene Contest.



- Create your own crib scene in any way you choose - *picture or 3D model, on paper, in a shoe box - be creative!*
- Please bring your crib into school by **FRIDAY 19th DECEMBER** for our end of term Mass.
 - Every entry gets a prize and will be put on the *school and parish website*. It can be an individual or a group entry.
- Then place your crib scene in a window at home to remind others of the true meaning of Christmas.





Chaplaincy Notices

What's on this week?

Write these in your planner:

- Monday – **Faith in Action Team** – B3 - 12.40pm – bring your lunch – meet and eat! ALL ARE WELCOME!
- Tuesday – **Rosary** – 12.30pm – chapel – All welcome.
- Wednesday – **Grace Notes** –
- Bible Study with Mr Edwards – B3
- – 12.40pm



Catholic Feast days this week

Pope Blessed Urban V - 19th December

Blessed Paolo Bigoni - 21st December.

Wednesday -

- Y7, Y8 and Y9 - School Carol Service.

Friday -

- Y10 and Y11 - School Christmas Mass.
- Judging of Christmas Crib Competition.

Every Day in Chaplaincy

– you are invited to...

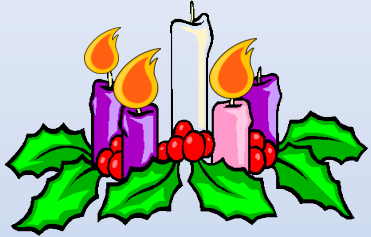
- Visit the chapel and spend time in the
- presence of Jesus / Write a prayer request/



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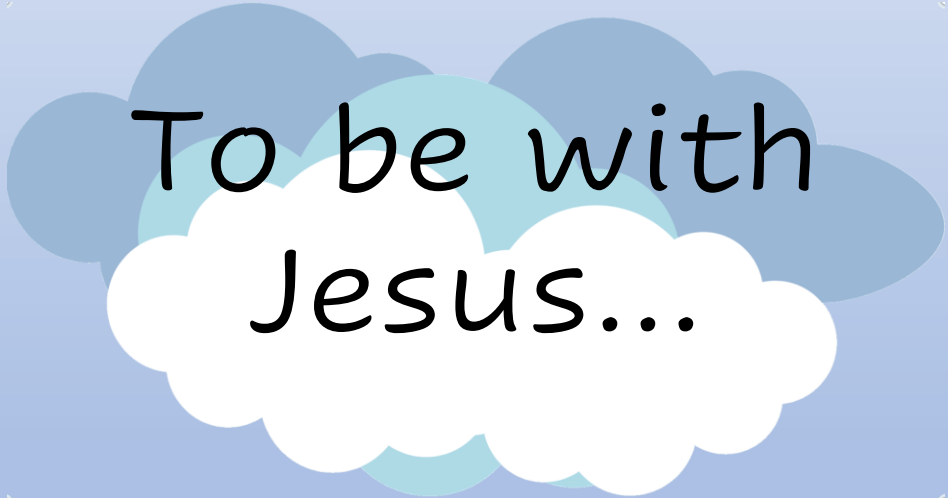
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Don't forget – it's not Christmas yet, it's Advent!

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

There is plenty of darkness in this world. It seems to get closer every day. How we decide to deal with the darkness in our lives, in the world, and in our own souls is a life-defining decision.

Jesus is the light of the world...and he calls us to bring his light to the world. During Advent, the coldest and darkest time of the year, we use the Advent wreath with four candles to represent the light of Jesus in our hearts and homes, bringing hope, love, joy and peace.

As Francis of Assisi said, "All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle."



Let us pray...

God of all seasons,
the winter months are hard
for those who cannot
escape the cold.

I cannot clothe the world,
but I can offer this prayer to
those who are without four
walls to protect them from
the season.

