



**HOLY TRINITY  
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**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**(unless otherwise announced)**

**Sunday :** Holy Mass ..... 9:00 AM ..... In the English language

**Daily :** Morning Prayer ... 8:45 AM

Holy Mass ..... 9:00 AM

**Confessions:** Second Sunday of the Month .... 8:15 AM

**Marriage:** 6 months prior arrangement

**Baptisms :** by appointment

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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
CZWARTA NIEDZIELA ADWENTU**

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**Scripture Insights**

It is best to read today's Lukan passage with the verses preceding it that announce the birth of John. The angel Gabriel's parallel pronouncement of a miraculous birth provides a significant contrast: the miracle of Jesus is a type of miracle that God has never done before. As God has done for Sarai and for Hannah in the Hebrew Scriptures (Genesis 17:15-21; 18:9-14; 21:1-3; 1 Samuel 1:1-20), God will enable yet another married woman (Elizabeth) who has not been able to conceive to finally become pregnant (Luke 1:8—25). The

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**WELCOME TO HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL PARISH**

If this is your first visit with us, please sign our guest register in the vestibule and join us for a cake and coffee fellowship that follows every Sunday Mass and on various feast days of the Church year.

Holy Trinity Cathedral Parish of the Polish National Catholic Church has been an integral part of the Manchester and Southern New Hampshire community for 108 years meeting the religious needs first for the Polish immigrant community, and later for all residents of the Granite State. We hope to continue our growth in service to God and community. This commitment manifests itself in a regular devotional and prayer life and a greater participation in both ecumenical and community activities.

At Holy Trinity Cathedral PARISH, our primary emphasis is on the PARISH family. All who belong sense this family spirit - expressed in a real love and concern for one another. Our pastor makes a point to know each family on a one-to-one basis with frequent visits to family homes and to the hospitalized. Thus the spiritual health and vitality of all parishioners and all our friends is supported by both pastor and laity.

**We invite You to join our PARISH family!** If you are looking for a PARISH and are considering Holy Trinity, feel free to talk with any parishioner about it. We will introduce you to our family in all its wonderful aspects - a family whose real strength lies in our personal and real relationship to Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. We express this faith in our Church through our liturgy which is Catholic and traditional, shared between priest and laity. We demonstrate this faith in the prayerful material and emotional support we give one another. We share this faith in a Church rooted in Democratic principles, having a church constitution that gives laity full rights and due process in matters financial, administrative and material.

OUR PARISH...firm in faith, Catholic, democratic, and OPEN to the growth that comes as more join our family.

**MAKE YOURSELF RIGHT AT HOME!**

**SCHEDULE OF REGULAR ACTIVITIES**

*(Unless otherwise announced - Many meetings cancelled due to Covid-19)*

**Parish Committee Meeting** every third Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM

**The Cemetery Committee** meets as needed

**Lectors, Greeters, Ushers, Collectors ministries** as announced in the bulletin

**Moms in Prayer** meets weekly on Tuesdays at 7:30 AM in the rectory

**Membership and Outreach Team** meets as announced in the bulletin

**Ladies Society of the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament** meets the 3rd Sunday of the month after the 9:00 AM Mass (September - June)

**Holy Trinity Seniors** will resume at a later date

**The Frederick Chopin Choir** rehearses each Wednesday evening at 6:30 PM and holds meetings as announced

**Adult Bible Study** - Bi-weekly Wednesdays 7:00 PM Zoom & In Person

**Parishioners Prayer Group** - Thursdays at 11:30 AM in the Craft Room

## EVANGELISM TEAM MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to increase attendance and membership to Holy Trinity Cathedral by fostering a welcoming and respectful environment, where individuals and families can explore and achieve spiritual fulfillment.

*We are looking for ideas, any ideas, that can stimulate and increase participation in both the worship and parochial life of Holy Trinity Parish. Is there something you have seen, or experienced in another Church that you think might work well here? Have you had an idea for some time, but were afraid to share it? If you have an idea, no matter what it may be, please pray over it and then share it with either:*

Mr. Ray Pieczarka 603-472-5874 or Bishop Paul 603-622-4524.

### WELCOME - TO ALL VISITORS

You are most welcome and your presence is appreciated. All are invited to share in worship and, after Mass, our fellowship. If the people around you fail to say "hello" first, go up to them and say "Hi!" And don't feel awkward. We've all been in those shoes at one time or another. We want you to join us. **So Welcome Home!**



### HTC Membership and Outreach Team Is Inviting YOU Join in an outreach

Our Parish Evangelism Team will be reorganizing in the near future. Known as the "Membership and Outreach" Team, our hope is that a number of our parishioners would like to be a part of an exciting opportunity to help develop programs and liturgies that will spread the Word to others outside our community, and also engage in Internal Evangelism within our parish family.

