



OLOL Chapter

Second Sunday of Advent

-Prudence

Weekly Newsletter

This Friday, December 8th, we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. This is one of the most important Marian feasts of the liturgical calendar. It is a holy day of obligation. The Immaculate Conception is when Mary was conceived in her mother's womb without the stain of original sin. An essential part of God's plan for the mother of his Son was that she be conceived free from Original Sin. "Through the centuries the Church became ever more aware that Mary, 'full of grace' through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception" (CCC, no. 491).



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Did you know that Mary, the Immaculate Conception is patroness of the United States and that there is a beautiful basilica dedicated to her in Washington D.C.? It is the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. If you are in Washington D.C. make sure to tour. It is amazing! Here is a link to a virtual tour.

<http://www.nationalshrine.com/site/c.osjRKVPBjnH/b.4719297/k.BF65/Home.htm>

This week is our final study on the virtue of Prudence. Consider this from Fidelis, *Prudence discerns what ought to be done and justice ensures that in doing it no one is hurt. A common way a woman hurts another is through unkindness. Therefore...the prudent and just woman is kind.*

Our scripture reflection is Psalm 85:10

Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss.

How does this scripture passage relate to Prudence? How does the Psalm relate to the second week of Advent? As we continue our preparation for the coming of Our Lord this Sunday, we will light the second candle. This second Advent candle is for PEACE.

Looking ahead to the Second Sunday of Advent, here is the reflection in **Waiting for Jesus in a Hurry-Up World** by Jennifer Christ for Creative Communications for the Parish.

"Do you think God uses regular people to be God's messengers and helpers? Can you think of a time when someone was 'an angel' in your life? Angels often do their work in secret, never taking credit for themselves, but being used by God to do good things on earth.



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* We pray – O God, we long to be your messengers, to spread the news of peace and good will. Give us opportunities this Advent in small and secret ways to make our world a more and kind and loving place. We do all this in the memory of the angels who announced the birth of your son, Jesus. Amen."



The King's message for December 4, 2017 was given by Joan Sabo. We finished up the virtue of Prudence. Our movie clip was from *Forrest Gump*.



In the clip, Forrest is remembering his first time on the school bus, which is also the first day he met Jenny, a young woman who had a huge impact on his life. When he walks onto the bus, each kid he looks at refuses to open his or her seat up to him. But he hears a small voice from a girl who lets him know he can sit with her. Jenny bluntly asks him about his legs, but the conversation quickly moves beyond that to a conversation that any normal friends would have.

The nice thing for someone to do in this situation would be to open their seat. But Jenny, being a prudent woman, acts kindly by opening her seat and engaging in conversation with Forrest. In this moment, Jenny was showing Forrest (in a simple, childlike way) the love of Christ, which does not discriminate, push away, or exclude anyone. Saint Mother Teresa said this: "Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness: kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile." Jenny offers all this kindness to Forrest, simply by recognizing his need for a friend and sharing her seat and her heart with him in that moment.

Has there ever been a time that you could have taken the kind path but didn't? Or perhaps you were nice because you felt like you had to be, but maybe you grumbled about it instead of being a light for that person? We've all had moments in which we could have made different choices. And Jesus gives us that chance repeatedly because of his unfailing mercy.

A few weeks ago, someone said to me, "You should always walk away from someone knowing God a little better." We are only able to do this if we see Christ *in* others. And others can only know God and his kindness more if we are Christ *to* others. Anyone can be nice, but it takes someone who knows the love of God to be truly kind, to be prudent and just in her actions. How can you see Christ more in others and allow others to see Christ in you?

Above reflections and thoughts are furnished by Fidelis.

Upcoming Calendar:

Monday, December 11 – meeting

Dinner provided by Patty Bolger and Amy Klein

Monday, December 18 – meeting

Dinner provided by Anna Dana and Kendra Altepeter