Pastor's Greetings

November 28, 2021

Happy First Sunday of Advent.

In the last year, there has been such an abundance of chaotic headlines in our world, so many victims of loneliness and anxiety, so many challenges confronting us as a nation, that preparing for Christmas may seem to be an indulgence we cannot afford this year.

But of course, this only underlines that it is indeed high time for Advent. It is time for us to listen for the Word that speaks in the void, to rediscover the Light that shines in the darkness, to prepare a manger in the cave of our inner poverty where the Child will be born.

As always, the Eucharist, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and prayer fed by the Scriptures are the perennial "roads" to Bethlehem. Additionally, the Friars and our staff have specifically crafted our upcoming "Advent Vigils" to help each of us enter into the great "task" of Advent. I invite you to join us for these hour-long programs each Thursday of December at 7pm. And bring a friend – especially if you sense they need to rediscover that Light which can never be overcome.

Fr. Luke