If **YOU** are interested in reaching out to others for the Lord you are invited to contact either Ray Pieczarka at (603) 472-5874 or Bishop Paul at 622-4524.

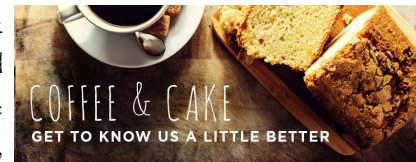
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### SAINT COMMEMORATIONS THIS WEEK

We invite our readers to continue reading the history of the lives of the saints that are remembered by the Church this week. Follow the hyperlink below to learn to learn about those saints remembered by the Church this week.

[https://www.sugarsync.com/pf/D0314163\\_059\\_893758505](https://www.sugarsync.com/pf/D0314163_059_893758505)

**Sunday, December 17th** - We thank the following who provided for our Cake and Coffee Reception last Sunday: Jennie Grenier (Bagels and Cream Cheese, Raspberry Squares); Karen Sobiechowski (Banana Muffins, Gingerbread Cookies); Joanne Palys (Lebkuchen (Chocolate Covered Gingerbread); Wendy Thomas (Fresh Fruit Bowl, Reindeer Drops, Date Nut Cookies).



As always, thanks also to all who donated towards cake & coffee offerings

Check out our diocesan website:

[www.easterndiocesepnc.com](http://www.easterndiocesepnc.com)

You can reach it on your computer or with your smart phone.

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<https://www.facebook.com/holytrinitycathedralpnc>

We have our own website up and running with Larry Gagnon as webmaster:

<http://www.holytrinitypnc.org/>



**Polish National  
Catholic Church**

"through the years..."

### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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19 - Phyllis Piecuch 24 - Phyllis Heaney

### SOUP FOR SENIORS

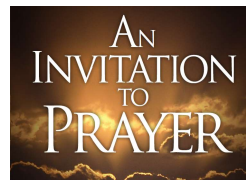
Last week the Seniors who stayed for the Cake and Coffee reception were treated to ten pints of soup through the Soup for Seniors Program sponsored by our HTC Frederick Chopin Choir. Amanda Thomas provided Chicken Soup with Orzo. We hope it was both pleasing and delicious.

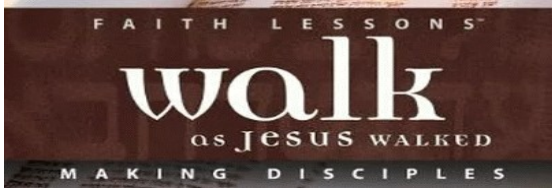
What delicious treat will our seniors enjoy this Sunday?



Parishioners are praying jointly for our parish family. You are invited to join them. Prayer gatherings are held Thursdays at 11:30 AM. Time commitment is about 45 minutes a week.

The prayer time is structured and Scripture-based. No advance preparation required. You only need to show up. Contact Karen Sobiechowski for questions or if you would like to participate.





**OUR PARISH ADULT BIBLE STUDY** is a Zoom & face to face study in the Craft Room. The next scheduled study date will be Tuesday, **January 2, 2024 at 7 PM.** Studies generally last one hour to one and one half hours. If you want to join in the study in person, simply show up. If you join in on Zoom you'll need to ask Bishop Paul for the Zoom link. Study sheets will be sent to all our HTC internet family prior to the study.

TODAY we ask our parish family to pray for:

**Very Rev. Bogumil Czaja,**  
his family and the faithful of  
**Saint Francis Mission Parish**  
**McHenry, Illinois**  
and

**Rev. Robert Koerber,**  
his family and the faithful of  
**Holy Name of Jesus Parish**  
**South Deerfield, Massachusetts.**

We ask God to bless them in their parochial life and the work they do in their local community. We ask you to pray each day that God would bless and increase their work of evangelism and Christian sharing.



