

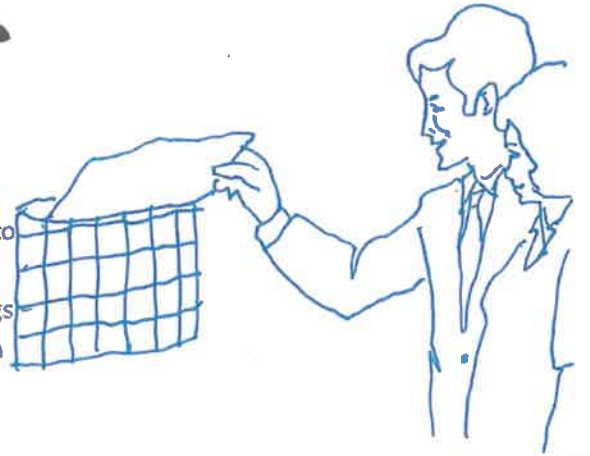
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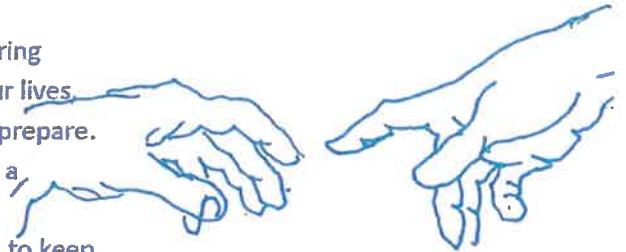


Hello Friends! Wow! It's the second week of Advent already and we are hoping this letter finds you well!

Last week we light the first candle of the season and were asked to be vigilant and expectant while we are preparing our hearts and souls for Jesus and that is attainable by working on different things each day until He arrives. That way we will be ready for Him when He comes.



This current and second week we are still waiting for and preparing for Jesus's coming with a greater hope to make Him a part of our lives not just at Christmas, but all year long. Prayer is a good way to prepare. Prayer opens our hearts to let God, Love, and Faith in. Prayer is a window through which the light of God shines through. Let's continue in hope and prayer, brothers and sisters in Christ, to keep this window open.



Next week we will especially reflect on our only rose color candle's significance: JOY! From Jesus Christ we have received so much love, beauty, and joy for the simple things in life. Things that do not cost any money. We are simply joyful because the time for the arrival of Jesus is almost here and what a joy it brings!!!



"Acceptance" will be our last flame of the season to come alive! It leads us to say "YES" to someone who asks us to do something as Mary herself did. This week is our chance to say "YES" when we would normally say "NO". Every time we do so in faith, we will be closer to God because Acceptance is pleasing to Him.



From your parish family at Saint Paul's we wish you Happy Holidays and a

Christ filled New Year! Sorry we're a little late !!

Mary Ann & Monica

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