



# Prepare the Way: An Advent Journey for Our Parish

- 1 Before the final blessing, the celebrant invites the person who is going to speak about FORMED to come up to the ambo

OR

- 2 Father makes the announcement himself

Good Morning/Evening!

By a show of hands,

- ▶ How many of you have started shopping for your Christmas gifts? How many of you have finished shopping for your Christmas gifts? Wow, you are prepared! Of course, Advent is a time for us all to be prepared! We have an opportunity as a parish family to truly be prepared for Christmas.
- ▶ For many of us these weeks will go by fast and Christmas will be over without a close encounter with or much time at all thinking about our Lord Jesus Christ, whose birthday we celebrate.
- ▶ How many of you would like a break from the craziness of preparing for Christmas? How many of you would like to experience an Advent where you felt more connected to the reason of the season, Jesus?

We have a wonderful opportunity to reflect on why God sent His Son, Jesus, and to grow as a parish family in our relationship with Jesus this Advent. I invite you to participate in a parish wide study, *Prepare the Way*. This film study focuses on the story of salvation, which is the reason for the season. *Prepare the Way* will move your heart and give you plenty to discuss as a family or as a group of friends. It is a 4-part series offered on [formed.org](http://formed.org). You can watch individually, as a family, in small groups, or as a larger group here in the parish. We will all be watching the same videos as we journey together to *Prepare the Way* to celebrate Christmas with joy!

## REVERSE COLLECTION SCRIPT

So, as I finish speaking, the ushers will pass the collection basket again. However, instead of putting in your tithe, please take out of the basket a card that gives the instructions on how to register for your **free** access to [formed.org](http://formed.org) and join *Prepare the Way* this Advent.

If you have not been on FORMED yet, you're missing out. There are many great Catholic resources on FORMED. There are also movies and documentaries, video studies, inspirational talks, audio dramas, e-books, and children's content. Please log in and explore!

OR

In the parish bulletin (show insert) is a flyer with step-by-step instructions on how to register for **FREE** access to [formed.org](http://formed.org) and join *Prepare the Way* this Advent—please take one as you leave.

Thank you for your time! I will be in the gathering space at the end of Mass to answer any questions and help you sign up.

## FOLLOW UP

*The next week, Father makes an announcement at the end of each Mass:*

Last week you got this postcard with our FORMED login (hold the card up); did you register yet and watch the first section of *Prepare the Way*? If you didn't, please plan to do so this week and join our parish in this wonderful Advent journey.