**Church Mice**

Karl Zorowski



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*As we enter into the fourth week of Advent, we are given our Blessed Mother and St. Joseph to reflect upon. Though our Blessed Mother was perfect, and St. Joseph was a deeply virtuous man, they were both still fully human and would have walked through Mary's pregnancy and Jesus' birth with every human emotion and experience.*

LECTIONARY READINGS - CHRISTMHAS WEEK

**Mon.** Is. 9:1-6 / Ti.2:11-14  
Luke 2: 1 - 14

**Tue.** - AA. 6: 8-10;7:54-59  
Matthew 10:17-22

**Wed.** - 1 John 1:1-4  
John 20:2-8

**Thu.** - 1 John 1:5 - 2:2  
Matthew 2: 13-18

**Fri.** - 1 John 2: 3-11  
Luke 2: 22-35

**Sat.** - 1 John 2: 21-17  
Luke 2: 36 - 40

**Next Sun.** - Isaiah 62: 11 - 12  
Titus 3: 4 - 7 / Luke 2: 15 - 20

**Bible Word Search: ANGELS, GOD'S HELPERS**

All the words listed below are in the puzzle - left, right, up, down or diagonally. Find each word and click its first letter then its last letter to highlight it. After you have found all the words, click the leftover letters in the correct order to spell the *Mystery Word*. To work the puzzle on paper instead: Print this page and circle each letter of the words you find.

- Archangel
- Cherubs
- Daniel
- Destruction
- Gabriel
- Guidance
- Holy ones
- Invisible
- Jacob
- Joshua
- Messengers
- Morning star
- Peter
- Proclaimed
- Seraphim
- Burning ones
- Cornelius
- Deliverance
- Fighters
- Guardian
- Holy angels
- Innumerable
- Isaiah
- John
- Mary
- Miracle
- Paul
- Powerful
- Protection
- Spirit
- Zechariah



*Both Mary and Joseph are wonderful models of faith and obedience. They were obedient to the will of God despite the fact that the will of God drew them into an incredible and unfathomable mystery. They were first-hand witnesses to the salvation of the world and to the greatest act ever known. And they both embraced this mystery and accepted it in faith.*

**PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOMEBOUND:**

In the Hospital:

**Clergy Who Are ill:**

*Father Senior Joseph Soltysiak* in Westfield, MA  
*Father Paul Zomerfeld* serving in Johnstown, PA  
*Father Senior Augustin Sicard* in San Antonio, TX

**In nursing homes & rehab centers:**

*Charlotte Raczka* at Merrimack County Nursing Home in Boscawen, NH  
*Barbara Bukowski* at Villa Crest Healthcare Center, Manchester, NH  
*Frances Dobosz* at Bowman Place in Bedford, NH  
*Vudge Ambrose* at Mt. Carmel Nursing Home, Manchester, NH

**at home:**

*Emilia DeVore* at Saint Teresa's Independent Living in Manchester, NH  
*Phyllis Piecuch* at home in Manchester, NH  
*Nancy Montplaisir* at home in Manchester, NH  
*David Greene* at home in Temple Terrace, FL  
*Meg Sheha* in Hollywood, FL

**Join us in prayer every Wednesday at noon:**



Lord, bless us with the wisdom to praise You in Spirit and in truth, so that by following Your holy will we may gain eternal salvation. May we be instruments of Your divine plan that righteousness may triumph over evil. May Your will be done on earth

as it is in heaven. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.  
*(PNCC Book of Devotions and Prayers)*

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.

*Eastern Diocese Mission and Evangelism Commission*



This Month's bulletins are being sponsored by:

**LYNN HEBERT**

*in loving memory of my parents Chester & Tillie Kaminski*

If you would like to help your parish and be acknowledged for your gift consider sponsoring the weekly bulletin. For a \$ 100 donation (*increased costs*) we will acknowledge your sponsorship and the \$1,200 we can raise annually we hope to generate will just about cover the cost of our bulletin. Please consider sponsoring one month today.

*JANUARY 2024 bulletins will be sponsored by LYNN HEBERT*

*in loving memory of my aunt Joan Kaminski*

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*in loving memory of my husband, Stanley Kiska*

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*in loving memory of our deceased parents and siblings.*

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*in loving memory of wife Louise and son Daniel Komisarek*

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*in loving memory of my aunt and uncle, Valerie and Benedict Grzybowski*

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*in loving memory of my husband Dr. Ronald F. Szopa*

*And future bulletins will be sponsored by WHOM??*



***"Who can add to Christmas?"***

**THE PERFECT MOTIVE IS THAT GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD.**

**THE PERFECT GIFT IS THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON.**

**THE ONLY REQUIREMENT IS TO BELIEVE IN HIM.**

**THE REWARD OF FAITH IS THAT YOU SHALL HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE!"**

**MASS INTENTIONS AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK**

\* Indicates All Souls Day Offering

**THIS SUNDAY, December 24th, 2023 (Niedziela Dzisiejsza)**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
CZWARTA NIEDZIELA ADWENTU**

**Memorial of Adam and Eve - *Old Testament***

9:00 AM Holy Mass and Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Prayer Intention:  
open intention

