Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church

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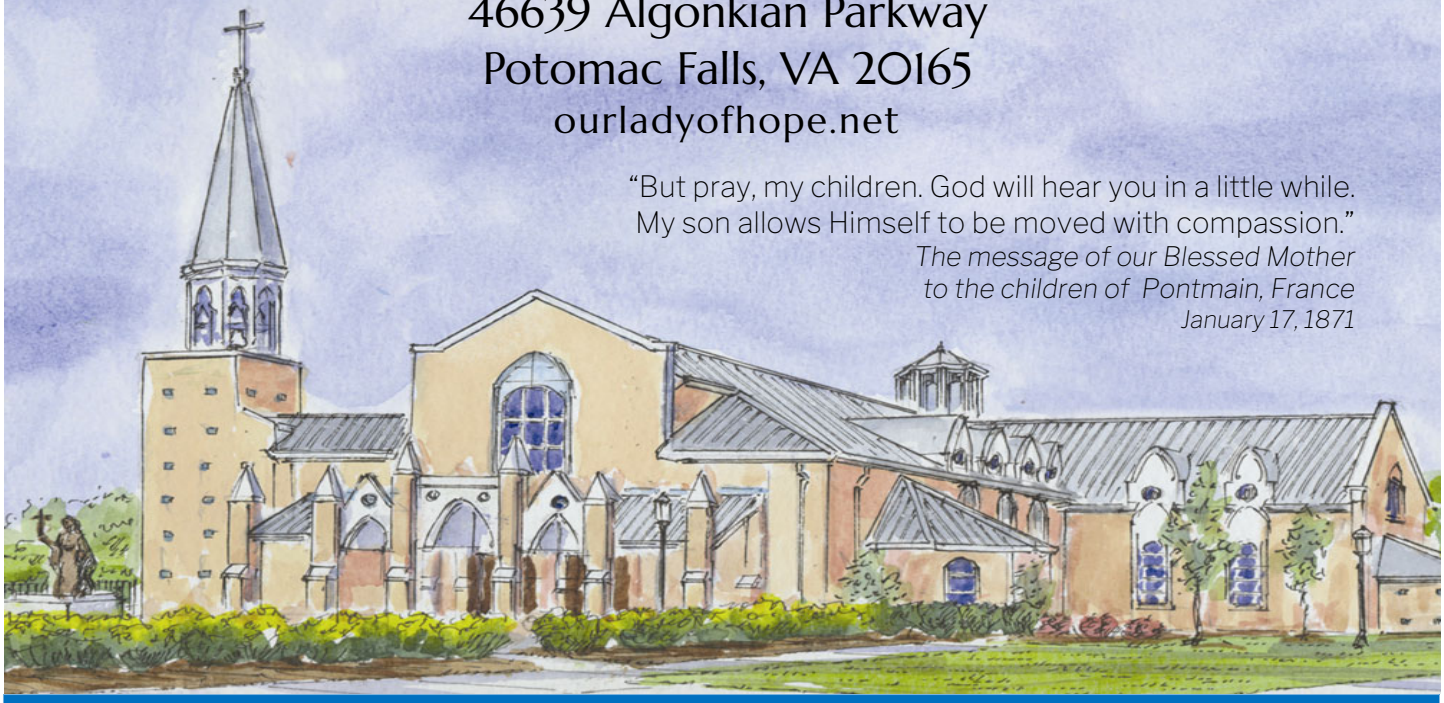
"But pray, my children. God will hear you in a little while.
My son allows Himself to be moved with compassion."
The message of our Blessed Mother
to the children of Pontmain, France
January 17, 1871



Second Sunday of Advent — December 6, 2020

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Deacon Marco M. Rajkovich

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Sunday Masses

Saturday	5:00 p.m. (Vigil)
Sunday	7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
	12:15 p.m.

Daily Masses

Monday-Saturday	8:30 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance

Thursdays	7:00 p.m. until line ends
Saturdays	9:00 a.m. until line ends

By appointment: Call the office to schedule.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament — 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Thursdays

Rosary
Preceding the 8:30 a.m. daily Mass

Parish Registration
We invite you to register as part of our parish community.
Forms are available in the parish office or in the in the narthex.

Formed.org Parish Code: D M W Y B P FaithDirect Parish ID: VA79

Text-to-Give: Text the amount you would like to give to 703-343-9211.

Live stream Schedule: *ourladyofhope.net/stream*
Sunday: 9:00 & 10:30 a.m. Monday-Saturday: 8:30 a.m.

