

What are the graces that we have received in our parish for which we are grateful?

Pause to reflect

Name some of the ways in which our parish has been enriched?

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What gifts of the Holy Spirit are present in our parish and how are we using these to serve the Lord?

Pause to reflect



Jesus, you have called us through our baptism,
to love and serve you and
sent us out to make you known to others.

Bless each person in our Parish so that,
through the power of the Holy Spirit,
each of us may spread the good news of your
saving love to the glory of our Father in heaven.

Amen



Hope in the Future

Reflection Three

**Using our Gifts in the
service of others**



When we pray in the name of Christ, our prayer can enfold the whole world.

The Church which “goes forth” is a community of missionary disciples who take the first step, who are involved and supportive, who bear fruit and rejoice.
An evangelizing community knows that the Lord has taken the initiative, he has loved us first (cf. *1 Jn 4:19*), and therefore we can move forward, boldly take the initiative, go out to others, seek those who have fallen away, stand at the crossroads and welcome the outcast.

Evangelii Gaudium 24

A reflection on Evangelii Gaudium 24

An evangelizing community gets involved by word and deed in people's daily lives; it bridges distances, it is willing to abase itself if necessary, and it embraces human life, touching the suffering flesh of Christ in others.

Pause and reflect

An evangelizing community is also supportive, standing by people at every step of the way, no matter how difficult or lengthy this may prove to be.

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An evangelizing community is filled with joy; it knows how to rejoice always. It celebrates every small victory, every step forward in the work of evangelization.

Pause and reflect

Evangelization with joy becomes beauty in the liturgy, as part of our daily concern to spread goodness.

Pause and reflect



A reflection on the Second Reading of the First Sunday of Advent



Listening to the Word of God

“May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ.

I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed;

and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Spend a few moments in silence reflecting on the passage.

Share any thoughts/words which you received when listening to the reading.

Share a thought you are going to take away with you which has inspired you.