



Christmas Concert & Nativity

Grades 1—8

Wednesday, December 20th



Grades 1, 3, 5, & 7—Wear Green!

Grades 2, 4, 6, - Wear Red!

More Information to follow this week!



**Noon Dismissal
PK3 & K—8**

Friday, December 15th

There is after school today!

**Advent Penance Service
Grades 3—8
Wednesday, December
7th
(during the school day)**



**Pre—K & K
Concert**

**Thursday, December 21st
1:45pm
Auditorium**



**The Second
Week of Advent—
The Candle of
Faith**

**Please see page three for a short Ad-
vent reflection.**

The Second Week of Advent

The Candle of Faith



Preparing our Hearts and asking for the Grace

We prepare this week by stepping up the longing. We move through this week by naming deeper and more specific desires.

Each morning this week, if even for that brief moment at the side of our beds, we want to light a second inner candle. We want to let it represent “a bit more hope.” Perhaps we can pause, breathe deeply and say,

“Lord, I place my trust in you.”

Each day this week, as we encounter times that are rushed, even crazy, we can take that deep breath, and make that profound prayer. Each time we face some darkness, some experience of “parched land” or desert, some place where we feel “defeated” or “trapped,” we hear the words, “Our God will come to save us!”

The grace we desire for this week is to be able to hear the promise and to invite our God to come into those real places of our lives that dearly need God's coming. We want to be able to say:

“Lord, I place my trust in your promise. Please, Lord, rouse your power and come into this place in my life, this relationship, into this deep self-defeating pattern. Please come here and save me.”

Each night this week we can look back over the day and give thanks for the moments of deep breath, that opened a space for more trust and confidence in God's fidelity to us. No matter how difficult the challenges we are facing - from the growing realization of our personal sinfulness, to any experience of emptiness or powerlessness, even in the face of death itself - we can give thanks for the two candles that faithfully push back the darkness. And, we can give thanks for the graces given us to believe that “Our God will come to save us” because we were given the courageous faith to desire and ask boldly.

Come, Lord Jesus. Come and visit your people.

We await your coming. Come, O Lord.