



## Advent /Christmas Message 2024

As we began our Advent journey 2024 on the weekend of November 30<sup>th</sup> & December 1<sup>st</sup>; my desire for the Advent season was the same as Mr Les Miller who writes in his reflection for the First Sunday of Advent, “Advent calls us to embody **hope, peace, joy and love**. We are to become the Advent candles we light. As we become these advent candles, may we illuminate the dark places in the world and light the path of the coming of Christ Child, again and again”

Lines from the New Testament readings for the four weeks of Advent help us light the path of the coming of the Christ Child. 1Thessalonians 3.12 “brothers and sisters make you increase and abound in **love for one another** and for all, just as we abound in **love for you**”. Philippians 1.5 “I am confident of this, that the one who began a **good work among you** bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ”. Philippians 4.5 “Let **your gentleness** be known to everyone. The Lord is near.” Luke 1.45 “For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, **the child in my womb leaped for joy**”.

For the sake of our parish our children grand children & great grandchildren: May the Nativity of the Lord, help us embody **hope, peace, joy and love** in our parish and our homes.

Locally as you return St. Veronica’s for the Birth of Jesus Eucharist / Mass celebrations on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day; May you & your family renew your faith in God Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

Merry Christmas to all of you as you visit family & friends during the Christmas Season!

Keep well in mind- body- spirit

*Fr. Fred*