First Sunday of Advent 11/27/16

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MASS TIMES
Monday to Friday: 6:30 and 9 AM
Saturday: 8:00 AM Vigil: 4:30 & 7:00 PM
Sunday: 7, 9, 10:15, 10:30 AM, 12 & 5 PM
Confessions Saturday 12:30 PM

Contact the Rectory for information on the
Sacraments of Baptism, Matrimony & Anointing.
Monday, November 28
  6:30 AM  Cory Licata
  9:00 AM  John D. Hennessy
           Daniel J. Cronin
           The Intentions of Ketty & Arthur Licata
           Gloria LaBau
           John Scalise

Tuesday, November 29
  6:30 AM  Thomas Fenton
  9:00 AM  Agnes Schmitt & Teresa Kenny

Wednesday, November 30  St. Andrew
  6:30 AM  The Faithful Departed of St Barnabas
  9:00 AM  Joseph & Barbara Graziose

Thursday, December 1
  6:30 AM  George Krekeler
  9:30 AM  Intentions of Matthew Joseph Graziose
           SEAS School Mass

Friday, December 2
  6:30 AM  MaryKay Rabbito
  9:00 AM  Dominga & Fortunata Rombala

Saturday, December 3
  8:00 AM  Terri & Salvatore Errante
  4:30 PM  Robert Ryan
           Raymond Vogts
           Paul Maffeo
           Ethna Heaney
           Mary Veronica Cocoman
           Karin Doris Canner
  Fr. Adrian  7:00 PM  Sheila C. Doud

Sunday, December 4  Second Sunday of Advent
  Fr. Kevin  7:00 AM  Margaret Quinn & Joseph N. Pillar
  Fr. Charles  9:00 AM  First Grade Mass
                 Giovanni & Filomena Carillo
  Fr. Kevin  10:15 AM  Mae Monahan
  Fr. Charles  10:30 AM  Philip & Caterina Bertuccio
  Fr. Adrian  12:00 PM  Blanche Hyland & Nancy Byrne
  Fr. Adrian  5:00 PM  For the People of Our Parish

We pray for our recently deceased
  Provvidenza Salerno
  Casper Garafolo

Bread & Wine
The Eucharistic Bread & Wine for the week will be offered in Birthday Remembrance of Annemarie Adee Friedman from the Doherty Family.

Sanctuary Lamp
The Sanctuary Lamp Candle will be lit this week in Birthday Remembrance of Annemarie Adee Friedman from the Doherty Family.

Advent Candles
The Advent Candle for the first week of Advent will be lit in memory of William O’Malley.

Christmas Flowers
Remember your loved ones at Christmas by having Poinsettias placed on the altar in their honor. Please call the rectory. The offering is $15.00

Ministry Meetings
Holy Family Chapel, 7-8 PM
Tuesday, November 29th
Wedding Rehearsal Team & Ministry of Consolation
Tuesday, December 6th
  •  Baptism Team
  •  Pre-Cana Team
  •  RCIA Team

Thursday, December 8th
The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated at 7:00 PM (Vigil Mass Wednesday) 6:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 4:30 PM and 7:00 PM.
Three ways to prepare this Advent

Sacred Reading
Advent, Christmas
This prayer book for Advent and Christmas engages and inspires readers with the daily scripture readings and introduces the traditional spiritual devotion known as the lectio divina, or ‘sacred reading.’ A simple, six-step process provides a prayerful exploration of the daily Gospel readings and helps readers look for application in their lives.

Your Advent Adventure
Advent is like a long treasure hunt that ends with the best treasure of all: the gift of Jesus on Christmas Day. In this treasure chest of holiday activities, children use crafts, puzzles, and games to explore the scriptures and stories of Advent. Each day offers an age-appropriate scripture, reflection and activity that enriches children’s understanding of the season.

