



Our Lady of Peace

*And how does this happen to me,
that the mother of my Lord
should come to me?*

Luke 1:39-45



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The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month, 11:00AM Mass & 12:30PM respectively. A mandatory preparation class for parents is available (6-7PM):
2021: Call the office for info. Call the Parish office to register.

Sacrament of Matrimony An appointment with a parish priest six months prior to the wedding date.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Wednesdays 11:30-12:00 or by appt. Saturdays 8:30-9AM; 3:45-4:45PM

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RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) Anyone seeking information on becoming Catholic or completing one's initiation into the Catholic faith should call the Parish Office.

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Our Mission Statement:

Our Lady of Peace is a Catholic Community of Faith called to proclaim the greatness of the Lord through Worship, Service, Education and Ministry.

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 19, 2021

O LORD of hosts,
look down from heaven and see;
take care of this vine,
and protect what your right hand
has planted. — *Psalm 80:15-16*

West Millcreek Food Pantry

The following are suggested items to purchase for each week; you may buy what is on sale; all non-perishables are acceptable. CEREAL is always needed.

December 2021

19th Cereal / Baked Beans

26th Spaghetti Sauce / Spaghetti



Pantry is OPEN December 28

(every 2nd & 4th Tuesday) 9-11AM for those living in Millcreek & for OLP Parishioners, at

Westminster Presbyterian Church, 3642 West 26th Street.

The West Millcreek Food Pantry is asking for extra food donations:

- Canned Soup
- Canned Vegetables
- Whole Grain Cereal
- Plastic Grocery Bags
- Powered Milk
- Nut Butters
- Toilet Tissue
- Paper Towels/Napkins

The Food Pantry is so thankful to those continuing to donate.

Sunday's Readings:

Entrance Antiphon - Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. / Indeed, the Lord is near.

First Reading - From Bethlehem-Ephrathah shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel (Micah 5:1-4a).

Psalm - Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

Second Reading - We have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Christ once for all (Hebrews 10:5-10).

Gospel - Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken by the Lord would be fulfilled (Luke 1:39-45).

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Family Discussion of the Week: Obedience to God's Will

Elizabeth said, "Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." (Luke 1:45)

Adults: When was it hardest for you to trust in God's plan for you, as Mary did? What can help you at such times?

Kids: When is it hardest for you to obey a parent or teacher? What can help you obey with more trust?

AUDACITY

There is a spirit of audacity in our readings today. During a time of injustice and threat of invasion, the prophet Micah boldly announces that the God of insignificant Israel will raise up a leader from backwater Bethlehem, and this leader will bring justice and peace to the whole world. In the Gospel, Elizabeth and Mary, marginalized women, brazenly celebrate that their sons will be world-changing instruments of God. We further learn that this audacity is rooted in trust in God. The author of Hebrews describes the faithful obedience of Jesus. Mary is shown as the exemplar of faithful trust in God. This is the way God often seems to work, in the ordinary and marginalized in our world. Those who seem weak have learned to trust in God's strength. These have the audacity to become instruments of God's peace and justice.

Please see page 7 for the Christmas Mass Schedule

“Christmas isn't just a temporal celebration or the memory of a beautiful (event); Christmas is more...
Christmas is an *encounter!*”
~Pope Francis

The church will remain open for private prayer daily from 7:00AM - 8:00PM.

Confessions available (in the Chapel):

Wednesdays 11:15-Noon
Saturday 8:30-9AM and 3:45-4:45PM
or by appointment - call the Church Office

SANCTUARY LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory Peggy Pulice - Family.

CHAPEL LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Richard R. Brazus - Wife, Marcia.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED - Please pray for John Yochim, brother of Joseph Yochim, Sr.; and for Edward Bolt. May their families find hope and consolation through their faith in the resurrected Lord.

Readings for the Week of December 19th

Monday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
Friday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
Saturday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52



Our Lady of Peace...

Pray for us.

OLP 31 Club

Praying for vocations every day of the year!

Members agree to go to daily Mass on a particular day every month and offer that Mass for an increase of vocations to the Church. There is a great need for vocations. One of the best ways to increase vocations is through prayer, and the greatest prayer we have is the holy sacrifice of the Mass.

Upcoming Mass commitments:

Dec. 19: Amber D, Chris L.

Dec. 20: Debi C., Kim D., James T., Roseann G., Donna G.

Dec. 21: George O., Maureen T., Rami S.

Dec. 22: John G., Sally R., Dianne Y., Gloria M.

