

Second Sunday of Advent, and Sunday after George H. W. Bush funeral

Events like the death of President Bush almost must get a mention the Sunday after, or people may wonder if we are aware.

One possible tie this week:

(After a personal comment about President Bush)

Seeing Gov John Sununu a bunch this week reminded me of his statement in answer to an interviewer when he was chief of staff for President Bush 41 years ago.

He had previously been governor of New Hampshire and in a number of leadership roles, but was asked about his rather new White House job: "Isn't your job difficult?"

"No," he said rather quickly, "it is easy." Then he explained, "I only have one person to please."

Such is the role of a chief of staff; but also of Christians as we serve our Savior. And that also was true of the Son of Man as He came to do the Father's will.

Incidentally, my habit even now, every Friday, is to write down two or three huge events of the week that might deserve a mention if they fit on Sunday -- as a quick illustration or window to help to keep attention:

- the death of a national figure
- an earthquake, hurricane, natural disaster, or tragedy
- a Notre Dame victory (if your name is Knute) or a sports event they are all talking about in your area

The short attention span of today's church is a challenge.

I wish you a very joyful Christmastime!

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