



Christ the King Sunday, 2020

Dear Friends in Christ:

As you might recall, I am a bit of a stickler for not jumping ahead in the liturgical calendar. We don't celebrate a day or season until it arrives. However, I've recently received this announcement from Dr. Kara Slade of Princeton University:

*Public notice from the liturgical police.*

*The following activities are allowed at any time because it's 2020:*

*Advent music. Christmas music. Hallmark movies. Die Hard. Any other Christmas movies.*

*Decorations of any kind. Thank you for your cooperation, citizens.*

And with that "permission," I pass on to you that 2020 Advent rules are suspended. If you've already got a Christmas tree standing in your living room, and Bing Crosby on the hi-fi, then good for you! Have at it.

In this packet of stuff you hold in your hands, you will find several things that might be useful in the coming weeks. You'll see that there is an envelope for you to open each Sunday in Advent, as well as one for you to open on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

In addition, you'll find some tips and blessings for things to set this season apart regarding any Christmas tree, Christmas creche, Advent wreath, and so on.

Though we cannot be together in person, we still mark time together, and we still wait together for the One who makes all things new.

May God bless you and your loved ones as we journey toward Bethlehem together.

Fr. George