Dec. 23: Heidi A.

Dec. 24: Mary Ann A., Magherita H., Audrey & Robert H.

Dec. 25: Christine O.

Dec. 26: Cynthia B., Dave W., Joe S., Deb T., Corky Y.

If you would like to join the OLP 31 Club, please call Dave or Kathy Wayman at 397-6443. There are no dues and no meetings, only opportunities for grace and the satisfaction that comes from helping to fulfill a great need in the Church.

When at Mass offer the Mass for

Vocations by praying the prayer below:

O God, who wills not the death of a sinner * but rather that he be converted and live * grant we beseech you * through the intercession of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin * Saint Joseph, her spouse * St. Junipero Serra * and all the saints * an increase of laborers for your Church * fellow laborers with Christ to spend and consume themselves for souls * through the same Jesus Christ * Your Son * Who lives and reigns with You * In the unity of the Holy Spirit * God forever * and ever. Amen.

Serra Prayer for Vocations

From the Pastor's Desk...

To my spiritual family of Our Lady of Peace-

A blessed 4th Sunday of Advent and an anticipated Merry Christmas to you! As our shift into Late Advent continues (began December 17th) our full liturgical focus is now on preparing to celebrate the first coming of Jesus Christ in Bethlehem over 2,000 years ago. Let's continue to be attentive to the silence, anticipation, repentance, and preparation to which the season of Advent invites us.

Part of this build up in anticipation during this week in the liturgy of the church are the great "O Antiphons" of Advent. They are introduced at Evening Prayer on December 17th, and they are seven jewels of liturgical song, one for each day until Christmas Eve (which I think of as a Holy Week for Christmas and are traditionally called the days of "Late" Advent). They seem to sum up all our Advent longing for the Savior. The "O Antiphons" are intoned with special solemnity in monasteries at Vespers, before and after the Magnificat, Mary's prayer of praise and thanksgiving from the Gospel of Luke (2:42-55), which is sung or said every evening as the climax of this Hour of the Divine Office.

A vestige of the "Great O's" can be seen in verses of the familiar Advent hymn, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel." Each antiphon is a name of Christ, one of his attributes mentioned in Scripture. The "O Antiphons" (Latin in parenthesis) appear below in English translation, with scriptural sources and suggested symbols. The first letters of the titles in Latin taken backwards form an acrostic of "Ero Cras" which translates to "I will be tomorrow", mirroring the theme of the antiphons.

The "O Antiphons"

December 17: (O Sapientia) O WISDOM, who came from the mouth of the Most High, reaching from end to end and ordering all things mightily and sweetly: Come, and teach us the way of prudence.

Sirach 24:2; Wisdom 8:1. Symbols: oil lamp, open book.

December 18: (O Adonai) O LORD AND RULER of the House of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the flame of the burning bush and gave him the law on Sinai: Come, and redeem us with outstretched arm.

Exodus 3:2, 20:1. Symbols: burning bush, stone tablets.

December 19: (O Radix Jesse) O ROOT OF JESSE, who stands for an ensign of the people, before whom kings shall keep silence and unto whom the Gentiles shall make supplication: Come to deliver us, and tarry not.

Isaiah 11:1-3. Symbol: vine or plant with flower (esp. a rose).

December 20: (O Clavis David) O KEY OF DAVID, and Scepter of the House of Israel, who opens and no man shuts, who shuts and no man opens: Come, and bring forth the captive from his prison, he who sits in darkness and in the shadow of death.

Isaiah 22:22. Symbols: key; broken chains.

December 21: (O Oriens) O DAWN OF THE EAST, brightness of the light eternal, and Sun of Justice: Come, and enlighten them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

Psalms 19:6-7. Symbol: rising sun.

December 22: (O Rex Gentium) O KING OF THE GENTILES

and their desired One, the Cornerstone that makes both one: Come, and deliver man, whom You formed out of the dust of the earth.

Psalms 2:7-8, Ephesians 2:14-20. Symbols, Crown, scepter.

December 23: (O Emmanuel) O EMMANUEL, God with us, our King and Lawgiver, the expected of the nations and their Savior: Come to save us, O Lord our God.

Isaiah 7:14; 33:22. Symbols: tablets of stone, Chalice and Host.

Every year I emphasize the importance of the entire Christmas Octave when we celebrate the truth and joy of Christmas in an intensified way for 8 days liturgically (Dec. 25-Jan.1). All the Masses are celebrated as if it is Christmas day with the Gloria, song and all the decorations. Consider going to an extra Mass or two or engage in other spiritual practices during the Octave to say thank you to God for the blessings of Christmas!