Immaculate Conception Mass Times: 8:30 a.m. (live stream) & 7:00 p.m.
All the faithful of the Diocese of Arlington are dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation until further notice.

Masses of the Week

Sunday, December 6:
7:30 a.m. Bishop Burbidge by Peter and Andrea Bendo
9:00 a.m. Mass for the People of Our Lady of Hope
10:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving to the Holy Spirit
12:15 p.m. +Arthur Gast by Diane Randazzo

Monday, December 7: *St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*
8:30 a.m. Jeanne and Russ Hayward

Tuesday, December 8: *Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
8:30 a.m. +Victorino Basco by the Orosa Family
7:00 p.m. Mass for the People of Our Lady of Hope

Wednesday, December 9: *St. Juan Diego Cuahtlatoatzin*
8:30 a.m. Andrew Woods by Bob and Connie Woods

Thursday, December 10:
8:30 a.m. +Ludwig Holop by Jeanne Hayward

Friday, December 11: *St. Damasus I, Pope*
8:30 a.m. +Virginia Byrnes by Kathy Byrnes

Saturday, December 12: *Our Lady of Guadalupe*
8:30 a.m. +Bridget Pruzensky Wallis by Bill and Susan Pruzensky
5:00 p.m. +Sharon Hohn by Roger and Therese Bracken

To schedule a Mass, please call or visit the Parish Office.

Envelope Changes

In order to save on printing and other administrative costs, Debt Reduction envelopes will be printed monthly instead of weekly, beginning this December. We hope that you will continue the same generous level of giving, just in a more convenient manner. You may give your monthly Debt Reduction offering at any Mass throughout the month. We have also added monthly mail-back envelopes for parishioners who may be attending Mass online. Parishioners who give via FaithDirect will not be affected by these changes.

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Parish Information

What does it mean to be an active Catholic? Those seeking to celebrate Marriage, have children baptized, or have a letter signed to serve as sponsors for Confirmation or Baptism should be parishioners and active, practicing Catholics. *To be considered active, one must have been registered in the parish for at least three months, attend Mass regularly, and be committed to a stewardship of time, talent, and treasure.* We encourage all parishioners to become active in one of the parish organizations.

In a community as large as Our Lady of Hope, our most effective means of verifying active participation is through the use of parish offertory envelopes or electronic giving, such as Faith Direct. If you choose not to participate in the support of the parish, or are unable to contribute at this time, please note your prayerful support on your envelope and place it in the weekly offertory. We will then be aware of your continued participation, and you will not be noted as "inactive" on our parish roster.

Preparing for Sacraments

Baptism & Baptism Class: Baptisms are held on Sundays at 1:30 p.m. The baptism class for parents is held one Saturday a month at 11:00 a.m. Please call the Parish Secretary to pre-register for the next available class.

Sacrament of Matrimony: In accordance with the regulations of the Bishop of Arlington, couples must contact a priest and begin preparation at least six months prior to the wedding. Parish registration and active participation for a minimum of three months is required *before* preparation may begin. Couples who are living together will be asked to live separately during the preparation time as living together before marriage is sinful and harmful to the future marriage.

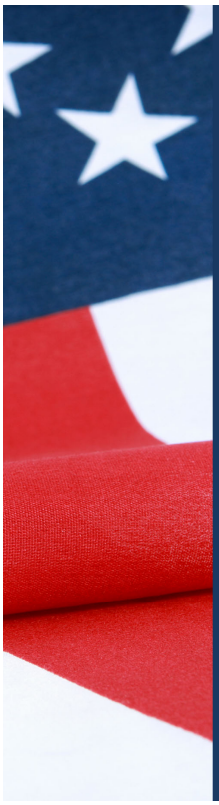
First Communion: For Children: Generally, First Communion is received when a child is in second grade. Preparation for First Communion is a two year process, and students must complete both first and second grade classes before receiving Holy Communion. Please contact the Religious Education Office with questions.

Sacramental Preparation for Adults (RCIA): Adults who wish to receive Baptism, First Communion, and/or Confirmation are invited to attend the Inquiry Class on Thursday evenings. Please contact the Parish Secretary or visit the website to register.

Our Lady of Hope Catholic School

Support a classroom. Build a future.

Our Lady of Hope School teachers and students need your help to bring their classroom dreams to life. By supporting the PTO's 'Tech' the Halls technology drive, you can help bring much needed new tools to our classrooms, such as updated ActivBoards and Teacher Laptops! We greatly appreciate your support in this entirely tax deductible crusade. Donate by visiting ourladyofhopeschool.net/oloh-technology-drive-form/



Our veterans need your support. . .

