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Tuesday of the First Week of Advent

The shoot of Jesse. A family tree. A genealogy. We are all linked to someone in history. We all have parents and grandparents. We all desire to know the origins of our being, or so I hope we do. It is fascinating to discover the history of our family lineage. Unfortunately, there are those who try to manipulate life as if they were a “god”. That was the word of the serpent (i.e., the devil): “you will be like gods” (Genesis 3:5). I heard about a movie called “Baby God” that touches on this subject. And then there is the unfortunate use of “artificial insemination” and surrogate mothers and so on. We are not “gods” but simple, wounded human beings who, without the One True God’s help, can make a mess of life – of our own lives and those of others. This Advent, may Jesus help us on this journey to be like Him – humble and submitting to the words of the great prayer Jesus taught us: “Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, **Thy will be done...**” God will hide holy things from the learned and the clever but will reveal them to the childlike (Luke 10:21). We have been made in the image and likeness of God and we have been made children of God through baptism. Let us become like children again this Advent and be renewed in the Holy Spirit.

God Love You!

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