

# HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

## Mass Times

Mon 8:30am Tue 8:30am  
Wed 7:00pm w/Miraculous Medal Novena  
Thu 8:30am Fri 8:30am  
Sat 5:00pm Sun 8:00am, 9:30am &  
11:30am  
Adoration: Tue & Fri 3:00pm - 4:00pm

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## First SUNDAY of Advent

November 29, 2020

Oh, that you would  
rend the heavens  
and come down,  
with the mountains  
quaking before you,  
while you wrought  
awesome deeds we  
could not hope for,  
such as they had not  
heard of from of old.

Isaiah 63:19b; 64:2-3

Welcome

Weekend Masses are limited capacity. In the event the church is at capacity, Communion service will be available in FLC.

The Bishop's dispensation of the Sunday obligation will continue until further notice.

Our Live Stream Masses will remain available for those unable to attend in person.

We request you to wear a mask and to practice social distancing guidelines before, during & after all Masses.

May God's blessings of peace and joy be with you and your family.

**Parish Mission**  
"To be the light to our World by: Praying and Celebrating as a Eucharistic Community, serving those in need with unconditional love & generosity".

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Pre-K - 8th grade

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Bible Study	Ron Coleman	904-234-4743
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Healing Prayer Ministry	Jeff & Vickie Slade	904-449-1447
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## SACRAMENTS

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

**Baptism Class – Registration required:** Classes are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month at 7:00pm in the Family Life Center. You **MUST** be registered in the Parish for at least 6 months. Baptisms – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month after the 11:00am Mass.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Wednesday – 6:30pm & Saturday - 4:00pm or by appointment

### SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If you or your loved one is in need of the Sacrament of Anointing, please call the Parish Office at any time. We also have dedicated Eucharistic Ministers to bring Holy Communion to the sick and the homebound.

### SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY

Couples must contact Father Amar & Cheryl Bergman at least 6 months in advance.

# This Week @ Holy Spirit



- Sat** Nov 28 Holy Spirit Parishioners  
**Sun** 8:00am +Dennis Pounder Jr.  
By: Family  
9:30am +Lawrence De Vore  
By: Office Staff  
11:30am Brian Chambers (B/Day)  
By: Family
- Mon** Nov 30 +Elizabeth Lehane  
By: Kathy Lehane
- Tue** Dec 01 +Shireen Ray  
By: Marti Pounder
- Wed** Dec 02 +John Lehane  
By: Kathy Lehane
- Thu** Dec 03 Grace Halstead(B/Day)  
By: Mom & Dad
- Fri** Dec 04 +J. Leo Schotter Sr.  
By: Leo Schotter
- Sat** 8:30am All the Families of Holy Spirit  
5:00pm +Mauro, Emerlinda & Romalyn  
Rosario  
By: Gaspin & Yanez Families
- Sun** 8:00am Holy Spirit Parishioners  
9:30am +Steve Shaw  
By: Bob Oufek  
11:00am Nhel Adams (B/Day)  
By: Brian Chambers

**Prayer Requests:** If you would like to submit specific Prayers requests to Fr. Amar or Fr. Gil, please email to: [ahusbands@holyspiritchurchjax.org](mailto:ahusbands@holyspiritchurchjax.org)

Let us make use of all possible means to prevent the birth, growth and reign of sin. ~SFS~

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** First Sunday of Advent  
**Monday:** St. Andrew, Apostle  
**Tuesday:** World AIDS Awareness Day  
**Thursday:** St. Francis Xavier  
**Friday:** St. John Damascene  
**Friday:** First Friday  
**Saturday:** First Saturday

Please continue to observe the safety guidelines for celebrating Public Mass and please **DO NOT** come to Mass/Meetings if you are sick or not feeling well. Anyone over 65 and /or those with pre-existing medical conditions are advised to remain at home.

