

Dear Friends,

Prepare the way of the Lord!

This refrain, which we'll hear next Sunday in the Holy Gospel according to Mark, is one of the main themes of this Holy Season of Advent. I've preached a few times in the past year about the beautiful music created by the Taizé community in France. Another one of my favorites of theirs has this same refrain: "Prepare the Way of the Lord". You can listen to a version of it here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=FaV7mFYETBs

Preparing for Our Savior, Jesus Christ, to come into our world and into our hearts is something we're called to be doing all year long. But, I'm grateful that we're blessed with Advent each year as a time to re-focus on this refrain. And, as the above chant reminds us, so that "all people will see the salvation of our God!"

Blessed Advent to you and your family!

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Thank you for all your generous prayers and support for the recent Called to Serve as Christ Campaign! I'm grateful to report that thus far \$399,468 has been pledged by Mary, Queen of Peace parishioners! 15% of the donations received will come back to MQP, for a potential parish share of \$59,920 thus far. Your generosity will go towards supporting priests and sisters in their retirement, as well as go towards paying for our roof and skylight replacement loans. To find out more information about the status of MQP's *Called to Serve as Christ Campaign*, please go to: mqpevents.weebly.com/called-to-serve-as-christ.html *Thank you!*

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Let's keep praying for peace and unity, and let's keep on making personal decisions each day with our own thoughts, words, and actions that contribute to peace and unity in our world!

Yours in Christ, through Mary, Queen of Peace,

Fr. Chad Green