

# **St Oscar Romero**

## **The Meaning of Advent**

**(Archbishop of San Salvador – assassinated in March 1980)**

*Advent should admonish us to discover  
in each brother or sister that we greet,  
in each friend whose hand we shake,  
in each beggar who asks for bread,  
in each worker who wants to use the right  
to join a union,  
in each peasant who looks for work in the  
coffee groves,  
the face of Christ.*

*Then it would not be possible to rob them,  
to cheat them,  
to deny them their rights.*

*They are Christ,  
and whatever is done to them  
Christ will take as done to himself.*

*This is what Advent is:  
Christ living among us*