



# Ignite the F.I.R.E.



## Families Involved in Religious Education

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Welcome to Advent season! The season of the liturgical Church year where we remember the arrival of the Christ-child, and we also anticipate and prepare for Christ's second coming, when Heaven and Earth will be united and we will no longer live in the grips of sin.

As we move through our days, are we finding ourselves looking backward or forward to what we feel is "normal"? Do we long for how things were, or do we anticipate that when this all blows over that things and life will be better? Where do we decide that THIS IS life and our current situations are reality and not a memory or a vision of what we want them to be? How do we take the cards we are dealt and use them to the best of our knowledge and abilities? Maybe the best thing to do when we get those cards that don't fit well with one game, is to make them into a new game. A game that highlights what we've been given and uses them to our advantage. A way to break away from how we thought life had to be and make it into a better situation or to see the blessings in it. To utilize our gifts and bring the light of Christ to the world.

We all have days that get us down. We all have days that God graces us with blessings. Sometimes we don't always recognize those blessings when we allow the enemy to cloud our vision with doubt, anger, resentment, fear, sorrow, self-pity and hatred. That's why we need the light of Christ to enter into our hearts. That's why we need to spend time with the Lord in prayer. The Catholic Church gives us the Sacrament of Reconciliation to allow us to allow Jesus into our sins, bring them into the light and hold us close to show us how much He loves us. Live your life in the now - Allow the Master potter to shape you - Be a light to the world and show others how God cares for us all! Have a beautiful Advent season and a Merry Christmas and God bless!

**"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire!" ~ St. Catherine of Siena**