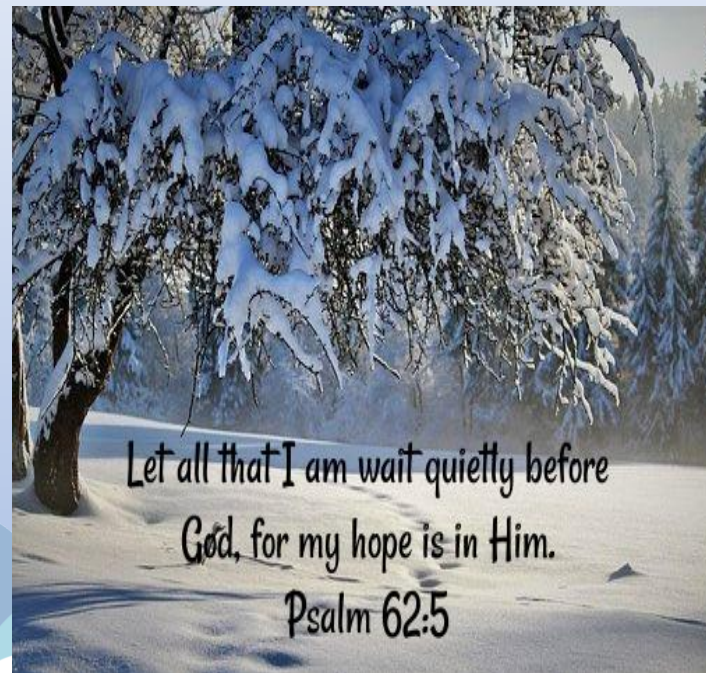
May this prayer find those
who struggle to fight the
cold, that they may feel the
warmth of your love.

Jesus wrapped his arms
around those who struggled.
Let me do my best to follow
that example.

Amen.

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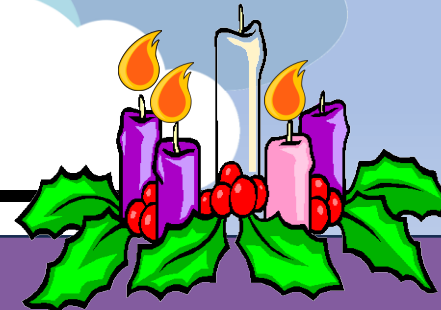


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Say thank you to someone – this could be to your teachers for the lesson they teach you today, to a friend for being kind, or to someone for helping you.



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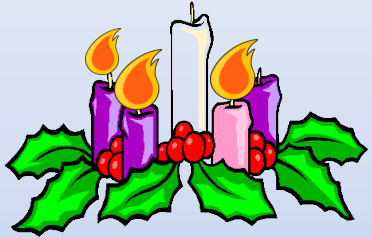
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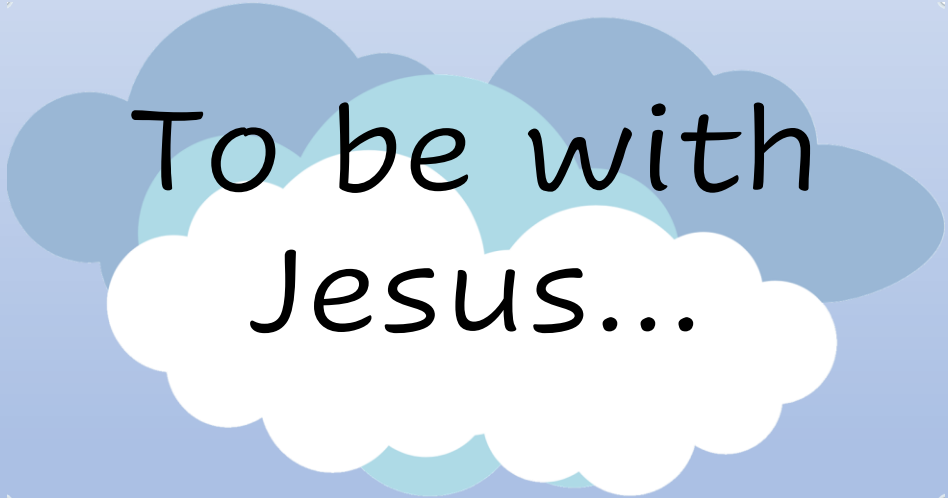
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Catholic Social Teaching

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Our Catholic Social Teaching theme this half term is –

Call to Family, Community and Participation.

- As followers of Christ, who shared his life freely with everyone, we must imitate him and build welcoming communities where all are supported, especially those in need, and where we allow ourselves to be supported too.
- This requires the involvement and effort of us all.
- A community of one person doesn't exist. It is our responsibility to participate and work together to build strong communities that benefit all.
- God calls all of us to get involved in whatever way we can to help build a better world. This might mean sharing our skills and talents, volunteering and taking part in decision making and politics.

Let us pray...



