

# 1<sup>ST</sup> WEEK OF ADVENT



## WHAT DOES ADVENT MEAN?



**ADVENT** is made up of two Latin words **AD + VENIRE**, which mean **TO COME TO**.

It is a **TIME OF PREPARATION** for the **COMING OF JESUS** into those souls that want to receive Him.

**DO YOU REALLY WANT TO RECEIVE HIM?** Or are you like the people of Bethlehem at the first Christmas? They were too busy with the things of the world and spiritual thoughts were the last thing on their mind.

We might be only thinking of the **presents, parties, food, drink, and fun** that we might have at Christmas.

St. John the Apostle and Evangelist writes about the way the people refused to accept and receive Jesus:

*“And the Light (Jesus) shineth in darkness, and the darkness did not understand it ... He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not. He came unto His own, and His own received Him not.”*

Even today, many do not really want Jesus to come and be born into their life, because **they are afraid that He will spoil all the fun they want to have**. But this life was not made for fun, but for knowing, loving and serving God. It is after this life that we really start to have true fun.

Just as Our Lady said to St. Bernadette at Lourdes: **“I do not promise to maek you happy in this life, but in the next.”**

Let us put aside our toys and the other fun things we like to do, and offer that sacrifice as an act of love for Jesus. That will show Him how much we really love Him.

