

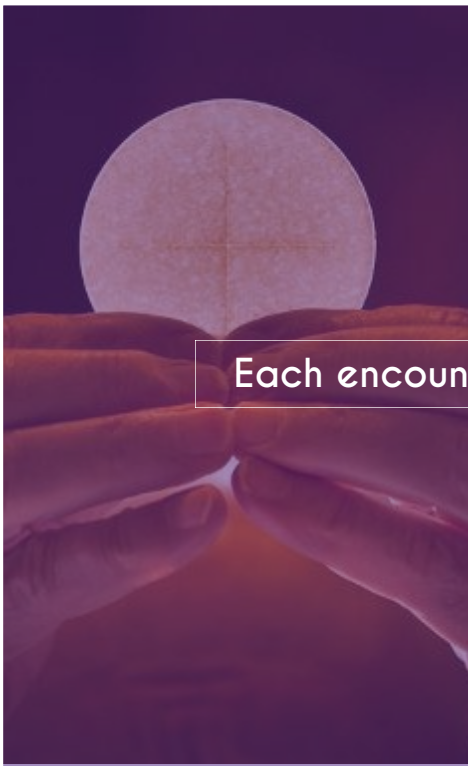
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The Word

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Reflection Questions

1. Do I read the Living Word of God every day?
If so, how often? If not, why?
2. What is my favorite passage in Sacred Scripture? Why?
3. What will I do this Advent Season to ENCOUNTER JESUS in Sacred Scripture? Try to be specific (when, where, in what way, and for how long each day?)



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The Sacraments

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Reflection Questions

1. How many Sacraments have I received in my life? (Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Communion, Confession, Anointing of Sick, Matrimony, etc). Do I take time to thank God for these gifts? Will I take the time to thank him now present before me in the Eucharist (Sacrament Most Holy - because it's JESUS Himself - Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity)?
2. How is my Eucharistic Life? Not just going to Mass (maybe even daily) or adoration. My Eucharistic Life? My hunger to receive JESUS and my desire to be with Him? Do I ever make spiritual communions while at work, at home, in the community?
3. Does going to confession cost me? Do I put it off for months on end? Do I truly view confession as the Sacrament of Healing God wants it to be? Do I forgive myself after confession knowing God has forgiven me? Do I find confidence in his mercy and grace? Read Philippians 4:13 and 1 Peter 5:7.
4. Speak to JESUS about your Eucharistic Life and The Sacrament of Confession. Make a resolution: What might I do this Advent to better ENCOUNTER Jesus in my Eucharistic Life and Confession.

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Others

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Reflection Questions

1. Read Matthew 25:40
2. How do I view my neighbor? Do I see my neighbor as JESUS does - with eyes like JESUS - with the eyes of Faith from my heart?
3. Who do I struggle most with at work, at home, in my parish, in the community? Can I pray an "Our Father" for them right now. Do I realize that it is easy to minister to those who appreciate and value me and difficult to minister to those who are not grateful and rude to me? Yet I've been sent to minister to the difficult/lost like JESUS. I only love JESUS in as much as I love the person I like the least.
4. What can I do this Advent to "...love my neighbor as myself."? Try to be specific (when, where, in what way, etc)