10:15 AM Cake and Coffee

**VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD**

9:30 PM Choral Preludes presented by the HTC Frederick Chopin Choir

10:00 PM Shepherds Mass with the blessing of the Nativity Scene (*Żłóbek*) and the Lighting of Advent Wreath

**MONDAY, December 25th, (Poniedziałek)**

**SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD**

**CHRISTMAS**

**UROCZYSTOŚĆ BOŻEGO NARODZENIA**

9:00 AM Holy Mass

**TUESDAY, December 26th, (Wtorek)**

**FEAST OF SAINT STEPHEN - DEACON, PROTO-MARTYR**

**Memorial of Archelaus of Kashkar - *Bishop***

7:30 AM Moms in Prayer meet in the rectory

8:45 AM Morning Prayer

9:00 AM Holy Mass

**WEDNESDAY, December 27th, (Środa)**

**FEAST OF SAINT JOHN, EVANGELIST**

**Memorial of Fabiola of Rome - *Matron***

*Wine will be blessed and shared with all in Church*

8:45 AM Morning Prayer

9:00 AM Holy Mass

12:00 PM Eastern Diocese faithful join to offer prayer for our parishes, diocese & the General Church

**THURSDAY, December 28th, (Czwartek)**

**MEMORIAL OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS**

**Memorial of Theodore the Sanctified - *Abbot***

8:45 AM Morning Prayer

9:00 AM Holy Mass

12:00 PM Eastern Diocese Faithful Join in Prayer for their parishes, diocese and Church

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**MASS INTENTIONS AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK (continued)**

**FRIDAY, December 29th, (Piątek)**

**Memorial of Trophimus of Arles - *Bishop, New Testament***

8:45 AM Morning Prayer

9:00 AM Holy Mass

**SATURDAY, December 30th, (Sobota)**

**Memorial of Anysia - *Martyr***

8:45 AM Morning Prayer

9:00 AM Holy Mass

**NEXT SUNDAY, December 31st, 2023, (Niedziela Przyszła)**

**SOLEMNITY OF THE HUMBLE SHEPHERDS**

**UROCZYSTOŚĆ UBOGICH PASTERZY**

**Memorial of Columba of Sens - *Virgin, Martyr***

9:00 AM Holy Mass

Prayer Intention:  
open intention

10:15 AM Annual Pastor's Open House - Bishop Paul and Karen invite everyone in Church to a holiday brunch prepared in the auditorium

**VIGIL OF THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD**

**NEW YEAR'S EVE**

5:30 PM Traditional Vespers closing the Old Year

**COMING EVENTS**

**JANUARY 2024**

- Mon. Jan. 1** - **SOLEMNITY OF THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD**  
*Holy Mass - 10:00 AM*
- Tue. Jan. 2** - **SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS**  
*Holy Mass - 9:00 AM*  
Moms in Prayer meets in the rectory - 7:30 AM  
P.N.C.C. Bishops' Zoom Meeting - 1:00 PM
- Wed. Jan. 3** - Holy Trinity Cathedral Parish Choir Rehearsal - 6:30 PM
- Thu. Jan. 4** - Parishioners Praying for the HTC Parish Family - 11:30 AM
- Sat. Jan. 6** - **SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY**  
*Holy Mass - 9:00 AM*
- Sun. Jan. 7** - **SOLEMNITY OF THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**  
*Holy Mass - 9:00 AM*

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miracle of a woman who is a virgin conceiving, however, does not exist in the Hebrew Scriptures. Not only is the miracle announced to Mary greater than the one announced to Zechariah, it is new.

Our passages from the Old Testament this Sunday portray God's

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faithfulness to keeping God's promise while the concluding passage from Romans 16 emphasizes God's power and wisdom to bring about God's command and purposes. The birth of Jesus as the promised messiah can be read as affirmation of what these other passages suggest about God. Just as God took David "from the pasture and from the care of the flock to be commander of my people Israel" (2 Samuel 7:8), God, through Gabriel, pronounces "favor" upon a young woman in a small agrarian town of Galilee to send us the messiah. Just as David's life was upended, Mary's life changes dramatically.

One must not forget, however, what this unwed pregnancy may mean for Mary. This "favor" from God inevitably brings her ridicule and, possibly, social ostracism. Is Mary too young to know or anticipate the implications of this pregnancy? Can Mary refuse this "favor" from a powerful angelic being who represents an even more powerful God? Or is she counting on Gabriel's assurance of God's favor and presence with her (Luke 1:28)?

- How has your life been changed by divine interruptions that you did not expect?
- How have you experienced God's faithfulness and presence during this season of Advent?
- What is the difference between doing something in submission and in resignation?