Recall that the Christmas Season lasts for just over 2 weeks this year. Highlights include the Feast of the Holy Family (Sunday, December 26th), Mary the Mother of God (Friday, Saturday, January 1st), the Epiphany (Sunday, January 2nd where we will have the Proclamation of the dates for Easter and other significant dates of the Liturgical Year and hand out the house blessing cards). The Christmas Season will conclude on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on Sunday, January 9th when we will have Solemn Evening Prayer with Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament at 6pm (after Adoration from 5:15pm-6pm).

Also, please note that the parish office will be closed from Friday, December 24th through Monday, January 3rd and thank you for understanding the need to give our parish staff a well-deserved break.

May God bless our 4th week of Advent and our Christmas celebrations ahead!

Fr. Rich

Our Lady of Peace, patroness of our parish & school.... pray for us!

St. Nicholas, patron of the Erie Catholic School System. pray for us!

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, patroness of the Catholic Church of the USA... pray for us!

St. Joseph, universal patron of the church.... pray for us!

St. Patrick, patron of the Diocese of Erie.... pray for us!

Other notes from the pastor...

****Christmas falls on a Saturday this year so please note that there will be NO Saturday evening 5pm Mass on December 25th. The only Masses for the Feast of the Holy Family will be on Sunday, December 26th at the normal Sunday times (7:30am, 9am, 11am, 4:30pm).**

****Chris Wheeler returns to OLP** Erie Seminarian and Transitional Deacon, Chris Wheeler, will be returning to us from December 18-25, and December 31-January 2nd. We look forward to his presence and ministry and continue to pray for him as he approaches his priestly ordination on Friday, May 27th at 7pm at St. Patrick Church.

****Advent Confession Opportunities** In addition to our

regular weekly times of 11:15am-12pm on Wednesdays and 8:30-9am and 3:45-4:45pm on Saturdays, we will also have confessions after all Sunday Masses during Advent and **Sunday, December 19th from 6-8pm and Wednesday, December 22nd from 6-8pm, which will also include Eucharistic Adoration.**

****Masses this Week** Monday, December 20th, Wednesday, December 22nd and Friday, December 24th. Late Advent Weekdays; Tuesday, December 21st. St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church (16th Century German Jesuit Counter Reformer); Thursday, December 23rd. St. John of Kanty, Priest (15th Century Polish Professor); Saturday, December 25th. The Nativity of the Lord.

****Parish Calendars will be here soon.** I am very grateful to our sponsors- First National Bank/Manager Chris Hanes, Beer and Pop Warehouse, Scott Enterprises, Howard Hanna/Realtor Cynthia Berarducci, E.C.C.A. INC., and the Knights of Columbus OLP Council 11454.

****Christmas Gloria** The Gloria returns to Mass on Christmas Eve as we join the Angels who sang the opening line of the Gloria on that first Christmas Night. Let's prepare to give Glory to God in our Christmas celebrations!

****Holy Hour for Peace** We will continue the recent tradition here at OLP by ringing in the New Year with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 11pm-12 Midnight on New Year's Eve (Friday, December 31st). What a great way to start the new year by receiving the Blessing (Benediction) of Jesus through His Eucharistic Presence right at Midnight! We will pray for peace in our world through a litany of peace. After the Holy Hour there will be time for some refreshments and fellowship in the rectory.

****Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is Saturday, January 1st and is a holy day of obligation and the last day of the Octave of Christmas.** It has also been designated for years as the World Day of Prayer for Peace. For all those reasons, it is a great day to participate in Mass which will be held at 5:30pm on Friday, December 31st and 10am on Saturday, January 1st.

****Thank you to everyone who gave to OLP through iGiveCatholic!** OLP ended up with 195 donors and \$42,195 which was highest number of donors and the largest amount raised in donations. We also were awarded the prize (\$1,000) for most donors. I also wanted to clarify again that the Catholic Foundation of Northwest PA organizes and covers the cost for all Catholic entities in our diocese to participate in this national campaign and not the Diocese of Erie (which is what we initially said here at OLP).

****Thoughts on Kneeling after the Lamb of God**
Kneeling is a common response when in the presence of the sacred. I would like to review here some of the points I made in my homily two weeks ago when we returned to the posture of kneeling after the lamb of God at Mass. The first two are repeated from previous explanations. The rest focus on the dispositions I encourage to accompany our kneeling.
ONE- As was stated before- the Diocese of Erie had been remaining standing after the Lamb of God since 2003 when

Bishop Trautman had implemented that posture for reasons I will not get into here.

