

# ADVENT 2017

## TUESDAY PRAYER / PAUSE

**Advent is one of the most challenging Church seasons  
as we are called to pause, to wait, to ponder  
the arrival of the Son of God.**

Often compared to the anticipation felt during pregnancy, it is often experienced in a much different way. Here, on November 19, we are already well into the “Christmas Season” of buying and planning and baking and writing Christmas cards and cleaning the house and, and, and ... it isn't even December. Wait! It isn't even Advent -- the season of preparation!

Find some Advent here at the parish on Tuesday evenings. Maybe we can tear ourselves away from the torrent of activity to pause, to pray, to sing, and to reflect for an hour, **beginning at 7pm**. Come to the “no pressure zone” and give yourself the gift of being in Christ's presence through communal prayer ... a chance to simply “be,” stepping out of the hustle and bustle for a few minutes.

**12/5** “In God's Time -- an interactive presentation using song, scripture and short readings to help enter the season.

**12/12** “Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas” -- Evening Prayer will mark this very special Feast with reflections on the Virgin of Guadalupe and her story. Let her message of hope in 1531 help us to continue to hope today!

**12/19** “Taize Prayer around the Cross” -- steal a few quiet moments on the last Sunday of Advent (and one of the shortest days of the year) to center mind and heart in calming prayer in the style of the Taize community. (Taize Prayer includes singing, psalms, scripture, intercessory prayer and silence.)