Look Around the Manger
Take a closer look into the manger scene this Advent to see how God’s greatest Gift is on display. On the first day of December, assemble the Bethlehem stable from the cut-out poster. Each day until Christmas, add a sticker figure to the manger scene. Read a Bible verse for the day as you learn about the figures who gathered to worship the newborn Savior.
For after the leaves have fallen and the world becomes desolate and cold, we need Advent’s promise for a new beginning, a promise that life can be different. It’s not like the renewal of spring, when that which is dead springs back to life, but an almost magical world appears around us, full of flying reindeer, elves, snowmen, gifts and Santa. It’s reflected in the carols, the traditions and the stories. That’s what makes this time of the year so exciting and welcome.

As Christians we turn to Bethlehem to find the One who is the symbol of new hope and new life for us. Advent is our sign-post, pointing the way to Him, to a new kingdom, a new world, a better future. We are reminded not to let the shopping, and decorating, His kingdom as they prepared over 850 gift boxes for Operation Christmas Child. This program is run by Samaritan's Purse Charity. They send these boxes filled with hygiene products, school supplies, and small toys overseas to children who would not receive a Christmas gift without these boxes. The students also wrote wonderful letters to the children receiving these boxes wishing them a Merry Christmas.

Christ makes his appearance in through such works of kindness. He wants to be born into this tired old world through the entry-way of our hearts. May our hearts be open and prepared to receive him this Advent.
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**We Pray for the Sick**

Nicoletta Russo, Meghan Alice Roach, Stephen Rich, Patrick Hoyne, Don Davis, Kim Loucks, John Scalia, Rosemary Grandwilliams, Louis Romano, Eugene Ryan, Kristin O’Halloran, Patricia Merget, Theresa Anselmo, Jason Todhunter, Jacob Daniel Haubeil, John Nalick, Kevin Keegan, Joyce Caggiano, Joan Gallagher, Robert Volpe, Christina Sumperl, George Stockler, Angelo Giglio, Donna Polemini, Terrie Manderson, Charlie Riiska, Evelyn LaMont, Dr. Lawton Manderson, Maggie Schmidt, Sophie Buzzeo, Mario G. Cacace, Dolores Trimboli, Robert Wright, Cynthia Simpson, Lillian K. Yonker, Ed Messemer, Charles Young, Iype Kuriakose, Mary Beth Novello, Anthony Cammaratta, Dominick Carillo, Andrzej Okolski, Angela Ferrara, Patrick Clarke, Baby Lucas Spina, Babies Grayson & Gavin Pierre

**Second Collection This Week**

Advent Resources
This collection goes towards paying for the Advent Books distributed at today’s Masses for all adults, young people and children. The books are ‘Sacred Reading,’ ‘Advent Adventure’ and ‘Look around the Manger.’

**Second Collection Next Week**

Maintenance & Repair
Assisted the Sisters of Charity with the cost of replacing the kitchen convent windows.

**A PRAYER FOR THE First Sunday of Advent**

God of light and life, give us hope as we wait for your coming again. When we are tempted to be grateful to have found you while others are lost, send us out into the darkness in search of those who need you most. Amen.
Come Join Us For a Joyful Start To Your Christmas Season

Lessons and Carols

Sunday, Dec. 4, 2016  7:00 pm

Presented At
St. Barnabas R.C. Church
2320 Bedford Ave., Bellmore NY 11710

Featuring
The St. Barnabas Choir
William Dione, Music Director

Admission is Free

If you would like to bring a nonperishable food item for our pantry’s Christmas baskets, please leave it in the church lobby with our thanks!
St. Barnabas Parents Night
For Parents of Children Attending Religious Education & Catholic School

Tuesday December 13th and January 10th
7 to 8PM Holy Family Chapel

God is the Answer
Finding Peace, Mercy and Salvation in Christ and His Church

Presenter: Nolan Reynolds of the Campus Ministry at Holy Trinity Diocesan High School
Call 516-785-0130 to confirm

Mrs. Dorothy Waters received the St. Agnes Medal of Service
Cold & Flu at Mass
Whenever two or more people gather, some sharing of germs is inevitable. When Catholics gather in Jesus’ name to celebrate the Eucharist, our first concern is sharing our gratitude, our faith and our belief in Christ among us. However, with the cold and flu season underway, each of us has the responsibility of taking precautions to prevent the spread of these illnesses. We need to wash our hands frequently, take care where we cough and sneeze, and scrutinize our habits and procedures where the spread of infection seems most possible.