TWO- The majority of Diocese in the United States kneel after the Lamb of God so Bishop Persico wants us to be united with most of the Catholic Church in the US in this posture.

THREE- Remember a basic tenet of our Catholic spirituality and liturgy is that external expressions and postures encourage interior dispositions which is why we emphasize guidelines about them. However, external postures do not guarantee the corresponding interior disposition so we must be thoughtful and intentional when we do them.

FOUR- Kneeling can be an expression of contrition and therefore is consistent with the congregational response to the presider's statement "Behold the Lamb of God..." which is "Lord I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only said the word and my soul shall be healed." I think of the classic painting by Rembrandt of the Prodigal Son that hangs in our office hallway which shows of the younger son kneeling in the embrace of his father as he says he is sorry.
FIVE- Kneeling is an expression of adoration. There are 3 moments in the Mass when Christ present in the Eucharist is shown or elevated before the congregation- after "This is my body given up for you," after "This is the chalice of my blood... do this in remembrance of me," and "Behold the Lamb of God." During the first two of these moments the congregation is kneeling and it seems fitting that we kneel in adoration at the third as well. This is not to suggest or minimize the other ways that Christ is present to us at Mass (in the congregation, in the presiding priest, and in the Word of God) but there is something special about the substantial, tangible presence of Christ in the Eucharist which is important to recognize and adore in a special way.

SIX- Kneeling is an expression of humility. Humility is the virtue that is the foundation and beginning of growth in the spiritual life and right relationship with God. This is a moment to reinforce our absolute dependence on God for EVERYTHING and therefore to resist the temptation of the Garden of Eden that is present in our lives every day, which is to make ourselves God. We lower ourselves so that God can raise us in His image and likeness and not our own. If we elevate ourselves on our own, God has to lower us so that he can recreate us. Hopefully we choose humility on our own and do not make God force it out of us and I believe kneeling can be helpful in this.

Now for a few practical clarifications on the process...

ONE- If you are unable to kneel it is completely fine to sit but please do not stand for the sake of visibility for those who are kneeling. Please keep in mind the above points even if you are not kneeling- the interior dispositions are more important than the external expression.

TWO- Keep the kneelers down after the Great Amen so we do not have to put them up and down twice (and make more noise 😊).

THREE- It seems easiest to remain kneeling until your row goes to Holy Communion but if you want or need to sit down while waiting that is completely fine.

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FIVE- Once the music stops, this is your most intimate opportunity for private prayer between you and God so take advantage of it. The image that is powerful for me to consider at this moment is the beloved disciple John laying his head on the chest of Jesus at the Last Supper (Jn 13:23). Let Jesus hold you in the embrace of Mass and Holy Communion, and love and thank him back.

SIX- There is no definite time that the congregation is asked to sit after kneeling after Communion. Personally when I attended Mass before being ordained I liked to remain kneeling until the priest says "Let us pray." I think it is appropriate to wait until at least the tabernacle is closed from reposing the Blessed Sacrament if you are able to stay kneeling until then. Some might wait until the presider sits and others may wait until the Prayer after Communion. I do not think we need to be rigid about this. Let's leave it to you and your preference. The key at this point is not to miss this amazing moment of Communion with our God and the community and to enter into it with heart, body and soul in a way that is best for you.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Grades 1-8: Classes meet from 9:30-10:45AM in the school and church basement.

Dec. 19 – Regular class for Grades 1-8

Dec. 26 - No Religious Ed. Classes

Grades 9-11: Classes meet from 5:30-7:30PM in the school and church basement.

Dec. 19 - Regular classes

Dec. 26 - No Religious Ed. Classes

All forms can be found on our website, www.olp.org, under the Faith Formation.

For more info please contact Tammie Mang,
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December 2021

Youth Ministry Schedule

Dec. 22nd -

All are welcome to join Sarah for a holy hour at St. Francis Xavier Parish with Fr. Jason at 8pm for a night of peaceful reflection, and praise & worship.

Dec. 31st -

All are welcome to join OLP as we Ring in the New Year with a holy hour for peace starting at 11pm, and ending with a toast to the New Year with the priests.

Email Sarah at sarah.beaver@olp.org with questions.