*I wonder how we
can participate in
our community
during Advent...*



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God of life,
pour out your mercy upon us
and fill us all with the living water
of your love.

Open our ears to the voices
of our brothers and sisters
and move us to work together
with them
in our shared thirst for justice.

Open our hearts to the needs of
others so we use the talents you
have given us to make a better
world as we wait to welcome
Jesus this Christmas.

We ask this through
Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

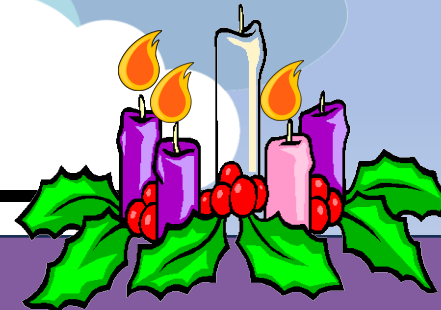
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Today's Advent Challenge:

It's the little things that count! Do something small for someone today – hold the door open, make a cup of tea, help do the dishes etc. A little goes a long way!



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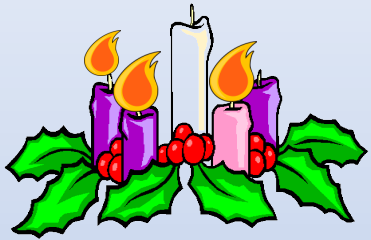
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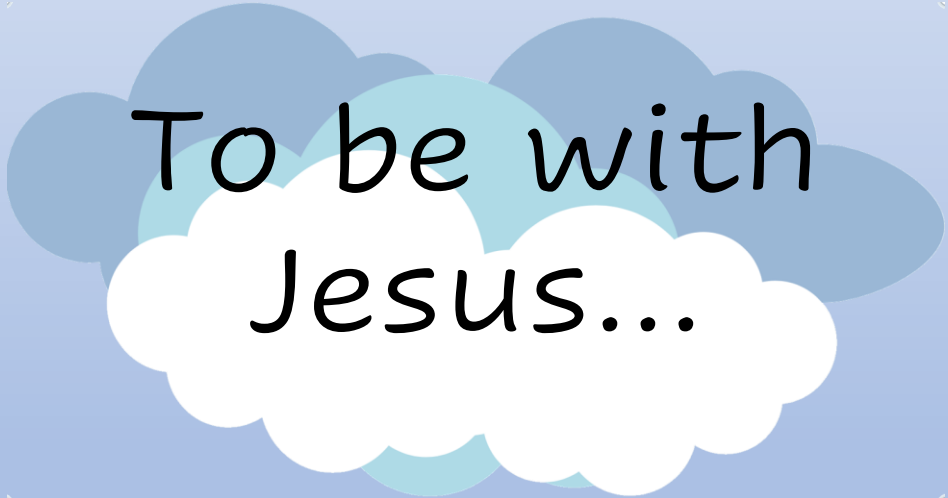
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Scripture Thursday

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Scripture of the Week:

Read the scripture →

- Take a moment to let these words from this week's gospel enter your heart...

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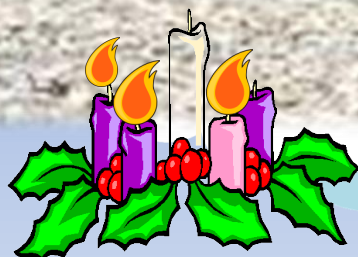
- *I wonder what God is saying to you through these words?*

Read the scripture →

- *I wonder which word you will take with you today?*

“Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk...the dead are raised...”

Matthew 11:4-5



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Let us pray...



Our Father,
Who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come,
Thy Will be done,
On earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day, our daily
bread,
And forgive us our
trespasses, as we forgive
those who trespass against
us.
And lead us not into
temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.

