Advent 2025 First Theme: Hope

The Advent theme of **hope** is the first focus of the season, setting the tone for a period of anticipation and expectation. This is Advent's first Sunday theme. Rooted in the promises of God, hope during Advent looks forward to both the celebration of Christ's birth and his eventual return.

What is the importance of hope during Advent?

Biblically, hope is a steadfast trust in God's faithfulness, seen in verses like **Jeremiah 29:11**—*"For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, give you a future and a hope."* This hope encourages believers to trust in God's plan, even in uncertain times, just as God's people awaited a Savior in times of In Advent, hope reminds us that God is with us and has promised a future filled with his presence and peace. Lighting the first Advent candle of hope serves as a reminder of the light that Jesus brings to a world in darkness. Embracing the theme of hope calls us to pray, reflect, and align our hearts with God's promises, looking forward to the joy of Christ's arrival at Christmas.

Coming Event -

Messages of Hope Speaker Series December 9, 2025; 7:00pm – 9:00pm
Speaker: **Dr. Stephanie Kafie** "Hopeful Dying: Reframing Hope at the End of Life"
Place: St. Alexander Parish (50 Pelham Town Square, Fonthill)