



Prepare the Way: An Advent Journey for Our Parish

Prepare the Way: An Advent Journey for Our Parish is a parish-wide study for Advent that uses the widely acclaimed program *Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained*. With beautiful film-making and compelling teaching, *Prepare the Way* will help our parish dive more fully into the story behind Christmas, God's loving plan of salvation, and encounter Jesus, whose birthday we celebrate!

The reviews of *Symbolon* have been strong.

The Augustine Institute's Symbolon is the answer to my prayers. This is a beautifully produced and engaging presentation of the Catholic Faith. Symbolon is not only an orthodox compendium of Catholic teaching, but also one that speaks to the questions of those searching for meaning in a secularized culture. I recommend Symbolon to any bishop or pastor who is looking for help in carrying out the New Evangelization.

Bishop Michael Sheridan
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Everyone—parents, couples, older members—are all loving the richness of the videos and what they are learning. The videos are so captivating and informative! The real key though is that parishioners can access the materials online, wherever they are at, and go deeper with them. Some of our parish moms can't make it to our Wednesday night sessions, so they are going through the sessions at home with their families.

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Prepare the Way takes 4 episodes of *Symbolon: Knowing the Faith* and presents them over 4 weeks of Advent:

- ▶ Week 1: The Story of Salvation
- ▶ Week 2: Who is Jesus?
- ▶ Week 3: The Paschal Mystery
- ▶ Week 4: The Last Things

There are accompanying discussion guides that help penetrate the truth and beauty of these topics.

Prepare the Way and the entire *Symbolon* program can be accessed through [formed.org](https://www.formed.org). One of the fastest-growing Catholic resources used by over 4,000 parishes in the U.S., FORMED is a video on demand and digital content service for believers and seekers that features the best audio, video, ebooks and feature-length films from some of the world's most credible Catholic sources, such as the Augustine Institute, Ignatius Press, Catholic Answers, the St. Paul Center, and more.

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If we understand Jesus in God's loving plan of salvation we will be able to celebrate Christmas more fully. Let's focus on the reason for the season, Jesus!