

### 3 rd Sunday of Advent

**The Lord our God is in our midst, we have nothing to fear**

*The Lord isn't coming into our midst, the Lord our God is in our midst*

#### **Ecclesiastes tells us:**

To every thing there is a season,  
and a time to every purpose under the heaven:  
A time to be born, a time to die;  
a time to plant, and a time to harvest,  
a time to break down, and a time to build up;  
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;  
a time to embrace, and a time to let go.

It is with mixed emotions that I announce the resignation of JoAnn Critelli as Pastoral Associate at St Mary by the Sea as of December 31, 2018. For twenty years she has co-captained the good ship St. Mary. Always she kept her eye on the compass and a hand on the helm. Always she looked out for those in her care. Always she performed her work with efficiency and grace. I know this sounds like the description of a super ideal, perfect, once-in-a-lifetime co-worker and companion. Well it is, and that person is: JoAnn Critelli. Thank you, JoAnn. Our love, our thanks and our blessing go with you for who you are and for what you have done for us.

I am also pleased to announce that the position of Parish Office Manager has been accepted by Anna Buchanan as of December 26, 2018. Anna has a gracious and caring manner. We have already witnessed the enthusiasm with which she approaches life here in the parish. Anna, we are blessed to have you join us.

*"There is a time to embrace and a time to let go."  
Good-bye JoAnn, and welcome Anna!*