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## Blessed Sacrament Weekly Email - Nov. 27, 2024

We read in Sacred Scripture some awe-inspiring stories about God revealing God's self in a powerful way.

- God speaks to Moses through a burning bush that is not consumed.
- The Prophet Elijah experiences God awesome presence on Mount Horeb.
- The Prophets Isaiah and Ezekiel receive visions: Isaiah is called to be a prophet while praying in the Temple; and Ezekiel sees God's abundant grace flowing forth from the Temple in Jerusalem.
- Jesus is transfigured on Mount Tabor so that Peter, James, and John see the Divinity of Jesus in such a powerful way, they were filled with fear and trembling.
- Saint Paul hears the voice of Jesus speaking to him from a bright light.

Some so-called Born-Again Christians wrongly believed faith must come to true believes with the power and might of God. We remember how the Holy Spirit came in power on Pentecost Sunday. We forget Easter Sunday evening when the Apostles received the same Holy Spirit when Jesus breathed on them. The disciples on the Road to Emmaus did not realize for the longest time the Risen Lord was with them. This week email includes a story about meeting God. Think about it and pray with it.

There was once a little boy who always wanted to meet Jesus. One day he was walking home from Sunday school. As he went through the park, he noticed an old woman sitting on a park bench. She looked lonely and hungry, so he sat down and offered part of the chocolate bar he had been saving. She accepted it with a smile. He gave her more of the candy, and she shared a can of root beer with him. They sat together in a very friendly manner, eating and drinking and smiling at each other. When the boy got up to leave, he reached over the woman and gave her a big hug. He walked home smiling. His mother noticed his big smile and happiness on his face and asked, "What did you do today that made you so happy?" "I had lunch with Jesus. And she has a great smile," he said. The old woman returned to the small apartment she shared with her sister. She too was smiling. Her sister asked her why she was so happy. "I just had lunch with Jesus. And he is a lot younger than I expected," she said.

Praying that we may have a happy, safe, and blessed Thanksgiving Weekend

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Faith in West Virginia

<https://faithinwv.org/latest-bulletin/>

This Sunday's Readings

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/120124.cfm>

Wednesday Bible Handout

This Sunday's Bulletin

<https://blessedsacramentwv.org/download/december-1-2025/?wpdmdl=2164&refresh=674754af591761732727983>

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## Live, Local, and Late-breaking

- Thanksgiving Day Mass 1:00 pm and Thanksgiving Dinner 2:00 pm
- Sunday 10:00 am — Youth Music Ensemble in our Church
- Sunday 10:15 am — Children and Youth Faith Formation in our classrooms

### **MYSTIC MORSELS**

The function of Advent is to remind us what we're waiting for  
as we go through life too busy with things that do not matter  
to remember the things that do.

When year after year we hear the same scriptures and  
the same hymns of longing for the life to come,  
of which this one is only its shadow,  
it becomes impossible to forget the refrains of the soul.  
Advent relieves us of our commitment to the frenetic in a fast-paced world.  
It slows us down. It makes us think.  
It makes us look beyond today to the "great tomorrow" of life.  
—Joan Chittester (1936-

By his own will Christ was dependent on Mary during Advent:  
he was absolutely helpless;  
he could go nowhere but where she chose to take him; Lhe could not speak; her  
breathing was his breath; his heart beat in the beating of her heart.  
In the seasons of our Advent — waking, working, eating, sleeping, being —  
each breath is a breathing of Christ into the world.  
— Caryll Houselander (1901-1954)

### **PRAYER**

Lord God, we adore you because you have come to us in the past.  
You have spoken to us in the Law of Israel.  
You have challenged us in the words of the prophets.  
You have shown us in Jesus what you are really like.

Lord God, we adore you because you still come to us now.  
You come to us through other people and their love and concern for us.  
You come to us through men and women who need our help.  
You come to us as we worship you with your people.

Lord God, we adore you because you will come to us at the end.  
You will be with us at the hour of death.  
You will still reign supreme when all human institutions fail.  
You will still be God when our history has run its course.

We welcome you, the God who comes.  
Come to us now in the power of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
— Caryl Micklem, "Contemporary Prayers for Public Worship"

### **CARBONATED GRACE**

An elderly woman walked into a church. The friendly usher greeted her at the door and helped her up the flight of steps. "Where would you like to sit?" he asked politely.

"The front row please," she answered.

"You really don't want to do that," the usher said "the pastor is really boring."

"Do you happen to know who I am?" the woman inquired.

"No." he said.

"I'm the pastor's mother," she replied indignantly.

"Do you know who I am?" he asked.

"No." she said.

"Good," he answered.