### **Sun Nov 29**

**Masses - 8:00, 9:30 & 11:30am**

**RCIA - 9:00am**

**Bible Study (zoom) - 9:30am**

**NO CCD CLASSES**

### **Mon Nov 30**

**Mass - 8:30am**

**Choir Practice - 5:00pm**

**Legion of Mary - MRP - 6:00pm - FLC**

### **Tue Dec 01**

**Mass - 8:30am**

### **Wed Dec 02**

**Legion of Mary - U of K - 1:00pm - FLC**

**Reconciliation - 6:30pm**

**Mass - 7:00pm**

### **Thu Dec 03**

**Mass - 8:30am**

**Knights of Columbus Meeting - 6:30pm - FLC**

### **Fri Dec 04**

**Mass - 8:30am**

**Advent Reconciliation & Holy Hour of Adoration - 6:00 - 7:00pm**

### **Sat Dec 05**

**Masses - 8:30am & 5:00pm**

**Retreat Training - 2:00pm - FLC**

**Reconciliation - 4:00pm**

### **Sun Dec 06**

**Masses - 8:00am, 9:30am & 11:00am**

**RCIA - 9:00am - FLC**

**Bible Study (zoom) - 9:30am**

**1st Reconciliation Retreat - 10:30am - FLC**

## **ADVENT RECONCILIATION**

In addition to our Wednesdays & Saturdays reconciliation, we will also be having reconciliation every Fridays from 6:00 – 7:00pm during Advent (4 Fridays) with the Holy Hour of Adoration.



# STEWARDSHIP

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22  
**Tuesday:** Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24  
**Wednesday:** Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37  
**Thursday:** Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27  
**Friday:** Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31  
**Saturday:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 - 10:1, 5a, 6-8  
**Sunday:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

## 40 Hour Adoration is here.....at our Parish!!



Starting December, we will have **40 hour Adoration on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> week of every month.** This will run concurrently with our weekday adoration and beyond. **We start at 11:00pm Wednesday until 3:00pm Friday,** encompassing both the Thursday and Friday Masses. After 4:00pm, access to the church will be through the code-enabled door of our adoration room. Come and spend an hour or two with our Eucharistic Lord! It is an excellent opportunity for our parishioners unable to adore during the day. **Please wear mask and practice social distancing.**

## DAILY ADORATION IS BACK!!

Daily Adoration is from 9 am to 3 pm, at which time the Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed, followed by Benediction and Reposition. This will be from Monday to Friday, except on holidays. Come at any day or hour to adore our Lord in the Most Holy Sacrament at the altar of our main church. If you are in position to commit to a specific day or hour, please call or text any of the following coordinators:

**Mon:** Lorraine Allaire 477-6820  
**Tue:** Diane Davis 200-5915  
**Wed:** Susan Riker 610-0649  
**Thu:** Dorothy Dobrovich 238-5363  
**Fri:** Ben or Perla Lipat 236-0439

## TIME Talent TREASURE

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING NOV 22, 2020

Offertory: \$ NO INFO  
 FLC Pledge: \$ DUE TO  
 Emergency Fund: \$ BULLETIN  
 School: \$ PRINTING  
 \*Online Giving: \$ SCHEDULE  
 \*Included in above totals

Thank you for your sacrificial giving and may God continue to bless your generosity.



Our Parish relies on the generous contributions of our parishioners and due to Covid-19 your support is needed more than ever.

Please consider making a one-time gift or sign up for recurring e-giving to help support our Parish.

### Donate online:

Text the word "GIVE" to 501-273-3327.

Or click the link:

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/holy1166175>

God bless!



Consider remembering your Parish in your Will. For further information, please contact the Parish Office.

# FAITH FORMATION

## Prayer for the First Week of Advent

# Hope

Dear Jesus,  
You are the HOPE  
in our messy world.

This Advent,  
help us to slow down,  
listen to your voice and focus  
on what's really important.

We place our hope in you  
as we prepare our hearts  
to celebrate your birth  
on Christmas.

Amen. *Advent*

## Holy Spirit Educational Session

**TOPIC: THE SACRAMENTS**



**DATE:** Sunday, December 13, 2020

**TIME:** 9:45 a.m.

**PLACE:** Family Life Center & Virtual via ZOOM  
<https://zoom.us/j/5645887508>

**Join us to learn about the seven sacraments and the process to become a fully initiated Catholic. Come learn more about your faith. All Parishioners Welcome!**

## CCD Families:

While our parish will be temporarily adjusting the mass times in order to accommodate an additional mass on Sundays, please be advised that **CCD class times will not change and will remain 9:30am - 10:45am**. The only mass the children in CCD would not be able to attend is the 9:30am mass. There are still three other options which are: **the Saturday mass at 5pm or the Sunday masses at either 8am or 11:30am**.

If you are already here at church, please note that they do the Rosary in the church 30 minutes prior to mass start time so that may be a nice opportunity to do that or spend time in the Rosary Garden doing the Rosary there (the garden is actually a giant Rosary if you never knew that). There is also a wonderful Bible study class in the Family Life Center starting at 9:40am if you want to consider that while your children are in CCD and then attend mass together as a family before or after CCD class.

Please keep in mind that the change in mass times is a temporary schedule adjustment while we are having to social distance and limit capacity at the church. Once things get better and we can accommodate more of our parishioners, Fr. Amar, will likely go back to the regular schedule.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me or Fr. Amar.

