PRAY 25

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE

on HALLOW



OVERVIEW

The truth of Christmas isn't the parties or presents, the carols or cookies. It's that God Himself has come to dwell among us, not just in a manger 2,000 years ago, but right here, right now. Scripture tells us: *"Behold, the virgin shall bear a son, and they shall call him Emmanuel, which means God is with us."* But how often are we too busy or distracted to notice God's presence?

This Advent, join Hallow as we journey through one of the greatest Christmas films of all time: *It's a Wonderful Life*. Over the 25 days leading up to Christmas, we'll walk with the film's main character, George Bailey, as he begins to open his eyes to the great beauty of his life and teaches us to do the same.

Sister Miriam will lead us in prayer throughout the challenge, joined each week by Chris Pratt, Jonathan Roumie, Gary Sinise, and Fr. John Burns as we walk through the film's most beloved scenes. Together, we'll follow George's story and discover what film director Frank Capra found to be at the center of the film: *"There is a radiance and glory in the darkness, could we but see, and to see we have only to look. I beseech you to look"* (Friar Fra Giovanni).

Join millions in Hallow's Advent Pray25 Challenge: *It's a Wonderful Life,* starting Monday, November 30!

WEEKLY THEMES

WEEK 1 *God Is With Us* with Chris Pratt and Sister Miriam

We'll ground ourselves in the radical truths of the Advent season: God is with us, He loves us, and He weaves all things together for our good ... even when we can't see it.

WEEK 2 *Our Plan* with Jonathan Roumie and Sister Miriam

We'll recognize the way our own dreams and attachments often blind us to God's plans, His grace, and His providence. Each of us faces a choice—cling bitterly to what we want, or joyfully surrender to the Father, who loves us more than we could ever love ourselves.

WEEK 3 *The Unraveling* with Gary Sinise and Sister Miriam

When we choose not to surrender, striving and self-reliance lead to bitterness and resentment. Both rob us of joy and gratitude and eventually fill our hearts with bitterness and resentment, which often spills out onto those we love the most.

WEEK 4 *Open Your Eyes* with Fr. John Burns and Sister Miriam

Even when our hearts harden, God keeps working for our good and offers us opportunities to see His grace and providence. If we let Him pierce our hearts with His love, everything will change.

Watch some of the most powerful clips from the film *It's a Wonderful Life* and reflect on the way they speak into our lives

Hear a powerful homily each Sunday from Fr. Pierre-Toussaint, CFR, to root yourself in God's Word this Advent through the Sunday readings

Open your eyes to see that the Lord has been in every moment of your life—in the joy and sorrow, the ordinary and mundane, the holy moments and trying times—to realize that there is not a single second of your life that God is not with you

Get inspired by real-life Stories of Wonder from Karolyn Grimes, the actress who portrayed "Zuzu" in *It's a Wonderful Life,* and Christian singer-songwriter Seph Schlueter

Join Hallow Kids on a family adventure and prayer journey like no other in the Advent Challenge: "The Incredible Advent-ture." Follow Josie and her best friend Sean as they discover what it means to wait in joyful hope while Sean prepares for the townwide sled-riding competition and Josie anxiously awaits the arrival of her adopted baby brother

Experience the peace of Advent and the joy of Christmas in every moment with exclusive new music from Matt Maher, Sarah Kroger, Seph Schlueter, Michael Iskander, and more