SHOULD YOU COME TO MASS? The Obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and other Holy Days of Obligation is the ordinary expectation for Roman Catholics (Canon 1247). However, extraordinary circumstances such as sickness or severe weather excuse the faithful from this obligation. If you suspect you have the flu or are suffering from a serious cold, please stay at home and do not risk spreading infection to others.

HOLDING HANDS DURING THE LORD’S PRAYER: Although holding hands is a beautiful expression of people united in prayer, the gesture is not envisioned in any Church documents governing liturgy. Thus, no one is required to hold hands. It is very fitting to pray the “Our Father” with your palms lifted upward, or with your hands placed together in prayer.

THE SIGN OF PEACE: Please don’t be offended if someone chooses not to shake hands with you during the Sign of Peace. An appropriate gesture for those who are concerned about spreading the flu virus might be to strive for eye contact rather than physical contact. You could clasp your hands together and bow gently to those around you, and with a smile say “Peace be with you,” or “Peace of Christ.”

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION: If you are feeling sick, please receive Holy Communion in the hand, rather on the tongue, and refrain from receiving communion from the cup.

PREGNANT WOMEN AND PERSONS WITH COMPROMISED IMMUNE SYSTEMS: If you’ve been told by your medical advisor that you are particularly susceptible to infection or to complications due to flu in particular, please refrain from practices that might make you sick, including shaking hands.

Nocturnal Adoration
First Friday, December 2nd at 8PM in the Church.

EM’s & Lectors
Sign up sheet for the Feast Immaculate Conception available in the Sacristy. Please sign up.

EMs, Lectors, & Altar Servers
Extraordinary Ministers, Lectors and Altar Servers have been sent via e-mail the ministry schedule for December. For those who do not have e-mail or have not provided their e-mail address, please pick up a copy of the schedule in the Altar Server’s Sacristy following mass.

Sisters if Charity, Halifax, Renew Vows
The members of the Sisters of Charity, Halifax and their Associates will be attending the noon Mass on Sunday, December 4th. At this liturgy they will renew their vows and commitment and will invite all at the liturgy to make a commitment to live our faith. Let us welcome them joyfully!

St. Barnabas Choir
The St. Barnabas Choir is seeking new members. Altos especially needed, but all voices are welcome. No audition required, just the desire to share your talents with our congregation. Rehearsals are Wednesday nights at 8:00 PM in the Church, and we sing at the 10:30 AM Sunday Masses in addition to some special events during the year. Please call the rectory and ask for Bill Dione.

Family Music Ministry
If you are going into 2nd grade or higher and are interested in joining the 10:15 AM Family Mass Choir, please come to our practice on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM in the Holy Family Chapel. Practices are held weekly on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM in the Holy Family Chapel. Adults who play the guitar are also needed. For more information please speak with Sabina Lamb the Family Music Ministry Leader following the 10:15 AM Mass or call the rectory and leave a message.

Jesus Loves Me Medal
First grade Daisies may earn the Jesus Loves Me Award, introducing them to the connection between...
scouting and their spiritual lives. Girls work with their families over a period of two to four months and receive their medals at Mass on Girl Scout Sunday. To register please contact Joan Monastero at monasteroj@verizon.net. Or call 783-8567.

Be An Angel
Gift giving and gift receiving are meant to remind us of the real meaning behind our celebration of Christmas - God’s priceless gift of His Son, Jesus. And since the time that Mary and Joseph wandered homeless into Bethlehem, providing for the needy has always been a Christmas tradition. So again this year, our parish will make available baskets filled with Angel Tags, each angel carrying the name of a gift needed by someone in our community. You are invited to take home an angel or two during the next couple of weekends, and bring your gifts to the church lobby. A special collection box will be placed there for gift cards or you may bring them to the rectory. Please securely attach your angel tags, but do no wrap the gifts, as we will have wrap and ribbon available to go with them. The gifts will be distributed the week of December 12th, so please try to deliver them by December 11th! God bless your generosity...and through it may Jesus be born once more in all of our hearts this Christmas.

