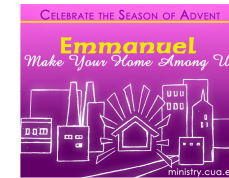


*To everyone celebrating a birthday this week;  
We wish you a very  
Blessed and Happy Birthday!*



## *First Sunday in Advent*

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*“What is Advent? Many answers can be given. We can say that it is nothing but a pretext for hectic activity and commercialism, prettified with sentimental clichés in which people stopped believing ages ago. In many cases this may be true, but it is not the whole picture.*

*We can say the reverse, that Advent is a time when in the midst of an unbelieving world, something of the luminous quality of this lost faith is still perceptible, like a visual echo. Just as stars are visible long after they have become extinct, since their erstwhile light is still on its way to us, so this mystery frequently offers some warmth and hope even to those who are no longer able to believe in it.*

*We can also say that Advent is a time when a kindness is mobilized; namely, the willingness to think of others and give them a token of kindness.*

*Finally, we can say that Advent is a time when old customs live again, for instance in the singing of carols, that takes place all over the country. In the melodies and the words of these carols, something of the simplicity, imagination and glad strength of the faith of our forefathers makes itself heard in our age, bringing consolation and encouraging us to have faith which could make people so glad in such hard times.*

*Taken from “Memory Awakens Hope” by Pope Benedict XVI, in Seek That Which is Above.*

*During this Season of Advent, take the time to truly prepare your hearts, minds, and souls for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. May we truly know that somewhere beneath the decorations and ribbons and “holiday” tree is the loving God who humbled himself to become one of us and witness to the truth of His love. Await His coming. Prepare to receive Him. Welcome Emmanuel and know that He is indeed making His home among us!*

### **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**

Saturday, Dec. 8th, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation. Catholics are asked to keep this day holy by attending Mass. There will be no university masses on this day; please attend mass at the Shrine.

#### **Mass times at the Basilica of the National Shrine include:**

7:00am Crypt Church; 7:30am Blessed Sacrament Chapel; 8:00am Crypt Church; 8:30am Blessed Sacrament Chapel; 10am Crypt Church (Guides Commissioning Mass); 12noon Upper Church; 3:00pm Crypt Church (IVE Profession Mass); 5:30pm Upper Church. Any questions contact the Office of Campus Ministry at x5575.

### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

<b>M</b>	Is 4:2-6, Mt 8:5-11
<b>T</b>	Is 11:1-10, Lk 10:21-24
<b>W</b>	Is 25:6-10a, Mt 15:29-37
<b>TH</b>	Is 26:1-6, Mt 7:21, 24-27
<b>F</b>	Is 29:17-24, Mt 9:27-31
<b>S</b>	Gn 3:9-15, 20, Eph 1:3-6, 11-12, Lk 1:26-38
<b>Sun</b>	Is 11:1-10, Rom 15:4-9, Mt 3:1-12

**Caroling at Little Sisters of the Poor.** Monday, December 10, 2007. Meet outside Campus Ministry at 7p.m. to take a break from exams and carol for and with the elderly at Little Sisters of the Poor. For more information, e-mail [43jerome@cua.edu](mailto:43jerome@cua.edu)

**AA Meetings** every Thursday evening in Caldwell Room 325 at 7:30 p.m.

**A Home is the Foundation, The Local & national Need for Affordable Housing in the United States.** Tuesday, December 4, 2007 Great Room A, 6:30 p.m.

This is an Informational speaking event on the current affordable housing crisis our country is facing today. Guest speaker from: So Others Might Eat (SOME) & Network: A National Catholic Social Lobby. Pizza and beverage will be served. Catholic University, Office of Campus Ministry.

### **Paskong Pinoy**

Experience Philippine Christmas through Philippine carols, food, and tradition this Saturday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30-8:30 in the Pryz. Come and go as you please while enjoying authentic Philippine food. Admission is free and is hosted by the Filipino Organization of Catholic University Students.

### **Lessons and Carols**

Our annual Advent Celebration of Lessons and Carols will be Tuesday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> at 9pm in Caldwell Chapel.

Please join us for an evening of scripture and song as we await the joys of Christmas.

