# Christmas Together Verbal Announcements

## ANNOUNCEMENT #1

*(First Week of Advent)*

*This Advent we are taking this opportunity to renew our commitment to being a parish where every person is warmly welcomed and invited into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.*

As Advent begins, families throughout our community are preparing for Christmas. It's one of the best times of the year for people to reconnect with their parish family and return to regular Sunday Mass.

This Advent we are taking this opportunity to renew our commitment to being a parish where every person is warmly welcomed and invited into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.

Over the coming weeks, our parish will be reaching out to parishioners through letters, postcards, phone calls, and personal invitations to let them know they are missed and always welcome here.

We also ask you to prayerfully consider one person—a friend, neighbor, coworker, fellow parent, or family member—whom you could personally invite to join you for Mass this Christmas season.

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## ANNOUNCEMENT #2

*(Second Week of Advent)*

As we prepare for Christmas, remember that Advent and Christmas are among the greatest opportunities to welcome people back to church. As families gather and the holidays bring both joy and longing, many are looking for community, peace, and hope.

Together, let's make our parish a place where everyone feels they belong.

You can help by moving toward the center of the pew, parking a little farther away if you're able, arriving a few minutes early, introducing yourself to someone you don't know, offering a warm smile, and looking for opportunities to welcome visitors, young families, and those who come to Mass only a few times a year.

Small acts of hospitality can make an eternal difference. Together, let's ensure every person who walks through our doors this holiday season experiences the love of Christ.

## ANNOUNCEMENT #3

*(Third Week of Advent)*

Christmas is almost here, and it's a wonderful opportunity to share the joy and hope of Jesus Christ with someone in our lives. As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior, we invite every parishioner to take one simple step: Pray for One Person. Invite One Person. Welcome Every Person.

Think of a friend, neighbor, coworker, or family member who might appreciate an invitation to Christmas Mass. Reach out personally, invite them to join you at Mass this Christmas season and offer to sit with them. You never know how much a simple invitation could mean to someone who is looking for hope, community, or a way to reconnect with their faith.

And when Christmas arrives, let's make sure everyone who walks through our doors experiences the warmth of Christ's love. A smile, a friendly greeting, or an introduction can help someone feel that they belong.

This Christmas, let's make our parish a place where everyone is welcomed and can encounter Jesus Christ.

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## ANNOUNCEMENT #4

*(The Week Before Christmas)*

Next Sunday we celebrate the Nativity of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, we're making a special effort to welcome everyone who joins us for Mass. Over the past several weeks, our parish has been reaching out through personal invitations and messages of welcome. Thank you to everyone who has invited someone to join them today.

If someone is sitting near you whom you haven't met before, introduce yourself after Mass. If you notice a visitor, a young family, or someone attending alone, help them feel at home.

Our hope is that the Christmas season becomes more than one special celebration. May it be the beginning of a parish culture where every Sunday is a welcoming Sunday, every visitor is treated like family, and every person encounters the love of Jesus Christ—Emmanuel, God with us—through the welcome they receive from this parish community.