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## Living Catholic in the 808: The Three Comings of Christ

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Advent reminds us of the three comings of Christ. Christ came to us as a human person. Christ will come again in glory at the end of time. Between these two comings we have Christ who comes to us each day and moment. The Scriptures explain that in order to get from the first coming to the last coming, and to experience the coming of Christ to us in the present, we need to prepare a highway for him. In the early Church, Christians were called followers of "The Way". To make our way to Christ, to fashion a highway for our God, we must remember three important things.

First of all, we need to know where we are going. In travelling on a highway, directions are important. Otherwise, we get lost and go in circles. If we get lost or confused, it is important to stop and ask directions. And if we are going the wrong way, we need to turn around. All of these important driving tips can be applied to travelling on the highway of life. We are on our way to be with Christ forever. If we get lost, we have the Church, God's Word, and one another to help us get back on course. And if we realize we are going the wrong way, we need to do something about it!

Secondly, we shouldn't let detours deter us. The highway seems like it is always under construction and traffic is being re-routed or slowed. We are tempted to refuse to drive or we try to avoid detours at all costs because we hate to wait. But, this is not realistic because detours happen. Life is like this sort of traffic issue as well. We can't control the things that attempt to deter us from moving toward our union with Christ. We need to be patient and persevere in the midst of life's detours.

Finally, don't get caught in a rut. The highway is never perfect and ruts and potholes are a part of the picture. Sometimes, if we are not careful, we can get caught in these and they can cause damage to our car or prevent us from arriving at our destination. In our journey toward Christ, we can get caught in a spiritual rut; we get stuck in the same old attitudes and behavior that only make life's ride a rough and unpleasant one. We risk spiritual damage. We need to force ourselves out of the rut and steer clear of the potholes so that Christ can be born anew in us.

On this Second Sunday of Advent, let us take to the spiritual highway that leads to Christ's coming. Let us know where we are going, not let the detours deter us, and not get caught in a rut. Let us follow the way that leads to the rebirth of Christ in us.