

Update from All Saints'
Email to the Parish from The Venerable Christopher Dunn
9 December 2021

Cold, snowy, and bright blue sky—it must be getting closer to Christmas!

On Sunday morning, at 8:00 and 9:30, we will celebrate the **Third Sunday of Advent**. The third candle is the candle of joy, and during Church School the children and youth will continue to work on their journey entitled, “**A Trip to Bethlehem—An Advent Journey.**” This week the theme is “The City of Joy,” and they will be packing their bag with a gift for the food bank.

I did share with you a wish list from the Food Bank last week. We are now handing out the **Christmas Hampers** to about 160 households in the area. If you can help with special items, these include:

- **non-perishable items**, such as
 - holiday cookies/biscuits in store packaging;
 - crackers, crispbread or flatbreads;
 - jams, Nutella, and condiments (mayo, salad dressing, etc.);
 - jars of honey;
 - jars or tins of cashews, mixed nuts, and peanuts;
 - hot chocolate; boxes of chocolates, or chocolate bars; and
- **personal items**, such as
 - hand soap;
 - shampoo and conditioner;
 - deodorant;
 - baby wash;
 - lotion; and
 - lip balm.

This evening, and next Thursday, Linda Privitera continues to offer her Advent program 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 link will be the same for both evenings: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83980088746?pwd=MWhucURhZDNJbCt2TUJNeFFOSHZ3Zz09> (Meeting ID: 839 8008 8746; Passcode: 684063)

A note from the Treasurer: We have learned that there is a delay in receiving the boxes of **Offering envelopes for 2022**. They have promised them to us by early January ,but they are a number of weeks behind. We will let you know when they are available for pickup.

A prayer for today:

God, you shape our dreams. As we put our trust in you may your hopes and desires be ours, and we your expectant people. Amen

Take care and have a safe weekend,

Chris