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THIS ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS



## THE EVANGELIZING POWER OF BEAUTY IN LITURGY

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**When people return** to the Church at our invitation, what will they find? Liturgy is a powerful encounter with a God who desires an ongoing relationship with all of us. Is the way we celebrate the liturgy at our parish both profound and personal?

**Beauty** is a powerful way God reveals Himself to us. Think of the overwhelming beauty of the northern lights or fall foliage on Skyline Drive. Authentic, natural beauty speaks clearly of God. Using things like candles, flowers, and incense can help bring us into the presence of a transcendent God.

**True beauty takes time and effort** to bring about. It might be easier to create something “hokey” but the liturgy is the source and summit of our spiritual lives; The effort we put into it should reflect that.

**Good liturgy is authentic.** The Eucharist and prayers of the Church remind us the liturgy comes from God through the Church, and leading back to a true relationship with God.