Food Pantry Weekend
Many thanks to all who made such generous contributions to our Food Pantry this month. What a tremendous help to those we serve on a regular basis and in our preparation of Thanksgiving baskets. Currently, we are most in need of: laundry detergent, dishwashing liquid, toothpaste, soap, shampoo/conditioner and paper products. God Bless you for your kindness and thoughtfulness as we serve the needy in our community.

St. Vincent de Paul Society
There is an Advent spirit in the heart of every human person. It is one of longing, of yearning for a fulfillment that somehow lies beyond our selves; for we long for the coming of the Lord. Your heart will discover the true meaning of Christmas as you help those who are suffering and poor to long for the coming of the Lord. The poor are never closer to the Christian than at Christmas time. Give time this Christmas to the poor and lonely often a listening heart is of more value than money.

Respect Life
SAVE THE DATE -- March For Life, January 27, 2017 -- "I join the March For Life in Washington with my prayers. May God help us respect all life, especially the most vulnerable." (Pope Francis). Join hundreds of thousands of Americans, schoolchildren to seniors from across the nation, in this beautiful event in support of the sanctity of life. For information contact Vin Murray at 781-7846.

Ocean of Mercy
Diocese of Rockville Centre Day of Prayer and Healing for Women, Healing After Abortion, will be held on Saturday, December 10th. To register contact Project Rachel at 1-888-456-4673 or email projectrachel@drvc.org. Reservations and information are confidential.

St. Barnabas Widow & Widowers
Join us for our Christmas party/Meeting Sunday, December 11th at 12:00 PM at the Wantagh Inn. The cost is $27 and should be sent no later than December 4th to Delores Meadows 2671 Cedar Street Seaford 11783.

Magnificat Christmas Breakfast
A Ministry to Catholic Women cordially invites you to attend a Christmas Breakfast on Saturday, December 10th at the Hofstra Club in Uniondale at 9:45 AM. The speaker, Lisa Mladnich - A Catholic wife and mom is the host of Strong Faith, True Beauty on Shalom World TV. Lisa is a published author and has appeared on EWTN TV’s Women of Grace. Lisa is the founder of AmazingCatechists.com and her desire is to help catechists teach the faith to children with love and enthusiasm. The breakfast is $35 per person. Make checks payable to Magnificat and mail to: Judy Murphy, 42 Pinehurst St., Lido Beach, NY 11561. Pre-registration is required; checks must be received by December 5th. Payment will not be accepted at the door. For information contact Angela at 763-1739 or Judy at (917)453-5750.
These are the things I learned:

- Share everything.
- Play fair.
- Don't hit people.
- Put things back where you found them.
- Clean up your own mess.
- Don't take things that aren't yours.
- Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody.
- Wash your hands before you eat.
- Flush.
- Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you.
- Live a balanced life - learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work every day some.
- Take a nap every afternoon.
- When you go out into the world, watch out for traffic, hold hands, and stick together.
- Be aware of wonder.
- Remember the little seed in the styrofoam cup: The roots go down and the plant goes up and nobody really knows how or why, but we are all like that.
- Goldfish and hamsters and white mice and even the little seed in the Styrofoam cup - they all die. So do we.
- And then remember the Dick-and-Jane books and the first word you learned - the biggest word of all - LOOK.

Everything you need to know is in there somewhere. The Golden Rule and love and basic sanitation. Ecology and politics and equality and sane living. Take any of those items and extrapolate it into sophisticated adult terms and apply it to your family life or your work or your government or your world and it holds true and clear and firm. Think what a better world it would be if all - the whole world - had cookies and milk about three o'clock every afternoon and then lay down with our blankies for a nap. Or if all governments had a basic policy to always put thing back where they found them and to clean up their own mess.

And it is still true, no matter how old you are - when you go out into the world, it is best to hold hands and stick together.

Robert Fulghum.
Parish Trip to Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular

A parish trip is planned to Radio City for the Christmas Spectacular. The date of the outing is December 16th. We will attend the 7:30 PM show.

The cost of the ticket will be your choice, according to the location you choose.

