



Year of Truth

The Theology Department Reflects During Advent

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# Nothing Will Be Impossible with God



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In the third Week of Advent, we prepare for our final days before Christmas. In the many preparations, I have fond memories of when I was a child and the strong sense of anticipation that I had experienced. During the last week of Advent, I watched my mother do the final preparations to our home, shop for the ingredients for the homemade traditional Christmas meal, and the final baking that would be done. Our home was filled with the fragrance of a freshly cut tree and the baked goods of lekvar, poppyseed, and nut rolls all rolled into perfection, adorned with a bow for a gift. I knew the preparations were filled with love right down to getting our “Sunday best” ready for Christmas midnight mass. It was in all of these moments of preparation that brought me closer to the realization of Jesus’ birth from traditions passed on from generation to generation. All of these memories made our house a home and my strong faith.

**Challenge:** Advent for adults is not just a time of waiting but feelings of not having prepared enough and with many thoughts of what we still have to do. As we prepare and wait, try to read and reflect on all that God has done for us. If we focus only on our challenges, we risk forgetting that Jesus is always with us, to shine his life in every situation. In these last days of Advent, praise and thank the Lord for all of his blessings. It is never too late to join Mary in the greatness of her son. Remember his promises and his love! Merry Christmas.

*“Jesus, open my eyes so that I can see your glory in the precious baby in the manger.”*