



Doug's Reflection

12-21-25 THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Here we are in the last Sunday of the Advent Season. And many of us (myself included!) are wondering where the year went. We are back to a purple candle this week, and this candle represents love. "Advent's intention is to awaken the most profound and basic emotional memory within us, namely, the memory of the God who became a child. This is a healing memory; it brings hope." (Pope Benedict XVI.) It is my prayer that this is what the current Advent Season has done for you. "During this final week of Advent we rejoice in the endless love that God has for us, which is made apparent in the birth of his Son. Common culture tells us that there are only 4 shopping days left until Christmas. The fourth Sunday of Advent tells us that we have only 4 more days to prepare our hearts for the joy of Christmas. Are you ready?"