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PRESENTS

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AN ONLINE SERIES

1st Sunday of Advent: November 22, 7pm, *Get Yourself Ready because He's Coming!*

We come once again to Advent, the beginning of the liturgical year and the great season of waiting. Christian life has a permanent Advent quality, for we are always expecting the coming of the Lord. Now, Jesus came, he will definitively come, and he is coming even now—for the risen Lord wants to take up residence in us today. So, Advent is, perhaps most immediately, a preparation for that coming; we are getting ourselves ready to receive the Christ who wants, even now, to be born in us. Well, how do we do this? Our readings for the first Sunday of Advent give us some wonderful instruction.

2nd Sunday of Advent: November 29, 7pm, *The Rule of Immanuel*

Last week we spoke of preparing for the coming of the Lord using the great image from the second chapter of Isaiah: the Lord's holy mountain. How do we make this mountain the highest mountain. When we do, all aspects of our life will be integrated into our Center, Christ Jesus. On this second Sunday of Advent, we want to follow the Church as she invites us to look another chapter of Isaiah—namely, the magnificent eleventh chapter, which describes the world that emerges at the coming of the Messiah.

3rd Sunday of Advent: December 6, 7pm, *What You See and Hear*

On this third Sunday of Advent, we hear for the first time this season of the great figure of John the Baptist. It's not really possible to understand Jesus apart from his precursor. All four Gospels compel us to come to grips with John. His job is always the same: he points to Jesus. If we're staring at John, we're missing the point. Well, in our Gospel for today, John indicates the Lord in a most distinctive manner.

4th Sunday of Advent: December 13, 7pm, *Think Outside the Box*

The Bible turns upside-down the way we think about the God-human relationship. In almost every other religion or philosophy, God or the gods are the powerful forces who have to be supplicated, begged, and prayed to in order for human beings to get what they want. But the Bible presents an entirely different picture. Indeed, the Bible is not the story of our quest for God; it is the story of God's quest for us. Both the first reading and the Gospel for this fourth Sunday of Advent makes this subversion evident.

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