

## Gumbleton on Obama's Afghan strategy

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Every Thursday we post the transcript of the homily that Bishop Thomas Gumbleton delivered the Sunday before. The homily we [posted yesterday](#) [1] is for the First Sunday in Advent.

Gumbleton was speaking two days before President Obama announced his strategy in Afghanistan, namely, that he was sending in more troops. This announcement had already been leaked by the time Gumbleton preached Sunday morning, and the war was very much on the bishop's mind.

[Read the homily](#) [1] (or listen to it, an audio player is at the bottom of the homily). It is Gumbleton at his most passionate, his most eloquent. A sample:

So perhaps we too, as we enter into this Advent season and we look for this new coming of Jesus into our lives and the feast of Christmas, we must plead for peace, beg for peace, work for peace, make peace the constant theme of our lives ...

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