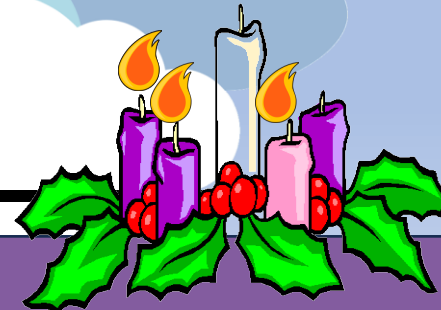
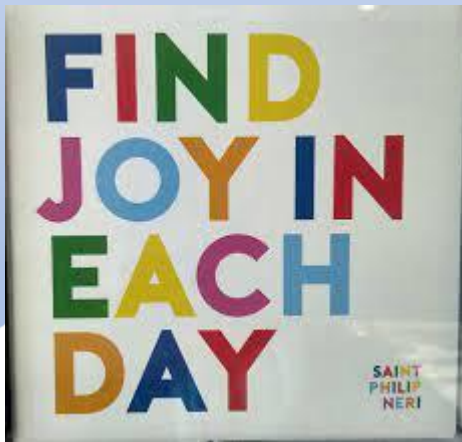
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Plan a day in the Christmas holidays to give up your time to spend with someone in your family – bring them joy!



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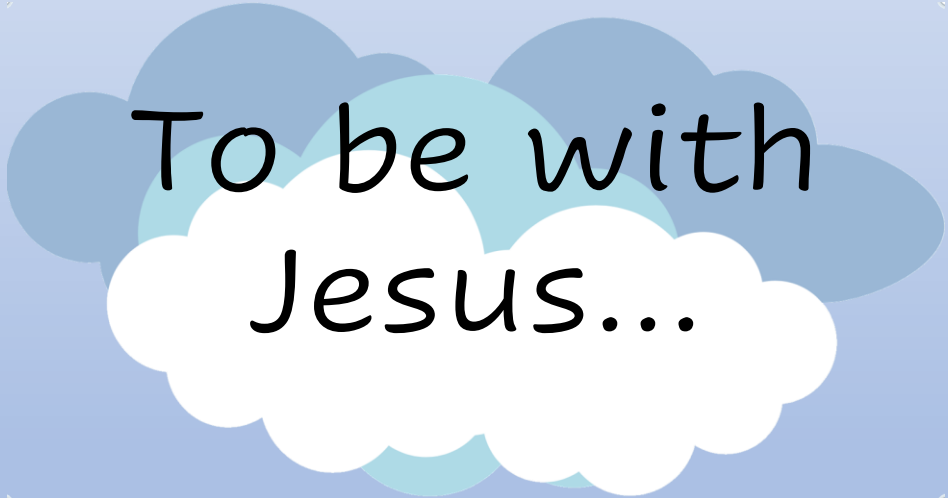
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Examen Friday

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1. As we look forward to the joy of the Christ child at Christmas where have you found joy this week?
Where have you felt God's love?



An Advent Examen

Place your hands together, you can put your head on the desk if you wish! As you listen to the music reflect on the 5 stages.

EXAMEN

1. *GIVE THANKS.*
2. *Ask for help.*
3. *Reflect.*
4. *Say Sorry.*
5. *DECIDE.*

5. Finally, prepare for the hope of Jesus Christ in your life. Ask God to bless all in your life as you prepare the way of the Lord and ask God to be with you today and every day. Remember
– YOU ARE LOVED!

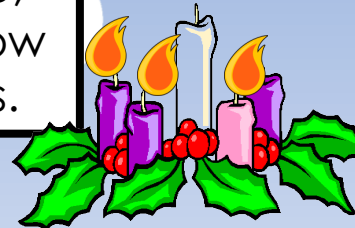
2. Now think about your week. Which gifts of kindness and blessing have you received (*thinking about the gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh brought to Jesus*)? Thank God for the gifts he has given to you this week. Which of those gifts do you bring to Jesus in gratitude?

love

3. Take a moment to reflect on the times when God was especially close to you, offering gifts of light, hope, and peace. Recognise how you felt in those moments.



4.
Now take a moment to think about the times when God seemed to be hidden. Where did you struggle to see Jesus in your life? When might you have seen the need for love and didn't bring the light of that love to others?



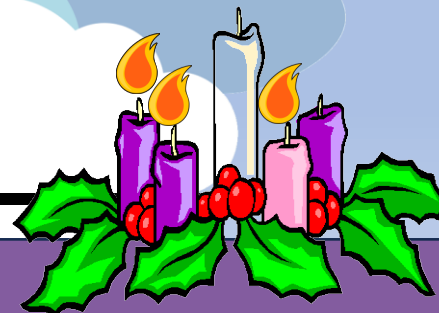
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Wish as many people as you can a very 'Merry Christmas'!
We wish everyone at St Augustine's School a safe, happy and holy Christmas and look forward to seeing you in 2026!



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