

A Day by Day Spiritual Journey Through Advent  
With Deacon Chris

Tuesday of the First Week of Advent

*Light a candle and make sure it is safe and don't leave unattended.*

Jesse Tree

Jesse is the father of David. If you read the genealogy of Our Lord at the beginning of St. Matthews gospel you will see this. Matthew shows the link between our Lord and Abraham whilst Luke takes the link all the way back to Adam. The first Book of Samuel tells us how David was selected to be the successor of king Saul. He was the youngest and weediest of Jesse's sons. The others were big strapping lads. But God looks at the inside of a person not the outside of a person. It is our inside that is made in God's image and likeness.

We use the Jesse tree to help us recall the History of Salvation. Some people will put extracts from scripture to highlight this. We use symbols that were made many years ago. Each symbol has a story to tell.

The Book of Genesis tells us that God created heaven and earth and divided the light from the darkness. After six days he had completed his work and when he looked at it he saw that it was very good. On the seventh day he rested.

We use the symbols of the sun and the moon to represent creation.

God then decided to form man and when he had done so he warned him that he must not eat the fruit of the tree of knowledge. God also noticed that Adam was lonely. So, he created woman who Adam named Eve.

After a while along came the serpent who used his wiliness and persuaded Adam and Eve to each of the tree of knowledge. Once they had done this they felt the wrath of God who banished them from the Garden.

We use the symbol of the apple with bites out of it and the serpent. (See Genesis 1 to 3)



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We remember St. Francis Xavier whose memorial it is today.

**In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen**

When you created all that is in the world you said that it was very good and on the seventh day you rested. You gave the world over to us, and asked us to be good stewards, to look after all that you have made. Give us the grace to help us see what we must do to rectify the error of our ways so that the generations that follow us will have a world worth living in and looking after. Through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**Reading**

The Gospel of Luke Chapter 10 verses 21 to 24

Rejoice in the Holy Spirit.

**Reflection**

Jesus reflects on who the who has received the revelations. Not the clever but 'children'. He tells his disciples that they are blessed because of what/who they see. Prophets wanted to see and hear but they went before our Lord.

We follow and are also blessed because we believe and have not seen. We have heard though, through the gospel.

**Your Own Time.**

**Rosary.** Let us remember all the people who are exiled from their home, refugees, asylum seekers and the homeless.

**Concluding Prayer**

You are the Good Shepherd who goes in search of those who are lost. Give us the grace necessary to follow in your footsteps. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

**The Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.**