Blessings,

Maribel Hernandez, MBA, DTM  
Director, Religious Education & Youth Ministry

# Christmas Mass Schedule

## Holy Spirit Church 2020 Christmas Mass Schedule

### December 24, 2020 Christmas Eve

4:00 PM

6:00 PM

8:00 PM

10:00 PM



### December 25, 2020 Christmas Day

9:00 AM

11:00 AM



### New Year's Day Schedule

Community of Mary, Mother of God)

### December 31, 2020 New Year's Eve

5:00 PM

### January 1, 2021 New Year's Day

10:00 AM

## SCHOOL NEWS

Parishioners,

Did you know you can now make monetary donations directly to Holy Spirit School on-line? Simply go to [www.hscatholicschool.com](http://www.hscatholicschool.com) and click on the Donate button to access our new Pay Pal account.



**Come out and watch the Holy Spirit girls' volleyball team in action in Heslin Hall.**

**Games begin at 5:00pm  
Admission is \$4 for adults,  
\$1 for students.**

**Thursday, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Wednesday, Dec 9<sup>th</sup>  
Friday, Dec. 11th**

# Around the Diocese

## December 5

### Vocation Day of Reflection (Spanish)

For young men (ages 16 and older) discerning the priesthood.

Leaders: Father Manuel Puga, J.C.L.

Time TBD, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Crescent City

To register, visit <https://dosaf1.wufoo.com/forms/2020-hispanic-vocations-day-of-reflection/>

## December 11-13

### Baby Steps Camino Pilgrimage

An Advent journey to foster personal spiritual growth that will include a beach-walking pilgrimage from Jacksonville Beach to the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche at Mission Nombre de Dios in St. Augustine. All activities are free.

To register online, visit [www.babystepscamino.com](http://www.babystepscamino.com).

## December 19

### Una Noche de Navidad – A Night of Christmas

The evening will include Eucharistic Adoration, a live nativity, hot cocoa, cookies, 16th-century Spanish reenactors, and the traditional Las Posadas procession presented by the Historic Florida Militia.

6:00 to 10:00 p.m., National Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche at Mission Nombre de Dios, St. Augustine

## Bishop Estévez Launches New Podcast

Bishop Estévez has launched a brand new podcast, a collection of select homilies for the faithful of the Diocese of St. Augustine. The podcast is now available on the following platforms and will be available on others in the near future:

- ◆ Spotify (download app on Google Play or Apple App Store)
- ◆ Anchor (<https://anchor.fm/bishop-estevez-homilies>)
- ◆ Pocket Casts (download app)
- ◆ Diocesan website (<https://www.dosaf1.com/bishop-felipe-j-estevez/podcast/>)

Efforts are underway to make the podcast available also on some of the more popular apps, including Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, Breaker, Castbox, Overcast and RadioPublic. Please note, since some podcast apps aggregate directly from Apple (like the iHeartRadio app) we ask that you please check your preferred podcast app periodically to see if it becomes available.



# FROM OUR PASTOR'S DESK



**The season of Advent** officially begins today with the 1st Sunday of Advent.

Advent is an exciting time especially for children. Because as they see Christmas decorations appearing on the streets and shopping malls and everywhere else, they also want to be part of this decoration excitement. They too would want some Christmas decoration at home, so parents would have to drag out the Christmas tree and untangle the lights and search for those other Christmas decorations tucked away somewhere in the house.

But as much as most Christmas decorations have some kind of spiritual meaning, there is one that stands out from the rest and it symbolizes the season of Advent. At the beginning of the Mass, we blessed the Advent wreath and we lighted the first candle of the wreath.

The Advent wreath is rich in symbols. The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent in which we prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. The circular wreath symbolizes the eternity of God who is without beginning or end, and that He loves us with an everlasting love. The evergreens of holly and pine represent our hope in the saving love of God, a hope which is fulfilled in the birth of the Savior and the hope of eternal salvation.

As Advent progresses, from the 1st week to the 4th week, the number of candles, are lighted accordingly. This has a profound spiritual meaning; Jesus, the light of world is coming to scatter the darkness of our sins, and with each passing week, the light of the candles in the Advent wreath grows brighter in preparation to celebrate the birth of Jesus, the true light.

So, in Church, the Advent wreath is the symbol of the Advent season and it is placed within the sanctuary to remind us of the need to prepare ourselves spiritually for the celebration of Christmas. And as in Church, so it should be at home. Especially with the children, we the parents and adults must keep the spiritual traditions alive and find meaning and direction for our faith in the Advent season. With the stress and busyness of life, the family hardly has time for prayer, and if parents and adults do not lead the way and show the way, the children would not have any spiritual directions to follow.