### **Advent Calendars for Sale**

Buy Chocolate and support a good cause! Monday and Tuesday of this week the Advent Committee will continue to sell Advent Calendars in the Pryz during lunch and dinner times. Chocolate calendars are available for \$3 and simple ones for only \$1. All of the proceeds from both the traditional and chocolate calendars will go to Northwest Pregnancy Center.

### **Advent Adoration**

Our annual tradition of Advent Adoration begins this week. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed following the 12:15 pm weekday mass in Caldwell Chapel, Mondays and Tuesdays until 8pm, Wednesdays and Thursdays until 10pm, and Fridays until 5pm. It will continue all this week and next (finals week). Please stop by the chapel for quiet moments of prayer throughout the weeks.

### **Pray Advent – daily online reflections**

Prayer and reflection are an essential part of preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ. This year, we will post student written reflections everyday during the season of Advent. They are brief and prayerful. Please stop by [ministry.cua.edu](http://ministry.cua.edu) as part of your daily prayer. They will continue until Christmas, so even when you are home, you can continue your preparations!



### **House-Christmas Party**

Friday Dec 7<sup>th</sup> from 7-10PM. Stockings will be given to all guests and cooking and ornament decorating will be offered. Food will be provided.

### **Light the Season: CUA's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting**

Join us Friday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> at 5pm in the Pryz third-floor atrium (across from Starbucks) for our annual Christmas Tree Lighting 5 p.m., CUA will celebrate "Light the Season," its annual Christmas tree lighting. The celebration will include refreshments, music and a visit from Santa Claus. CUA Christmas ornaments will be distributed. For more information, contact Campus Ministry, 202-319-5575.

**"Student Minister Info Sessions for 2008-2009** will be held on Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> in the House after House Mass (9 pm) and **Wednesday, December**

**5<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm** in the Cellar. There is also one Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm in the House.

### **Second Annual Advent and Christmas Mass for University Faculty and Staff**

Join us Thursday, Dec 20<sup>th</sup> at 2pm in Caldwell Chapel for the Second Annual Advent and Christmas Mass for University Faculty and Staff. It is celebrated for all of the intentions of faculty and staff. We are in need of a cantor and lectors. If you cantor or lector at your local parish and are interested in helping, please contact Jessica at [deprizio@cua.edu](mailto:deprizio@cua.edu).

### **Fair Trade Bazaar**

Tomorrow, Monday Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, there will be a fair trade Bazaar in the Lobby of the Pryz from 4-7pm. Come pick up beautiful Christmas gifts all while making a positive impact on the world! Fair trade specifically works with marginalized producers and workers to help them move from a position of vulnerability to security and economic self-sufficiency. Come learn more and see amazing gifts created by human hands!

### **CUA Giving Tree**

Do you remember how excited you were when you would wake up Christmas morning and see the gifts that Santa left you? Why not be Santa for someone else!? Help the kids in the Brookland Neighborhood have a wonderful Christmas by donating unwrapped gifts to the CUA Giving Tree. Pick up an ornament off the tree in the House, the Pryz, the library or St. Vincent's or go to [ministry.cua.edu](http://ministry.cua.edu) to sign-up. Please drop-off all gifts and donations by Friday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> at the Light the Season- CUA's Christmas Tree Lighting or to the Campus Ministry Office by Monday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>. Target runs Sat., Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2pm, Sun., Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1pm, Sat., Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> at 2pm, Sun., Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> at 1pm.



### **Pax Christi Corner**

**A student perspective from Pax Christi**  
**By treasurer Chris Needham**

Christmas, it is important to remember, is first and foremost about Christ. The Christmas season leading up to this feast is a great time to focus on some of things we can do to make our world a more holy place. We can work for peace on earth and give of ourselves and our gifts to help our neighbors. There are many easy ways we can help out in our campus community, our city, and our world—it is just up to us to take the first step.

We would love for you to come join us. We are done meeting for the semester. Please look for information concerning next semester's meeting place in the

bulletin. If you have any questions, e-mail me at [86needham@cua.edu](mailto:86needham@cua.edu). Check out our website: [studentorg.cua.edu/paxchristi](http://studentorg.cua.edu/paxchristi)