MONDAY, December 20, 2021

7:00AM Jason Wehrle - Lorraine Wehrle
12:10PM Genevieve Krasnesky - Family

TUESDAY, December 21, 2021

7:00AM Julia Wesmiller - Husband, Harold
12:10PM Edythe Griffin - Daughters
1:30PM School Mass - Deceased
Members of the Beckett Family

WEDNESDAY, December 22, 2021

7:00AM Ann Porter - Kelly Porter Family
11:30-Noon Confessions
12:10PM Urban Barrett - Wife, Sally
6:00-8:00PM Confessions



THURSDAY, December 23, 2021

7:00AM Ernest Csakany -
Brad & Sheila Dinger
12:10PM Rose Buto - Family

FRIDAY, December 24, 2021

7:00AM Chris Martin - Michael Martin Family

Christmas Mass Schedule

FRIDAY, December 24, 2021

Christmas Eve

5:00PM JoAnne Starr -
Michael Cooney Family
7:30PM Michael & Mary Ann Fetzer -
Tom & June Carr
Midnight 12:00AM Parishioners



SATURDAY, December 25, 2021

The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas

10:00AM Tony Rusnak - M/M Dave Carter

Live-streamed (YouTube) Christmas Masses will be: 5:00PM, Midnight and 10:00AM.

SUNDAY, December 26, 2021

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph

7:30AM Parishioners
9:00AM Amelia Pozzutti Patsy -
Jill & Austin Brugger
11:00AM Robert Wiczorek - Family
4:30PM Emil Chimenti -
Brian, Annemarie, Andrew & Abbie

MONDAY, December 27, 2021

7:00AM John Wojtkielewicz - Family
12:10PM Frank Robasky, Jr. -
Esko & Judy Tarto



TUESDAY, December 28, 2021

7:00AM Valerie Skovranko -
Paul Vojtek Family
12:10PM Larry & Patricia Smith - Family

WEDNESDAY, December 29, 2021

7:00AM Shirley Saeger -
Jack & Rose Ann Gutting
12:10PM Msgr. Richard Stack -
Michael & Denise Gaines

THURSDAY, December 30, 2021

7:00AM Chuck Iannello - Don & Carol Patsy
12:10PM Mary Lubin - Family

FRIDAY, December 31, 2021

7:00AM Don Pulice - Gary & Cheryl Carver
12:10PM Josephine M. Przybycin -
Fred & Evelyn Fried

New Year's Mass Schedule

FRIDAY, December 31, 2021

Vigil: Solemnity of Mary, the Holy
Mother of God
5:30PM - Mary Tarkowski -
Ron & Bernie Kerner
11-Midnight Holy Hour



SATURDAY, January 1, 2022

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
10:00AM Barb Fontecchio - Friends

SATURDAY, January 1, 2022

Vigil:
5:00PM Josie Wernicki - Avelin Galante

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Name _____ Phone _____
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Please drop Membership Form into the offertory basket or mail to rectory.

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- New Registration
- Change of Address
- Moving out of Parish
- Want envelopes

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Dates are Saturday's:
 Jan. 15, Feb. 19, March 19

Time: 9:00AM to 1:00PM

Where: 11th & French St.

What: Prepare/Serve the Lunch Meal

Time: Any parishioner 15 yrs or older

Contact: Scott Barnes, 881-8889

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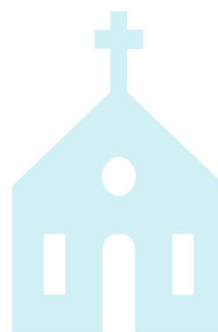


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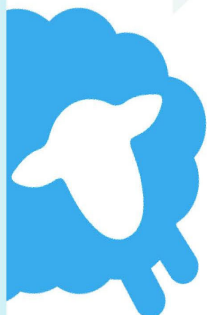
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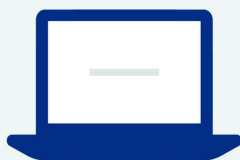
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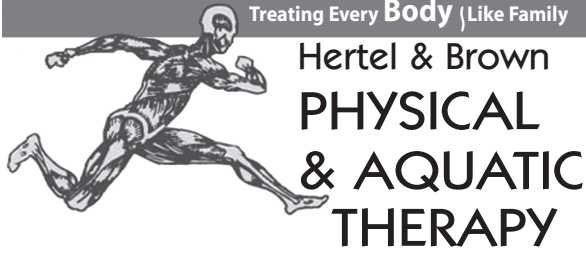
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Reflection question for the Fourth Week of Advent:

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