So, Advent is like a spiritual alarm clock that rings into our hearts and bids us to wake up and prepare ourselves for the coming of our Savior. Yes, we must wake up but as like most mornings, the alarm clock wakes us up and then we put it to snooze and we fall back to sleep.

That's why in the gospel, Jesus urges us to stay awake, and be on our guard against complacency and carelessness. More so in this time of Advent when we should be preparing ourselves with prayer, we will be tempted to busy ourselves with shopping for gifts and just getting materially prepared for Christmas but neglecting the spiritual aspects.

So, if we don't have an Advent wreath, then it would certainly be meaningful to get one. Jesus wants to come into our lives with His light and blessings. He wants to bring us healing from the darkness of our sins and help us be reconciled with one another especially in the family.

He wants to be in our families so that we can experience His love and joy and peace with each other.



But we must invite Him, and the Advent wreath would be the means to bring the family together in prayer and to let the light of Christ shine in our hearts and bring about the warmth of love and peace that we always wanted for our families and for ourselves.

We only need to stay awake and be vigilant in prayer. Lighting the candles of the Advent wreath and praying together as a family may be a little and humble act but the blessings that Jesus gives will be bountiful.

We just have to stay awake in prayer to receive true blessings.

# FRIENDLY REMINDERS

## NO ADORATION

There will be **NO ADORATION** on **Tuesday Dec 01 & Wednesday Dec 02**, due to Carpet Cleaning in the Church.

## BAPTISM CLASS

All Parents and God-parents are asked to register with the church office either by calling or emailing, if you plan on attending a Baptism class. Due to the Covid -19 pandemic, we will be having smaller classes while practicing social distancing, so we are asking you **NOT** to bring your child/children to the class. Baptism Class is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month at 7:00pm in the Family Life Center. You **MUST** be registered at the Parish for at least 6 months.

**Do you really Love Me?  
Then  
Come to Me,  
Visit Me  
Before the Blessed Sacrament**



**Make a Holy Hour Adoration  
of the Blessed Sacrament  
Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet  
Mon - Fri 9:00 - 3:00pm**

## Advertiser of the Week

**GRASS/WASH BUTLER  
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Pressure Washing Services**

**Thank you for making our bulletin possible**

## ADVENT RECONCILIATION



In addition to our Wednesdays & Saturdays reconciliation, we will also be having reconciliation **every Fridays from 6:00 – 7:00pm** during Advent (4 Fridays) with the Holy Hour of Adoration.

## FAMILIES AT CHRISTMAS



For the 13th consecutive year the Men's Club is asking for your support in assisting some families in the parish that need a little extra help getting through the Holidays. In the past 12 years, through your generosity 60 families and over 140 children have been given financial assistance to lessen the burden during this season.

Men's Club will be outside the church after all masses this weekend collecting cash, checks and unused gift cards that we will distribute to these families. If you cannot give this weekend, but want to give at a later time, you can mail your donation or drop it at the Parish Office.

Thank you for your continued generosity and Merry Christmas.

## Our Lady of Fatima Statue

It's time again to sign up for the weeks you'd like to have, the visiting statue of Our Lady of Fatima in your home for 2021. Email Chris Freeman at [ccfreeman127@icloud.com](mailto:ccfreeman127@icloud.com) Or call her at 904-7167743. Please take an opportunity to pray with Her and enjoy Her presence. Pray for your home, your family, our church, our young people, our schools, our country!



## CONNECT WITH US ON FACEBOOK !!

**Holy Spirit Catholic  
Church Parish Group**





# MINISTRIES



If you would like to offer a Mass Intention for a family member or friend (for 2020) in celebration of a:

- ◆ Birthday
- ◆ Wedding Anniversary
- ◆ Death Anniversary
- ◆ Gregorian Mass

then you could do so with the **Missionaries of St Francis De Sales** and the donation goes toward the support of the order. Please call the church office for more details.

## The Daughters of Divine Mercy Circle Prayer Blanket Ministry

Lap sized blankets are available for those facing life's more difficult challenges.

Blankets can be obtained after all weekend Masses through the Church's gift shop, weekdays through the Church office or by directly contacting the **Prayer Blanket Ministry**

This Ministry is also available to come to the bedside of those who are sick and dying to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet for them.

Please contact the Prayer Blanket Ministry for more information.

## HS Gift Shop

Please call **Kathie Garrett 904-565-1859** or **Stephanie 315-558-3915**  
If you have a need for any gift shop items.

## St. Vincent de Paul

Thank you for your support of the work of St. Vincent de Paul Society in their service to the needy and underprivileged of our area.



