

# *Pastor's Message Nov. & Dec. 2008*

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## **THE INVINCIBILITY OF LIGHT**

The liturgical richness of November and December is hard to surpass.

We begin November with All Saints Day and we close December with Holy Family Sunday. These are the two most treasured communities we find in life: the saints who are actually all those who brought us life, those whom we remember and rejoice in for as long as we live. And, there is our family: those with whom we shared life so deeply that we are forever inseparable from them. The saints in our lives and the family by our side are those who define home for us.

November also brings us Advent, a long reflection on desperation and waiting, on wilderness and hope, on near despair and astonishing joy.

And, of course, there is Christmas. In all the darkness of winter, spring arrives in a child of light and grace. Just when we thought all was over, God's Spirit comes to us in a way we can embrace and make our own.

Themes so rich and inexhaustible: life givers and family members, hope and light.

November and December are a Thanksgiving feast in gratitude for the life God has brought to our cosmos and for God's Promise that it will never end.

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