SWEATS FOR VETS

. . . Can we count on your help?

The Knights of Columbus and Ancient Order of Hibernians are teaming up with VFW Post 1177 in Leesburg for their annual Sweats for Vets event. Drop off a set of new, unwrapped sweats in the box in the narthex and support a veteran at the VA Medical Center in Martinsburg, WV. Monetary don-ations are also welcome. Visit *ourladyofhope.net/give* to learn more.

Help Keep Christ in Christmas by ordering religious cards from the Knights of Columbus. Sending Christmas cards to family and friends, near and abroad, or in the military, is a great way to celebrate the birth of Christ. Multicultural (Spanish, Polish, Ukrainian, Italian, French, Tagalog), as well as African -American and Native American, cards are available.

To learn about KCIC, or to place your order, please visit *ourladyofhope.net/christmas*. Thank you for your support of the many charitable projects of the Knights!

TAKE ME SHOPPING WITH YOU!

FOOD DRIVE NEXT WEEKEND

YOUR GENEROSITY IS A BLESSING TO THOSE IN NEED

- CRACKERS*
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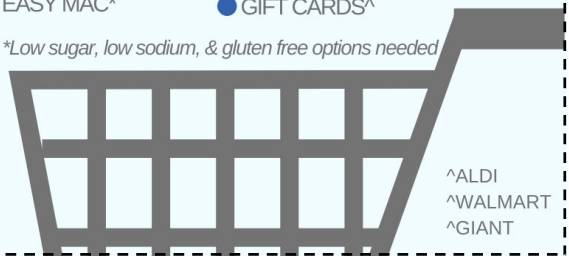

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Angel Tree

The 2020 Our Lady of Hope Angel Tree supports the Gabriel Project (Pregnancy Assistance), Project Rachel (Healing Ministry), A Woman's Choice (Pregnancy Assistance), and St. Margaret of Cortona (Transitional Family and Maternity Housing Program). Please take a card or tag from the tree. Return your unwrapped gift, with the tag securely attached, to the tree in the narthex by Sunday, December 20. Monetary and gift card donations should be mailed using the provided envelope or dropped off in the parish office.

HYMNS

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ENTRANCE: ON JORDAN'S BANK

Musicalisches Handbuch, Hamburg, 1690; Melody adapt. by William H. Monk, 1823-1899
Charles Coffin, 1676-749; Tr. by John Chandler, 1806-1876, alt.

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake and hearken for he brings
Glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every soul from sin;
Make straight the way for God within,
And let each heart prepare a home
Where such a mighty guest may come.

For thou art our salvation, Lord,
Our refuge and our great reward;
Without thy grace we waste away
Like flow'rs that wither and decay.

To heal the sick, stretch out thine hand,
And bid the fallen sinner stand;
Shine forth and let thy light restore
Earth's own true loveliness once more.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee,
Whose advent doth thy people free;
Whom with the Father we adore,
And Holy Ghost forevermore.

OFFERTORY: THE ADVENT OF OUR KING

Johann B. Konig, 1691-1758; Adapt. by William H. Havergal, 1793-1870
Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; Tr. by John Chandler, 1806-1876

The advent of our King
Our prayers must now employ,
And we must hymns of welcome sing
In strains of holy joy.

The everlasting Son
Incarnate deigns to be;
Himself a servant's form puts on
To set his servants free.

O Zion's Daughter, rise
To meet thy lowly King,
Nor let thy faithless heart despise
The peace he comes to bring.

As Judge, on clouds of light,
He soon will come again
And his true members all unite
With him in heav'n to reign.

Before the dawning day
Let sin's dark deeds be gone,
The old man all be put away,
The new man all put on.

All glory to the Son,
Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever One,
Through all eternity.

COMMUNION: SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS, COME

Melody based on Veni, Redemptor Gentium, Enchiridion, Erfurt, 1524; Attr. to Ambrose of Milan, c. 340-397;
Para. by Martin Luther, 1483-1546; Tr. by William M. Reynolds, 1812-1876, alt.

Savior of the nations, come;
Virgin's Son, make here thy home.
Marvel now, both heav'n and earth,
That the Lord chose such a birth.

Not by human flesh and blood,
By the Spirit of our God
Was the Word of God made flesh,
Mary's offspring, pure and fresh.

