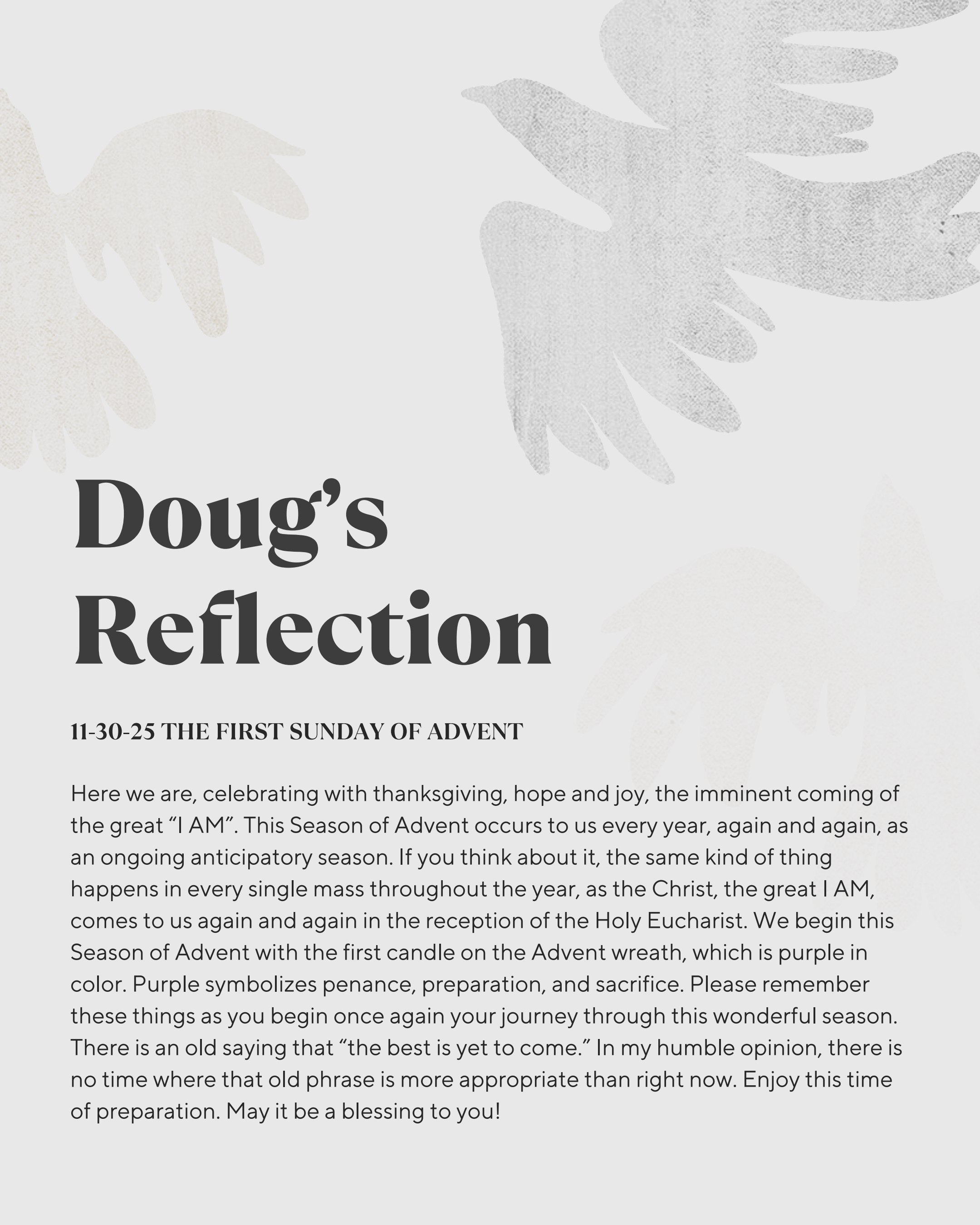




# Doug's Reflection

**11-30-25 THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Here we are, celebrating with thanksgiving, hope and joy, the imminent coming of the great “I AM”. This Season of Advent occurs to us every year, again and again, as an ongoing anticipatory season. If you think about it, the same kind of thing happens in every single mass throughout the year, as the Christ, the great I AM, comes to us again and again in the reception of the Holy Eucharist. We begin this Season of Advent with the first candle on the Advent wreath, which is purple in color. Purple symbolizes penance, preparation, and sacrifice. Please remember these things as you begin once again your journey through this wonderful season. There is an old saying that “the best is yet to come.” In my humble opinion, there is no time where that old phrase is more appropriate than right now. Enjoy this time of preparation. May it be a blessing to you!