Ticket Prices:
- 3rd Mezzanine: $55.00 per ticket*
- 2nd Mezzanine & Side Orchestra: $65.00 per ticket*
- 1st Mezzanine & Orchestra: $80.00 per ticket*
- Prime (more front and centered in the orchestra and 1st Mezzanine) $105.00 a ticket*
- Premium (these are the best seats in the house in orchestra and 1st Mezzanine) $135.00

*each ticket will have an additional $3.50 service fee.

In addition to the cost of the tickets there will be a charge for the bus. The cost of the bus will be divided by the number of seats that are sold. The more tickets we sell the lower the cost of the bus will be. The bus will leave St. Barnabas parking lot at noon.

The bus will drop us off at St. Patrick’s Cathedral on 5th Avenue. The bus will leave us at that point. After viewing the new renovation of St. Patrick’s Cathedral, you will be on your own. Some may choose to have dinner at a fine restaurant. Others may choose a simple meal. Others may want to see the window displays on 5th Avenue. Still others will want to see the tree and watch the skaters at Rockefeller Center. You will be free to do what you want.

We will all meet up at Radio City around 7:00 PM for the show. After the bus drops you off at St. Patrick’s Cathedral you will be responsible for your own transportation until after the show. Following the show the bus will pick us up outside of Radio City.

If you have any questions, please call Fr. Kevin at the rectory.
US Army:

National Guard:

US Navy:

US Marines:

US Air Force:
Capt. McLean G. Bethea, Nicholas P. Wright, Rev. Major Timothy Hirten

US Merchant Marine:
Lt. J.G. Eric Stumpel.

US Coast Guard:

US Peace Corps:
Patrick Coons

We are still in need of Substitutes and Hall Monitors to assist with the Religious Education program. Please call the office to get more information.

Saturday, December 3rd – Reconciliation Levels 3 and 4:00 – 11:30 AM
Wednesday, December 7th – NO CLASSES
Thursday, December 8th – NO CLASSES – the Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Saturday, December 10th – First Reconciliation for Level 2 – students were assigned a session please call the Religious Education Office if you are unsure of the time.
Tuesday, December 13th – Parent Meeting – 7:00 PM Holy Family Chapel

Parent & Child Program
For children ages 2-3 years old. Our Time is a class where a child with a parent can become familiar with the classroom environment while singing songs, doing crafts, reading books, and celebrating God’s love together.

- Class sessions are offered on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM from September through June at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Regional School.
- Our Time is an affordable way to introduce your child to the classroom environment without the worry of being separated.
- It allows for the child to be comforted with a parents presence and prepare for entering Pre-K.
- Our Time is taught by Mrs. Sabina Lamb. Mrs. Lamb is also the leader of the Family Liturgy Music Ministry. Contact Sabina Lamb 781-9834
This lesson answers the questions: “Was Jesus real?” and, “Did he really claim to be God?” The person, nature, and work of Christ is at the center of the Catholic Faith. He is the fullness of revelation about God and is the only way to find lasting peace and freedom. Young people will have a variety of responses to the question, “Who is Jesus?” Living in a post-Christian society, surrounded by a dizzying panorama of “creeds” and worldviews, we need to be challenged to remember the words of the Lord: “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me” (John 14:6).

Conversation After Class

- This week you talked about how Jesus could not have been just a “good man” because he claimed to be God. That leaves three options: (1) he knew he was lying, (2) he fooled himself into believing a lie (that is, he was crazy)... or (3) he really was God. Which do you think is most likely, and why?
- If Jesus were coming over for dinner, what would you ask him?
- Why do you think Jesus came to earth? Why didn’t God just drop the Bible from the sky?

Each of the sacraments has a physical or tangible component, but unlike other signs and symbols we encounter in life, that which is signified by the sacraments actually occurs (see CCC 774). For example, in Baptism, the water signifies the “washing away” of Original Sin and of being born into God’s family. The person goes into the water to show that he or she is “dying” with Christ and rises from the water as a sign of “rising to new life.” In Baptism (as in all the sacraments), the physical sign also confers the grace of spiritual realities. God encounters us through the sacraments.

