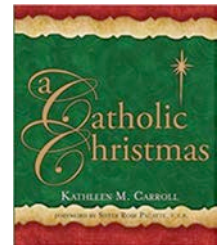
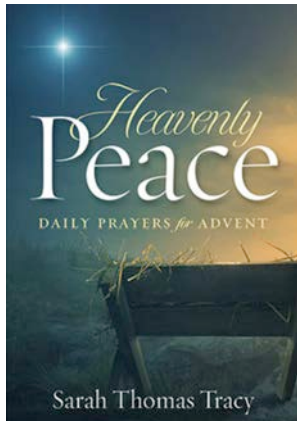


We have a large supply of Christmas Cards



OUR Greatest GIFT...
A WONDERFUL LIFE in Christ

One of our most beloved Christmas movies is *It's a Wonderful Life*. The plot of the film follows the life of one George Bailey, a resident of Bedford Falls, who enters the through good times and bad. When things get especially bad for him, George needs to smile at an angel named Clarence who gives George the chance to see what the world has been like if he would never have been born. The experience causes George to realize that life, every part of it, is precious and a gift.

If we look at the film through the eyes of a Christian, we realize that life is even more precious to us because of the birth of our Greatest Gift, Jesus. His presence in our lives makes us see all the experiences we have through new eyes that give us vision for hope.

For instance, George Bailey is shown in the review of his life that he saved his younger brother Harry from falling through the ice and drowning while building, and he prevents his boss, Mr. Gower at the pharmacy from dispensing poisonous medicine mistakenly. We are called as Christians to save the lives of others in big ways and small. We may think we are never in a position to aid people from the jaws of death, but we are always in a position, especially during the Christmas season, to reach out to those dying in their sin with the life-saving Good News that they are made alive again through the birth of Christ.

When there is a sin on the books, George and his new bride Mary are kind enough to give money intended for their honeymoon to customers of the bank. George seems so that they can get by. We are reminded as

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Preparing the WAY
Ways to Get Ready For Jesus This Advent Season

Prepare Your Home
Decorating your home inside or out with lights, candles, nativity scenes and Christmas ornaments tells all who visit you that Advent for you is about awaiting the Light of the World, the Christ Child who came to make himself at home in our lives.

Prepare Your Gifts
Much of our love during Advent involves searching for and wrapping the "perfect" gifts for friends and loved ones. But as we prepare our gifts for others, we need to keep reminding ourselves that our giving represents God's giving of the greatest Gift of all, Baby Jesus, wrapped in flesh.

Prepare Your Heart
Spending time with Scripture and in prayer during the Advent season keeps our hearts in touch with the heartbeat of God, who is loving and his love to us in Jesus Christ and assuring that we give to know his love more.

Christmas GREETINGS

There has been a lot of discussion as of late over how we should greet one another appropriately at Christmas. For us as Christians, it is not enough for us to simply say to people "Happy holidays" or "Season's greetings." We turn to the Bible for help to have to greet people with Christ centered and at this special time of year.

Hail, O favored one, The Lord is with you.

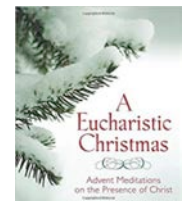
When the angel Gabriel entered this greeting to Mary, it was a message that God would be with her—literally—through the Baby Jesus she would bear. In our hollow this Christmas, why not add a "God be with you" as well, knowing that Christ is born within each of us?

Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy.

The angel met the shepherds on the Bethlehem hillsides with the invitation to behold, to really look at what God was doing, and then to have great joy, concepts we are called to convey this Christmas when we meet our near and dear ones.

Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace.

Angel voices welcomed the Baby Jesus with these words, which put the emphasis squarely on God, who alone we should glorify and who alone gives us peace. Is there a way you can share "To God be the glory" and "Peace be with you" to people today?



These and many more items available for Advent
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 Lunch closure ~ 12:30pm to 1:00pm
Saturday's 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Stop by... we'd love to see you.