

# From the Pastor



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If you want someone to find you in a large public place, you establish a meeting point that you both know or can find. Some large public places even have designated meeting points. Many good thrillers and action movies, where the protagonist is being sought out, also teach us to avoid the places where “the bad guys would be searching for us.”

Advent is a time to prayerfully determine whether we’re trying to reach the meeting point where Our Lord is also headed, or, on the contrary, avoiding it as the first place he’d look, treating him like the bad guy of the movie who threatens our life. The prophets, apostles, and evangelists are all telling us to head to the meeting point and the most direct way to reach it: a good way of life, filled with selfless and generous deeds as well as deepening our desire to be with Our Lord.

This is why one of the figures of the season of Advent is John the Baptist. He is the one who directly announced the presence of the Lamb of God, the Messiah, the long awaited Savior of the world, and therefore called everyone to make changes in their lives toward holiness.

We all are called to be like John the Baptist, announcing the presence of God in the world by the way we live our lives. The Church always holds his example up for our consideration during Advent. Every time we receive Holy Communion we realize that God has not forgotten his promises. They are in the process to be fulfilled. Let's promise our God that this Advent we will do our best to fulfill our Advent mission - striving to follow the example of St. John the Baptist, the last Old Testament prophet, and the first New Testament prophet.

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