

December 8, 2023
6th Day of Advent

Read [Luke 1:46b-55](#)

Whether we like to admit it or not, this time of year is often full of the hustle and bustle of gift giving. We make our lists and we check them twice. We spend time searching for the perfect gift. And when we do, we take just as much if not more care in wrapping it up. We find the perfect paper, the matching ribbon or bow, and lovingly wrap the treasure we have found. The final and most important step is the tag. We carefully write that special person's name on the tag and place it on the gift. And when that person sees their gift under the tree, they know it is just for them, and that someone went to the gift of finding something special for them.

God went to even greater lengths to give us all the most amazing gift – Jesus, his Son. He was born a babe in Bethlehem for each and every one of us. No greater Love. And that gift of Love has our names written on it and it is ours to open and receive. Just as you wouldn't want to see a gift left unopened under the Christmas tree, the precious gift of God's Love cannot remain unopened. In the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, don't forget to take a moment and give some time to God every day of the blessed Advent season. God's name is written on our hearts, as we are all truly his children.

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