Thou, the Father's only Son,
Hast o'er sin the vict'ry won.
Boundless shall thy kingdom be
When shall we its glories see?

Brightly doth thy manger shine;
Glorious is its light divine.
Let not sin o'ercloud this light;
Ever be our faith thus bright.

RECESSIONAL: HAIL TO THE LORD'S ANOINTED

Mainzer Gesangbuch, Mainz, 1833 | Ps. 72:1-7, 10-11, 15, 19 | James Montgomery, 1771-1854, alt.

Hail to the Lord's Anointed, Great David's greater Son!
Hail in the time appointed, God's reign on earth begun!
Christ comes to break oppression, To set the captive free;
To take away transgression, And rule in equity.

He shall come down like showers Upon the fruitful earth,
And joy and hope, like flowers, Spring in his path to birth:
Before him on the mountains Shall peace, the herald, go;
And righteousness in fountains From hill to valley flow.

Kings shall bow down before him, And gold & incense bring;
All nations shall adore him, His praise all peoples sing;
To him shall prayer unceasing And daily vows ascend;
His kingdom still increasing, A kingdom without end.

O'er ev'ry foe victorious, He on his throne shall rest,
From age to age more glorious, All blessings and all blest.
The tide of time shall never His covenant remove;
His name shall stand forever, That name to us is love.

READ AND REFLECT

In 2020, we heard plenty of voices speaking out and sharing their opinions, but many of those words were not comforting or hope-filled. Sometimes, it was hard to know which expert or "instant expert" to listen to, and it is still difficult to hope as we struggle to regain our balance as a nation and as a Church. The Word of God offers us peace this day. All our readings remind us of a faithful God who always keeps the promises made. Isaiah prophesied about the end of Jerusalem's time away from God, and the Psalm speaks of "seeing God's kindness and hearing what God proclaims." Second Peter explains that God's timing may not be the same as ours, but good things await those who are alert. In the Gospel, John the Baptist reiterates and completes the prophecy of Isaiah by laying the groundwork and preparing the way for those who await the coming of the Messiah.

THE BEGINNING

With COVID-19, much time is spent wondering "where did it start?" or "who passed it on to whom?" Though science can tell us much there are many unanswered questions. Today's Gospel is about as concrete as sacred scripture gets. We know this is the beginning of the Gospel of Mark, which was the first Gospel to be written down in about 70 AD. Unlike Luke and John, Mark does not begin with an infancy narrative of Jesus. He starts by proclaiming the prophecy of Isaiah. This section was written six hundred years before Christ, in another time of great upheaval, as the Israelites were displaced from their homeland during the Babylonian Exile.

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Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Comfort, give comfort to my people, / says your God. / Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her / that her service is at an end, / her guilt is expiated; / indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD / double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: / In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! / Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! / Every valley shall be filled in, / every mountain and hill shall be made low; / the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley. / Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, / and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Go up on to a high mountain, / Zion, herald of glad tidings; cry out at the top of your voice, / Jerusalem, herald of good news! / Fear not to cry out/ and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God! / Here comes with power / the Lord GOD, who rules by his strong arm; / here is his reward with him, his recompense before him. / Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; / in his arms he gathers the lambs, / carrying them in his bosom, / and leading the ewes with care.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps. 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14
R./ Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

2 Peter 3:8-14

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day. The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard "delay," but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out.

Since everything is to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be, conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames and the elements melted by fire. But according to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace.

Wreaths Across America

Our Lady of Hope Cub Scouts and American Heritage Girls are teaming up to honor and remember our fallen heroes this December. There are two ways to participate:

1. Sponsor a wreath and help the Scouts reach their goal of honoring 150 fallen heroes.
2. Team up with the Scouts to lay wreaths at Leesburg's Union Cemetery on December 19.

Visit *ourladyofhope.net/give* to learn more.

Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God.
As it is written in Isaiah the prophet:
Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you;
he will prepare your way.
A voice of one crying out in the desert:
"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths."
John the Baptist appeared in the desert
proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.
People of the whole Judean countryside
and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem
were going out to him
and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River
as they acknowledged their sins.
John was clothed in camel's hair,
with a leather belt around his waist.
He fed on locusts and wild honey.
And this is what he proclaimed:
"One mightier than I is coming after me.
I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals.
I have baptized you with water;
he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Bethlehem Wood Carvers

There will be a display of beautiful olivewood handmade Carvings from the Holy Land in our church this weekend. During this difficult time of Covid-19, Bethlehem is shut down,—no tourism, no income. Carving olivewood is now the only source of income of the Christian families who still live in the Holy Land. These brothers and sisters of ours are enduring hardships at this moment because of the volatile situation in their home country.