### Current List of Needs

**Dry Goods:** peanut butter, jelly, rice(1lb bags),

**Canned:** Spam®, tuna fish, soup, pasta w/sauce, chili, pork & beans, meats and fruit.

Please place donations in the large brown wooden box in the vestibule of the Church.

Parishioners wishing to donate used furniture items may do so by contacting the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Shop at 904-396-7473.

## YOU ARE NOT ALONE.....

There is no need to feel alone when real help is available during an **Unplanned**

**Pregnancy.** Caring Choices at (866)901-9647 offers help through counseling, support, education, resources and referrals. **This is one decision not to face alone!**



If you are struggling with emotional or spiritual pain following an abortion, there are 2 healing ministries available, both are **post abortion healing ministries** that will lovingly help to transform your pain to hope and through reconciliation give peace.

**Project Rachel-** (904)923-9203 with professional counselors and individual priests.

**Rachel's Vineyard-** (904) 221-3232 group weekend retreat.

## ANGELS OF MERCY

This ministry provides transportation to the doctor, grocery store, and pharmacy for our Parishioners. We can also provide meals for a limited time if you are ill or returning home from the hospital.

If you are ever in need of our services, please contact **Kathie Garrett @ 904-565-1859**

Please consider being an Angel, the more the merrier!

## PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE EXPECTANT MOTHERS!!

**Maggie Merrill Galvis, Hannah Gonzalez-Chavez, Jennifer Della Crosse, Grace Babineau, Alex Maples**



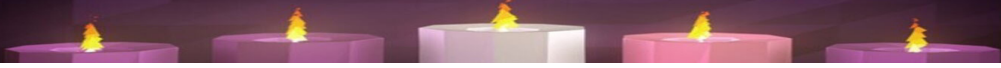
### EXPECTING?

Contact the Elizabeth Ministry for more info

## ATTENTION

The Diocese of St. Augustine treats all allegations of sexual misconduct seriously and deals with all allegations in a prompt, confidential, and thorough manner. To Report Abuse, call the police or the Department of Children and Families at (800) 962-2873. Or call the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (904) 208-6979 or email [inquires@dosaf.com](mailto:inquires@dosaf.com). To report abuse by a bishop, call (800) 276-1562 or visit [www.reportbishopabuse.org](http://www.reportbishopabuse.org).

# Don't let Covid steal your Advent!



The Advent season is a time of preparation, it directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and also to the anniversary of the Lord's birth on Christmas. The final days of Advent, from December 17 to December 24, focus particularly on our preparation for the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord (Christmas).

Advent devotions including the [Advent wreath](#), reminds us of the meaning of the season. The Advent calendar below can help you fully enter in to the season with daily activity and prayer suggestions to prepare you spiritually for the birth of Jesus Christ.

 <h2 style="text-align: center;">ADVENT CALENDAR 2020</h2>						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>November 29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>December 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<p><b>The First Sunday of Advent</b> Begin your Advent journey by <a href="#">blessing</a> your Advent wreath. Light the first violet candle and sing "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel."</p>	<p>Make a resolution at the start of this liturgical year that will bring you closer to Christ.</p>	<p>Today is Giving Tuesday! Many of our parishes have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Consider making a recurring gift to your parish.</p>	<p>Use this Advent season to ready your heart for Jesus. In what ways can you improve your relationship with him?</p>	<p>Memorial of St. Francis Xavier, Priest In honor of St. Francis Xavier, one of the first Jesuits, try the practice of the <a href="#">Daily Examen</a>.</p>	<p>"Social friendship and universal fraternity necessarily call for an acknowledgement of the worth of every human person, always and everywhere." (Pope Francis, <i>Fratelli Tutti</i>, no. 106)</p>	<p>Advent is a season of waiting and anticipation of the birth of Christ. It can be easy to lose sight of this, focusing more on gift giving and receiving. Set aside time to pray with your family, even virtually, to refocus on the greatest gift.</p>

## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent Read

The four candles of the Advent wreath represent the four weeks of the first season of the liturgical year, Advent. Discover why we use three violet candles and one pink (or rose) candle to represent these four weeks of preparation for Christmas.

### Reflect

Today we begin the journey of Advent, a time of hope and anticipation of the coming of the Lord at Christmas, but also for Christ's second coming. Take time to reflect how you will prepare spiritually for Christmas this year.

### Pray

***Bless your Advent wreath today.***

### Act

Light one of the violet candles marking the season's first week, as you sing a verse of "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel."



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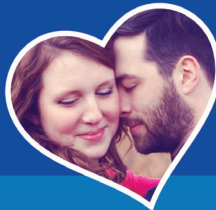


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