



# From the Pastor's Desk



## ***Advent Hope In A Noisy Conflicted World***

Of all the missions given to us in our Baptism and throughout the scriptures we will here these next four weeks during Advent, perhaps, the most significant might be Hope. We know from Scripture that faith is the conviction of things hoped for that can quite easily be summed up and expressed. Love may be the greatest gift, as St. Paul expresses so beautifully in his letter on faith, hope and love. The greatest being love. Hope, on the other hand, can seem pious and vague. Hope engages with the future and is easiest to lose. Hope seems to come to us when we are most discouraged like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, when we have all but given up. Hope comes to us when we have become comfortably resigned to the noisy emptiness of our news cycles and politics. Advent, reveals God's faithfulness towards his people. Listen carefully this Advent season. While the greatest gift of God may well be love, the most important might be hope during these noisy, chaotic days in our culture and church. Listen carefully to God's promises this Advent.

## ***Thank You***

Thank you to all who made the lighting of our great Christmas tree such a festive event. 10,000 lights does brighten our spirits. Thank you to CYO, the school, our singers, Knights of Columbus, and all who lifted up their voices.

## ***Christmas And New Years Schedule***

Take a look at the schedule for our communal reconciliation services, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. The fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve Masses are very close, thus there are some changes to the schedule. Please, plan ahead and enjoy Christmas and New Years as a parish community.

Fr. Jack