

Happy New Year!!

Last weekend, with the 1st Sunday of Advent, we began a new liturgical year in the Catholic Church. In addition to the purple vestments and altar decorations, you might notice that we are reading from the Gospel of Luke. This Gospel is only half of Luke's story – the rest is written in the Acts of the Apostles; both are meant to convey the continuity between Jesus' ministry and the ministry of the Church. As a historian, Luke takes care to write about God's divine plan for human salvation accomplished through our Lord Jesus Christ. Luke also focuses on Jesus' mercy and compassion, the role of the Spirit and the importance of prayer. As we read through Luke's Gospel this year, see if you can pick up on these themes and how they relate to our lives as Christians.