

Sample Pulpit Announcement

Advent is a special time of year to gain spiritual fruits, particularly peace and joy. A special mediator of these graces is our Blessed Mother Mary. This year, our parish is offering a new program specifically written to help Catholics prepare for Jesus' birth as Mary did. It guides you through Mary's experiences and encounters and sheds light on how they relate to our preparation for Christmas. This program is called *Rejoice!*Advent Meditations with Mary, and it was created by a parish priest, Fr. Mark Toups, who was excited to spread the joy his own Louisiana community had experienced from reflections on Mary and Advent.

This year, we have the opportunity to share these engaging Marian Advent reflections in video and journal form through Ascension's Rejoice! program. Because we want this Advent to be a journey we take together as a parish, we will be holding an Advent Mission Night on [DATE] at [TIME] in [LOCATION]. Every person will receive a Rejoice! Journal, filled with beautiful art and meaningful meditations to accompany them throughout the entire Advent season [HOLD UP AND SHOW JOURNAL]. Rejoice! is an opportunity for our whole community to draw more intentionally into the season of Advent together and to obtain the grace associated with Advent devotion.

Join us this Advent, especially on [DATE], for this transformative experience.

