



Holy Trinity Knights of Columbus Council 13398 Newsletter

Message from Grand Knight, Greg Schaubhut

Brother Knights, While I know I have witnessed the lighting of the first two candles of Advent and today the third, I find it hard to believe we are less than two weeks away from the celebration of the birth of "Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ". I pray that each of us can find the time to prepare our bodies, minds and soul for his coming.

While the times finds it not too safe to reach out and shake hands and give a hug, we can do so by a phone call to wish our loved ones and friends a Blessed Christmas.

Message from Chaplin Fr. Virnig - *Advent means the Coming, the time of preparation for the Coming of the Promised Savior, the one who restores the good in the world. He will make up for the sinfulness of human beings. He was promised by the prophets to save the people. There were times of wars. The people of Israel had been conquered and taken into exile. Then they had been freed and many had returned to Israel. Now they were subjects of Rome.*

We remember this during the four weeks of Advent as we celebrate a church new year in preparation for the great feast of the Coming of the Savior. We call it Christmas, the birthday of Jesus Christ. the Son of God in a human body. God showed his love for human beings by becoming one of them as a human being. God showed himself experiencing life as each of us experienced it. He began life in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. He was born in the poorest circumstances, not in a home of his parents, but while on a journey in a place for animals. We call it a stable. His mother, Mary, was married to Joseph, a carpenter. They had come to Bethlehem, and there was no room in an inn. Jesus would identify with the poorest of poor human beings. In fact his parents had to flee to another country to avoid being killed by an evil king. Who thought that Jesus might grow up to be a threat to him.

Jesus grew up and began to teach people about the love of God. Jesus died to make up for the sins of the human race. We celebrate Jesus' birth as the beginning of our salvation. Jesus came as gift to us. We celebrate Jesus' birthday with gifts to one another. Christmas has become commercialized, often leading to selfishness and greed. We have to renew our spirit of love of God and our love of other people by the good we do, giving worship to God and helping others.

Brother Knights, remember Jesus' birthday as we prepare for it. During Advent, pray, and reflect on God's love for us and helping others. It's not how many things we get but the spirit in which we praise God and do good for others. May you have a Blessed Advent and a Merry Christmas.

Father Virnig

Wish a Happy Birthday to the following; October - Frank Hohmann, Thomas Quinlan and Rod Tiemann.

November - Gary Opatz, Anthony Breth and Al Krystosek. **December** - Stanley J Wagner, Eugene Gottwalt, Rodney Crowe, Earle Fisher, Daniel Henry, Lawrence Plumski and Kenny Block.

Remember our fellow Knight's, Ladies and family members; LeRoy Czech, Al Toenies, Fr. Roger, Marty Toenies, Heidi Quinlan, Janice Breth, Judy Buhl, Kieran Kloss. Please call me as others are in need of our prayers so that I may add to this list.

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