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Thumb Vicariate News

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COOKIE WALK

December 11, 2021 @ 9:00 am

St Nicholas Catholic Church Hall

4331 Capac Rd
Capac, MI
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Tin $12.00
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of homemade cookies

Save the Date

R&R with Jesus

Featuring:

Fr Steve Mateja

January 23, 2022
7:00 pm

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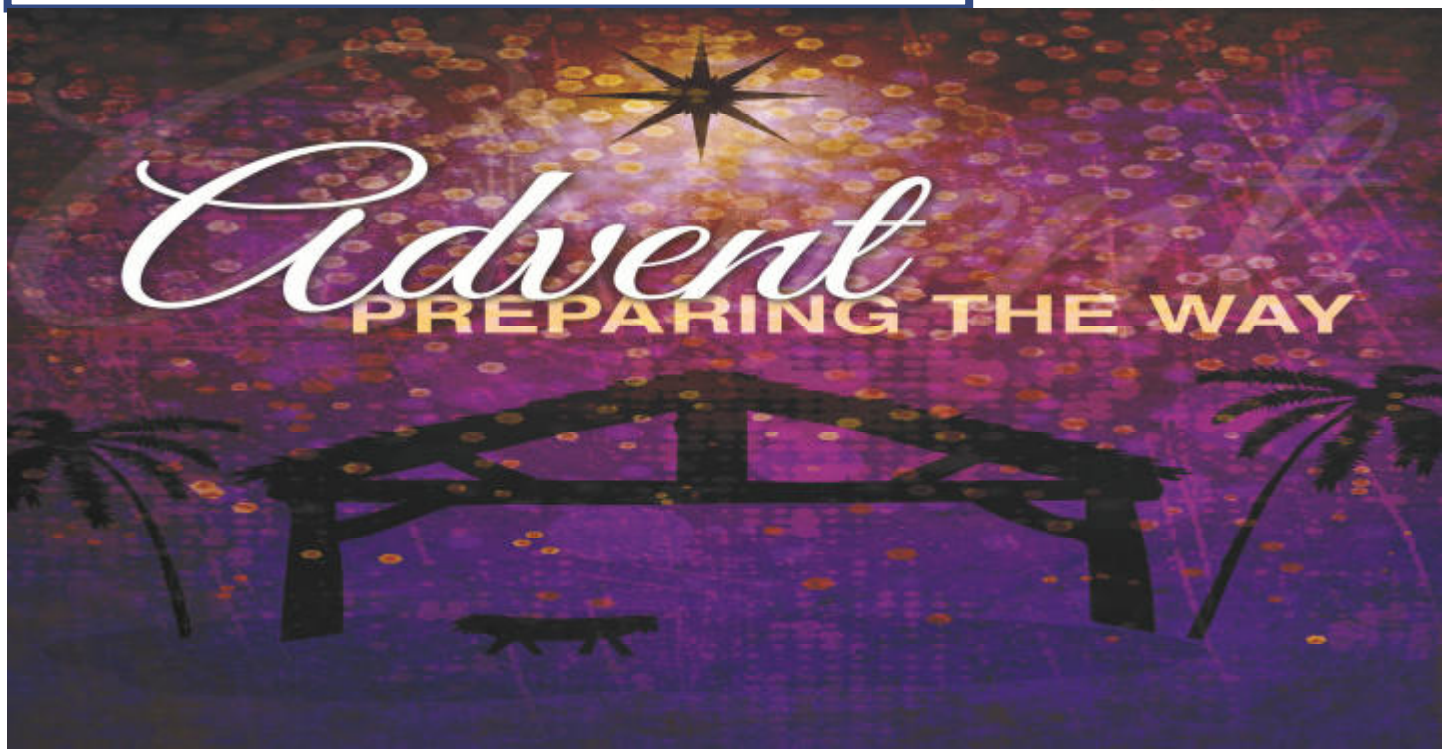

Ways to have more Reverence at Mass

1) **Silent Prayer before Mass:** Helps you to prepare for the gift that is about to be offered
2) **Dress for the occasion:** Dressing reverently and respectfully signals that you are in the midst of someone important and are participating in a serious event.
3) **The Our Father:** Holding hands may be distracting for some, Pray from the heart and don't feel obligated to hold hands.
4) **Sign of Peace:** By reverently and discreetly shaking hands or bowing to the person on either side of you. Right after the consecration is a time for reverence and reflection.
5) **Reception of Holy Communion:** On the tongue or in the hand, both are acceptable as long as this is done in a manner of receiving, allowing yourself to be fed. The Eucharist must be consumed while in front of the alter and not taken back to your seat.
6) **Silent Prayer after Mass:** Reflect on the gift you just received and give thanks for the Mass.
7) Please do not leave Mass before you are dismissed by the Priest. It is disrespectful to God and distracting to others. The only reason to leave early is in a dire emergency. Jesus asked us for one hour, let us give it to him in a manner of respect, and to show glory and honor to our God. Do your best and never feel compelled to participate in novel practices that are counter to the reality of Christ's presence in the Eucharist.

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