Christians in the Holy Land used to be more than 37% of the population. They are less than one percent now because of the situation. As Christians of faith, it is our duty to support our brothers and sisters in Bethlehem. You can support them by purchasing some of these beautiful carvings after Mass. For more information, please contact the wood carvers at 202-302-5889 or visit www.BethlehemCarvings.org.

Holiday Bulletin Deadlines

As we approach the holiday season, bulletin deadlines are earlier than usual. Below are the deadlines for the remainder of the year. Please be sure your request is submitted to Laurie in the parish office no later than 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Date	Submission Deadline
December 20	Mon., December 7
December 27	Wed., December 9
January 3	Wed., December 16

Prayer List

Please pray for all those who serve our community and country, and all the sick & homebound members of our parish. Please also pray for vocations and for all the priests in our diocese, especially our parish seminarians: Aaron de Sa, James Joseph, and John Meyerhofer.

For those in need of prayer: Anna Carillo, Rocina Daez, Mercy Delaney, Johanna DiCrisci, Kristin Grasson, Brenda Kubicki, Jane Marinich, Lillian Mehan, JoAnn Nelson, Leigh Perkins, The Pos Family, Bill & Susan Pruzensky, Kathy Schmitt, Kenny and Joy Stevens, and for those whose suffering is known only to God.

For those who have died: and for all the Poor Souls in Purgatory.

Visit *ourladyofhope.net/prayer* to add a name to the prayer list.

Pregnant and need help?

Help is available through the Gabriel Project at 703-841-3810 or visit at *helpforpregnantwomen.org*

Want to help? Email info@h4pw.org

Healing after the choice?

Find compassionate, non-judgmental, confidential hope & healing through Project Rachel at 703-841-2504, or visit *helpafterabortion.org*

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Faith Formation Survey

Learning about and growing in faith shouldn't end at Confirmation. Our RE department is working hard to provide programming for parishioners of all ages and stages of life. Take a minute to let them know what kind of programs you are interested in seeing at Our Lady of Hope.

Groups and Ministries

Altar Servers	Jeff Grado	703.477.9177
Altar Society	Alfonso & Janeth Pena	571.375.2650
American Heritage Girls	ahgtroopva1975@gmail.com	
Area Agency on Aging	Rich Payne	703.887.9765
Birthright	Mary Lynn Linzmeyer	703.431.2247
Boy Scouts	Mark Lavery	202.302.5260
Cub Scouts	Matthew Koehler Elise Chawaga	913.908.6798 571.215.5149
Culture of Life	Fran Black	703.726.1643
CYO Sports	Raynelle Araque	703.404.3442
Empty Nesters/50+	Donna Bongiovanni Therese Bracken	703.346.1152 703.444.1977
Gift Shop	Sherry Grasson	571.213.4620
Homeschoolers	Heather Ward	571.331.4394
Jr. Legion of Mary	Virginia Rowell	703.629.4168
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Ladies of Hope/ENDOW	Marie Kennedy	703.433.0864
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Legion of Mary		
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Ushers	John Grzechowiak	703.444.0023
Fiat Young Adults	youngadults@ourladyofhope.net	

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Consider a gift of stock as a donation to our parish or diocese. In exchange for a gift of long-appreciated securities (stock), you can receive an income tax deduction and avoid capital gains taxes on the gift. For more information, call 703-841-3819 or visit arlingtondiocese.org

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The first words of Isaiah 40 are "Comfort, comfort, my people." John the Baptist starts by explaining he is the go-between, sent to "Prepare the way."

DON'T SHOOT THE MESSENGER

While proclaiming the coming Christ is a thing of joy, John's words are also harsh, reminding us to repent and prepare. People were threatened by them two thousand years ago, and some still are today. People can hear them and be turned off by "fire and brimstone," and none of us like to be told what to do. But think about it. This year, we have all engaged in social distancing and endured hardships to protect our families and others.

Similarly, when you have company coming, you do house cleaning, meal prep, and lots of things to make the place ready for the arrival of your guests—necessary preparation. So we as individuals must make ourselves ready for the coming Christ to reside in us. This may mean repenting for sins, seeking the sacrament of penance, or taking time with a spiritual director. Perhaps it means carving out more times and places for Christ to be born in our hearts or taking on another spiritual practice. Maybe it means simply doing what the psalm asked and using our eyes and ears and mind and heart to seek Christ.

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