Conversation After Class

- What is a sacrament, and how many can you name? (A sacrament is an efficacious sign of grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church [CCC 1131]. The seven sacraments are: Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist, Confirmation, Holy Orders, Matrimony, and the Anointing of the Sick.)
- What memories do you have from your first Confession and first Holy Communion?
- How do sacraments help us become stronger in living out our faith?
The 5th Grade had a great time on their field trip to the adventure park! They strengthened their team building spirit by learning to “Reach” for each other!

Family Portrait Fundraiser
Monday 11/28, 3-6 pm
When you give a small donation of $10 to our school, Family Portraits by Lifetouch will give you a 15 minute family sitting and an 8x10 family portrait. There is nothing else you need to buy, but there will be additional options and packages if you choose. A percent of the proceeds from additional sales will also go back to the school.

Contact: Laurie Murray, staruk67@aol.com or call the office

Meet and greet with Santa while enjoying a delicious and fully catered morning breakfast, a beautiful complimentary photo with Santa, festive Christmas crafts, and many more surprises.

To Purchase tickets: Call the Office or Contact: Jeanne Naclerio, jmnac311@gmail.com

Sunday, December 4th
Seating Choices: 9am or 11:30am
Dear Parishioners,

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Regional School is proud to honor the following exceptional people at the 2017 SEASon to Believe Gala.

Father Gregory Cappuccino  
Laurie & Jim Graham  
Laurie & John Murray Jr.  
Lyn Ryan

As a permanent remembrance of each Gala, a 16 x 20 Scroll of Honor is professionally printed, framed and prominently displayed in the School’s lobby. The success of the Gala depends upon the generosity of our donors. Please consider purchasing a donation for the Scroll of Honor. The donation levels for the Scroll of Honor are:

Grand Marquis - $1,500  
Marquis - $1,000 * Diamond - $500 * Platinum - $300  
Gold - $200 * Silver - $125 * Bronze - $75

Please return the bottom half of this form with your level of donation. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Baylis at (516)623-1637 or sbaylis24@gmail.com. All Scroll donations need to be in by January 16, 2015.

I would like to support the SEASon to Believe Gala. Please include the following business, family and/or group name on the Scroll of Honor. Enclosed is my check payable to SEAS in the amount of $__________________.

Business, family and/or group name as it is to appear on the Scroll:

Please Print  
Thank you,  
SEAS Gala Committee
Holy Land

In November of 2017
Fr. Kevin will be leading a
10 day pilgrimage to the
Holy Land

‘I have been leading these pilgrimages for many years. The land where Jesus walked is one of my favorite destinations. These pilgrimages are always fresh and new.

On my very first retreat I had the great privilege to celebrate the Liturgy every morning in the tomb where Jesus rose, or on Golgotha where he was crucified. I would leave the hotel at 4:30 AM to walk to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Once the church was opened I would go to the sacristan to find out what altar was available for me to celebrate the Eucharist. Every morning I was told that either the altar on Golgotha was available of the altar in the Tomb itself. What a privilege to be able to celebrate the Eucharist at these holy sites.

On my retreats I stayed in Jerusalem with the exception of day trips to Bethlehem and Nazareth. On our pilgrimage we will be seeing so much more. Including the mount of the Beatitudes, the Church of St. Anne, and the impressive Church of All Nations where Jesus experienced his agony in the garden. The pilgrimage promises to be a deeply spiritual and moving experience. I hope many of you will be able to participate in the pilgrimage of a lifetime. Please feel free to contact me at the rectory with any questions.

Fr. Kevin
“Therefore,” Jesus said, “keep watch.”

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Shade in the ⬤’s.

Circle 6 differences in the bottom picture.

Match the pictures.
“So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will

________________ at an ______________

when you ________________________

______________________ Him.”

In the days of Noah, the people knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be when Jesus returns.

Why does Jesus tell us to “keep watch”?

Unscramble the words to find a verse that has the answer.

“... ___________ ___________ secubae

_________ ___________ ouy od ton

_________ _________ nwko no hwat

_________ ___________ yda uyor

_________ ___________ ordL

_________ ___________ liwl omce

What does Jesus tell us to do?

“________________________”