**Practice of Faith**

Each reading recalls the promises God has made and fulfilled, from providing an heir to King David to the salvation of all nations in Jesus Christ. Often God seems to fulfill these promises in unexpected ways.

- Slowly read through the Gospel passage. Imagine that you are Mary hearing this news or that you are the angel delivering it. Ponder a part of this story that you have not considered. Spend some time renewing your wonder at God's promises.
- Look closely at your life. In what ways has God surprised you? How have you responded? Have you always noticed God's surprises?
- If you can, share your faith in God's unexpected love by offering to help someone with childcare, housework, or the preparation of a meal.

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**Questions**

- Has God ever given you a "red light" like he did to David in the first reading? What were you trying to do? How did God show you that you were moving in the wrong direction?
- When is the last time you were expected to obey someone? Think about your feelings surrounding the experience. Did the person have a right to your obedience? Did you give it freely or with reluctance?
- In the face of the unknown, would you be able to say, "Let it be done to me" as Mary does (Luke 1:38)? Is Mary's assent remarkable, or just what people in the Bible do? Have you faced a situation where you had to trust that God would make things come out right?

**Activities**

- Play word association with the word "obedience," and list the responses on a board or newsprint. Count the words with positive connotations and words with negative connotations. Which list is longer? Discuss contemporary attitudes toward obedience.
- Trusting God often requires overcoming fear. With at least one other person, try to name the fears that hold you back from doing all you think God is calling you to do .
- Pick a day during the coming week to keep a record of the number of times you have to make a decision or take action without knowing what the outcome will be. Be attentive to your feelings about embracing the uncertainty. Does prayer enter the equation at any point?



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SERVING IN OUR MILITARY:**

All clergy serve in the United States Army  
 CPT. Father Andrew Bilinski  
 LT. COL. Father Stanley Jasiurkowski  
 CPT. Father Joseph Kolek  
 CPT. Father Andrzej Tenus



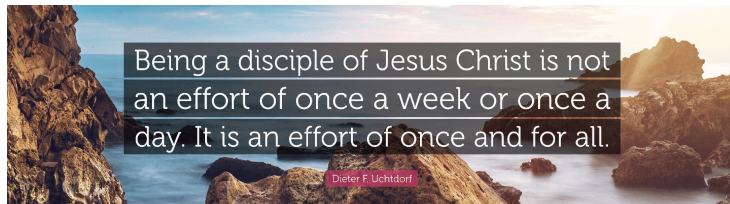
**Polish National Catholics & Family Members serving**

MSG. Aleka Ramoutar	ARMY	REMEMBER
CMDR. Vincent Chernesky	NAVY	THOSE
Major. Scott M. Krasko	ARMY	WHO SERVE
SSGT. Nick Hudak	AIR FORCE RESERVE	
Carter Gentilhomme	ARMY NATIONAL GUARD	
Alyssa Oxley	AIR FORCE	
Vincent Manzella	AIR FORCE	
Gregory Walsh	MARINE CORPS	
James Pidgeon	MARINE CORPS	
Andrew Drada	MICHIGAN AIR NATIONAL GUARD	
Tyler Gardner	NAVY	
Ian and Cody Gonyea	NAVY	
Matthew Paluszek	COAST GUARD	



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 PASTOR**



**God Dwells with Us**

The simple yet profound mystery of the Incarnation is this: The Word of God became flesh and made his dwelling among us. Scripture scholars tell us that this phrase in John’s Gospel literally translates as “pitched his tent” with his people. Like God’s presence in the Ark of the Covenant, as the Chosen People traveled through the desert, so now God would come to earth as a vulnerable but graced infant, getting the same start in life that each and every one of us has. Our God wants to be with us wherever we are. No dwelling is too lowly, no circumstances too humble. St. Francis recognized this when he created the first live nativity scene at Greccio: a cave, some animals, a deep faith in God’s promise.

And tradition tells us that he held the baby in his arms during the Mass. We probably celebrate hospitality more at Christmas than we do at any other time of the year. We host parties, we attend parties, we revel in food and drink and presents. We also open not only our hearts but our wallets to those in need. It’s a blessing to be able to do this. Maybe this is the year that we decide to carry this spirit of hospitality forward into the rest of the year, to become God’s sentinels of hope. God comes into our lives, into our homes, into our world every day in many different disguises. Pope Francis reminds us that Christmas calls us to be on the lookout for this manifestation of the divine. And if God wants to dwell with us, we better be willing to open our doors to him.

—from the book *Simple Gifts: Daily Reflections for Advent*, by Diane M. Houdek

