

ADVENT 2017 -- As we approach the Christmas Season, "Season of Peace, and Good Will to all", we cannot ignore the violence in our families, city, and world. Many of us have been in situations where life seemed far from peace. Sometimes life can become so crazy that attaining peace seems near impossible. But living in peace is about living harmoniously with ourselves and others and being alive, alert, awake and aware to all around us. Living in peace is both an OUTWARD and an INWARD process. Outwardly, living in peace is a way of life in which we respect and love each other despite our cultural, religious and political differences. Inwardly, we all need to search our hearts and minds and understand the fear that causes the impulse to violence, or to continue ignoring the anger, rage within. If we do not address these storms on the inside, we cannot expect to find peace on the outside.

Our Advent theme this year is "**Jesus – the Pathway to Peace.**" Peacemaking is an everyday activity – how you deal with conflict, and your daily decisions when reacting to frustration and disappointment. *Making peace is a journey. Let it be our path during Advent.* And all journeys start with that first step of commitment to peace. Each week we will remind ourselves of one step we can take on this journey.

"For whoever would love life and see good days must keep the tongue from evil and the lips from speaking deceit" (1 Peter 3: 10)

Week 1 - Keep your tongue from evil. God's Word clearly states that the power of life and death is in the mouth. We can bring blessing or misery into our lives with our words. This week let us be aware of how we speak and use our words to others.

FR. JOE MUTH ADVENT SERIES 2017: "WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE??"

THURSDAY DECEMBER 7: ADVENT EXPERIENCE:

BUILD CITY-WIDE ACTION TEAM MEETING AT SACRED HEART OF JESUS CHURCH AT 7PM

MEET AT ST. MATTHEW AT 5:30PM FOR PRAYER AND FOOD THEN CARPOOL TO SACRED HEART.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 14: ADVENT REFLECTION

WHERE DOES HOPE COME FROM? WHAT DID YOU HEAR AND LEARN LAST WEEK AT SACRED HEART?

POETRY OF WARSAN SHIRE: "HOME"

BRIAN VOLCK : "FLESH BECOMES WORD"

HOW TO RESIST? CHILDREN AND PTSD? *BETH HURLEY LUERS: "CREATING LIGHT"*

THURSDAY DECEMBER 21: ADVENT REFLECTION:

WHAT DOES THE COMING OF JESUS MEAN AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME?

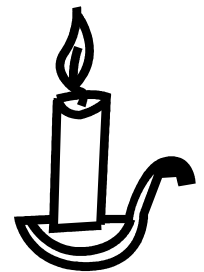
JESUS WAS BORN INTO A VIOLENT WORLD, HE DID NOT ESCAPE VIOLENCE!!

HOW DID HE AVOID VIOLENT BEHAVIOR? GOD IS ON THE SIDE OF THE OPPRESSED!

ARE YOU AWARE OF THE NATION'S FIRST INTENTIONALLY INTERRACIAL

CONGREGATION: "THE CHURCH FOR THE FELLOWSHIP OF ALL PEOPLE" IN SAN FRANCISCO??

HOWARD THURMAN: "JESUS AND THE DISINHERITED."



HAPPY ADVENT ---- COME SOON, LORD JESUS!!