



Catholic Bible Institute of Southern Arizona
Diocese of Tucson - CBISA Year III, 2020-2021

DECEMBER 12, 2020

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- 8:45 AM Sign-in to ZOOM Session; Say hello on “Chat” (for attendance records)
- 9:00 **Welcome & Opening Prayer**
- Announcements
- 9:15 **Presentations** (handouts at <http://catholic-resources.org/CBISA/>)
- Review of Listening Skills & Effective Questions
 - Roadblocks to Communication
 - Conflict-Resolution Skills & Conflict-Resolution Models
 - Questions about Spring Team Projects? Visits/Observations/Forms
 - Discussion of Readings (Mestre, chaps. 3 & 4; Regan, chap. 5)
(with two 10-minute breaks, starting around 10:00 and 11:00)
- 12:00 PM **Lunch Break**
- 1:00 **Lectio Divina Practice**
- Review Faith Sharing Guidelines & *Lectio Divina* Steps (5 min)
 - *Lectio Divina* Practice Groups: 3rd Sunday of Advent, Year B –
facilitated by students 5&6 in each group (45 min)
 - Small-Group Self-Evaluation (10 min)
- 2:00 Large-Group Evaluation & Discussion of *Lectio Divina* Process
- 2:30 **Final Announcements & Closing Prayer**
- Spring Project Detailed Plans – *any revisions or changes due ASAP*
- 2:45 Conclusion

Review of Lectio Divina Steps:

1. **Reading (*lectio*)** – hearing God’s Word in the Bible as I/we read it aloud
 - *What does the biblical text itself say? What did the ancient author mean?*
2. **Meditation (*meditatio*)** – reflecting on the meaning of the text that I/we have read
 - *What is God saying to me/us today through this biblical text?*
3. **Prayer (*oratio*)** – speaking with God in praise, thanksgiving, contrition, and petition
 - *What do I/we say to God or ask of God in response to this text?*
4. **Contemplation (*contemplatio*)** – listening to God more quietly in the silence of our hearts
 - *How does this text make me/us feel in my/our relationship with God?*
5. **Action (*actio*)** – letting the encounter concretely affect our daily life and work in the world
 - *How will I/we change what I/we do today in response to hearing this text?*

CBISA – Dec. 12, 2020 – Opening Prayer: ADVENT

(adapted from <https://educationforjustice.org>)

Song: *The Advent of Our God*

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eJJ4-bpfUJU>)

Introduction:

Advent is the time we are reminded that our God draws near. Long ago God came as one of us. Through the ages God continues to come as Spirit, as Word, as bread and wine, and in each one of us when we reach out to those in need. Believing in a God who draws near to his children, we wait; we hope and we labor for a more just, loving and peaceful world. As we make this Advent journey we invite God to come again and again so that our waiting, our hoping and our laboring may give way to the fulfillment of God's promise to come in glory.



Opening Prayer:

Let us pray: O God, your promise to come in glory will be a reality when our hearts are one, our hands extend to one another in peace and our earth is renewed. Be with us in this Advent moment as we come together to celebrate this season of waiting. We ask this in the name of Jesus, who draws near, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. **Amen.**

Lighting of an Advent Wreath:

As we make our Advent prayer, we bring to mind all the children of God who wait.

- We bring to mind those who long to be treated with dignity, and we ask that we may be committed to respect every individual we encounter, in our words and in our deeds.
- We bring to mind those who wait for peace in our day, and we ask that we may be persuasive in asking our leaders to put away weapons of war.
- We bring to mind those who work for the healing of the earth, and we ask that we may be willing to make personal choices that make a difference.
- We bring to mind those who search for meaningful work, and we ask that we may advocate forcefully for just economic systems that provide jobs with justice.
- We bring to mind those who are hungry, and we ask that we may take more of a role in transforming our food systems so all may partake of the banquet.
- We bring to mind those who have no home, and ask that we may help them through our friendship and our resources.

ALL: May the needs of our world that we bring before you today make us aware of how much our world is in need of your presence. Let us be a sign of that presence to our brothers and sisters in need. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Reading: Isaiah 9:1-6

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
Upon those who lived in a land of gloom a light has shone.
You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing;
They rejoice before you as people rejoice at harvest, as they exult when dividing the spoils.
For the yoke that burdened them, the pole on their shoulder,
The rod of their taskmaster, you have smashed, as on the day of Midian.
For every boot that tramped in battle, every cloak rolled in blood, will be burned as fuel for fire.
For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests.
They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.
His dominion is vast and forever peaceful, upon David's throne, and over his kingdom,
which he confirms and sustains by judgment and justice, both now and forever.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this!

Responsorial: Psalm 25:4-5, 8-9, 10+14

Leader: O Lord, we look for your coming.

Response: O Lord, we look for your coming.

Make known to me your ways, LORD; teach me your paths.
Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior.
For you I wait all the long day, because of your goodness, LORD. (*Response*)

Good and upright is the LORD, who shows sinners the way,
Guides the humble rightly, and teaches the humble the way.
All the paths of the LORD are faithful love toward those who honor the covenant demands.
(*Response*)

The counsel of the LORD belongs to the faithful; the covenant instructs them. My eyes are ever upon the LORD, who frees my feet from the snare. Relieve the troubles of my heart; bring me out of my distress. (*Response*)

Closing Prayer:

Emmanuel, our broken world waits for you. In the darkness of winter, we choose hope. Trusting in your promise to bless us with your light, we proclaim, "Our God draws near." God of goodness and love, we thank you for your promises. We welcome your coming into our lives, and we commit ourselves to be a means of your coming to those in need. We offer this prayer in Jesus name. **Amen.**



Song: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel – verses 1&2
(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7xtpJ4Q_Q-4)

CBISA - Dec. 12, 2020 – Closing Prayer: OUR LADY of GUADALUPE

(adapted from <https://www.thereligionteacher.com/our-lady-of-guadalupe-prayer-service/> - by Jared Dees)

In many areas of the United States, the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is one of the most important feast days in Catholic schools and parishes. As the number of Hispanic Catholics increases, so does devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe. This prayer service is adapted from the prayer of Pope John Paul II at his visit to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in 1979.

Sign of the Cross

Prayer

Heavenly Father, the Virgin of Guadalupe called you the Lord of Heaven and Earth, who is in all places, who created all things, and who gives life and maintains its existence; grant to us the graces that come from devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the true God. We ask this in the name of her beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Reading (Gal 4:4-7)

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Galatians.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, so that we might receive adoption. As proof that you are children, God sent the spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!” So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Invocations

O Immaculate Virgin, Mother of the true God and Mother of the Church, hear the prayer that we address to you with filial trust, and present it to your Son Jesus, our sole Redeemer.

Mother of Mercy, Teacher of hidden and silent sacrifice, grant peace, justice and prosperity to our peoples; for we entrust to your care all that we have and all that we are, our Lady and Mother.

Virgin of Guadalupe, Mother of the Americas, we pray to you for all the Bishops, that they may lead the faithful along paths of intense Christian life, of love and humble service of God and souls.

Grant to our homes the grace of loving and respecting life in its beginnings, with the same love with which you conceived in your womb the life of the Son of God.

Our hope, look upon us with compassion, teach us to go continually to Jesus and, if we fall, help us to rise again, to return to Him

We beg you to grant us a great love for all the holy Sacraments, which are, as it were, the signs that your Son left us on earth.

Concluding Prayer (All)

Holy Mother, with the peace of God in our conscience, with our hearts free from evil and hatred, may we be able to bring to all true joy and true peace, which come to us from your son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who with God the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you,

blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Blessing and Dismissal