



St Francis of Assisi Parish



REFLECTION

ADVENT – 2020

Dear Friends,

Almost for the last 9 months, life of all has undergone a drastic change and we have all experienced a different kind of normal life. For many, all hopes had been lost. Many opportunities have been lost. Many jobs have been lost. Many businesses have been abandoned and many people have gone from the world too. It is in such tragic situation, a New Advent Season 2020 is arriving among many expectations.

The First Sunday will be a Hope Sunday. A Candle of Hope is lit signifying the arrival of the Messiah who gives a great hope for future.

The second Sunday will bring a Healing of all negativity through the arrival of John the Baptist who will point out to us the Messiah, who will bring Peace. Our God is full of mercy and compassion, slow to anger and abounding in love, says Psalm 85.

A joyful and hope filled Community should be formed as we enter into Third Sunday with the intercession of all Saints as we light the Saints' Candle. Joy will be in all our hearts.

Love Sunday will follow towards the close of Advent when the favour of the Lord be upon us and will give success to the work of our hands. This Joy of Jesus will balance our afflictions and the misfortunes we have suffered and will refocus our life and attention to the forthcoming New phase of life with extraordinary Blessings for the future.

Serve the Lord with gladness and come before him singing for Joy, calls Psalm 99. Let us celebrate Advent 2020 accordingly.

God Bless.

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