

Update from All Saints'
Email to the Parish from The Venerable Christopher Dunn
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It is hard to believe that we are now one month to Christmas Day—don't panic, stay calm, and don't shoot the messenger.

This Sunday, we will celebrate the First Sunday of Advent. The Church School will begin **“A Trip to Bethlehem—An Advent Journey.”** We invite the children and youth to join us on an Advent journey—destination Bethlehem! This week the theme is “The City of Hope,” and they will be packing their bag with a hopeful attitude. The passports will be issued on Sunday, and travellers will personalize their own document as we travel. Everyone will be distanced and masked of course.

On Sunday morning we also invite you to drop off your new Toiletry items for the **Ottawa Day Programs Giving Tuesday Campaign.** We are looking for new items: socks, men's and women's underwear, deodorant, toothbrushes/toothpaste, razors, and toilet paper. Please note that, with COVID protocols in place, they can only accept unused, unopened items. There will be a large basket at the back of the Church for these items.

Next Wednesday evening I invite you to join me for **Bible on Tap** and a discussion about celebrating Advent in our modern times. We will also look at the readings for the Second Sunday of Advent at that gathering. Please let me know if you are planning to attend and I will send you the reading resource. The Zoom link for Bible on Tap on Wednesday, December 1st, at 7:00 pm is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85379751071?pwd=U2ZzaWtzeHJEeDJYSXk2ZStOVWtVQT09>
(Meeting ID: 853 7975 1071 & Passcode: 258261)

Linda Privitera's Advent program resumes on Thursday, December 2nd, with her colleague at the Cathedral in Jacksonville. This is the second series of **Personalities and Portraits.** They will be looking at how each gospel writer prepares for Christmas and how their focus on Incarnation rests in us. The following Zoom coordinates will be the

same for every evening: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83980088746?pwd=MWhucURhZDNJbCt2TUJNeFFOSHZ3Zz09> (Meeting ID: 839 8008 8746; Passcode: 684063)

On Friday, December 3rd, at 7:00 pm, St. Stephen's Anglican Church in the west end will be hosting their second **Zoom Trivia Night** (multiple choice questions!) in support of Campus Ministry at Algonquin College. You can either organize a team of your own or join others who will be participating, all in support of the ecumenical Christian Campus Ministry that serves the students and staff at Algonquin College. The cost is a freewill donation. The Zoom link will be live at 6:45 pm on Friday, December 3rd, and is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88298529677?pwd=M0NuTnFEa3RkTnFjb2xiL25ha3VRUT09>

So, a prayer for today:

Spirit of Wisdom, take from us all fuss, the clattering of noise, the temptation to dominate by the power of words, the craving for certainty. Lead us through the narrow gate of not knowing, that we may listen and obey, and come to a place of silence and stillness, of true conversation and wisdom. Amen

Take Care and have a wonderful weekend,

Chris