



The Waiting Time

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Advent is a time of hope but also a time of waiting. Different than wishing, hope is the belief that, one day, all will be well. Teenagers eagerly wait to be out on their own, believing then all will be well. Students are eager to graduate and get away from papers to write, books to read, and exams to take—then all will be well. Some singles long to find a partner, marry, and settle down, believing—then—all will be well. Always there is the faith that, although life may not now be what we wish, the future will bring a time when all will be well. We are inveterate people of hope.

Yet life is a process that cannot be rushed. Author Annie Dillard once watched a butterfly hatch from a cocoon. A bit impatient, she decided to gently warm

the cocoon and so hasten the process. It worked, except by rushing the process the butterfly's wings were undeveloped, too weak to fly. All that we hope and long for in life must happen at its own pace, faithful to the process.

How, then, do we negotiate the waiting? The Gospel's encouragement is to pray, but not for what we want. Rather, we are to pray for the strength to stand with hope before the Son of Man, trusting that God will bring forth the goodness we need. Though it may be different than what we seek, it will be what we need. ●

Reflect

How can you better enjoy times of waiting?

May the Lord make you
increase and abound in love
for one another and for all...
to be blameless in holiness
before our God and Father at
the coming of our Lord Jesus
with all his holy ones.

1 THESSALONIANS 3:12–13





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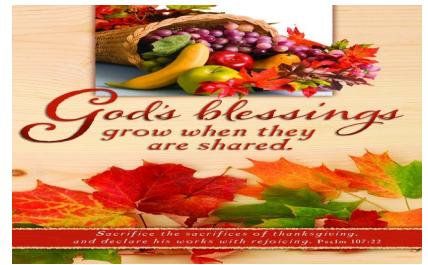
St. Theresa's Gift Shop: 292-0416 Shop Hours: Tuesday's & Saturday's from 10:00am – 2:00pm

Confessions: By appointment only, at this time

Baptisms: By appointment – 5 weeks in advance

Weddings: By appointment – 1 year in advance. Pre-Marriage Course is required for all weddings here or overseas

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MEMORIAL FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS



Forms are located on the communion rail and at the main doors of the Cathedral for anyone, who wishes to make an offering for St. Theresa's Christmas Flowers **"In Memory"** of their deceased loved ones. All names will be remembered on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Deadline is Sunday, December 15th.

Thank you for your anticipated support!

DATES	TIMES	INTENTIONS
Sat. Nov. 30th	6:30pm	Intentions of Brandon DeSilva
Sun. Dec. 1st (Portuguese)	8:30am	+ Kirby Brackstone
	10:00am	+ Kevin Ledo, Humberto Santos, Rogério e Manuel Santos Bolarinho, João Rodrigues, José e Amelia Andrade Almeida, Carlos Almeida, Maria da Gloria Correia Sousa
	11:30am	Couples for Christ & Family Ministries
	6:00pm	St. Theresa's Parish Family
Mon. Dec. 2nd	7:30am	+ William, Mary & Edward Paiva Rodrigues
Tues. Dec. 3rd	7:30am	+ Doris & Albert Ramsay
Wed. Dec. 4th	7:30am	Intentions of Maria Angelina Rego
	12:10pm	+ In Loving Memory of Baby Chloe
Thurs. Dec. 5th	7:30am	+ Deceased members of the DeSousa, DeSilva, & Marreira family
	12:10pm	Early birthday wishes for Joanne Judd
Fri. Dec. 6th	7:30am	Goretti Resendes
	12:10pm	St. Theresa's Parish Family
Sat. Dec. 7th	6:30pm	Intentions of Joanne Judd
Sun. Dec. 8th (Portuguese)	8:30am	+ Mr. & Mrs. Albert Soares, Sr.
	10:00am	+ Carlos Almeida
	11:30am	+ Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Arminda Garrafa & Victor Moniz
	6:00pm	St. Theresa's Parish Family

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE: December 7th & 8th, 2024

Time:	6:30pm	8:30am	11:30am	6:00pm
Proclaimer:	C. Powell	B. D. Knights	I. Aleria	E. Mosley
Communion	J. Judd	O. Scarth	G. Edwards	R. Ronquillo
Ministers:	T. Fletcher	C. Scarth	M. Tan	E. Dangi
	C. Johnson	I. Brackstone	A. Tan	D. Robiso
	A. Machado	T. Sinclair		
Song Leaders:	G. Medeiros	J. Pearman	M. Gravito	O. Anderson K Delgado

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY: If you would like to donate– Direct Deposit: SVDP Society BNTB 2000 6060 4767 1100 or SVDP envelopes are available.



St. Joseph's Church in Somerset will be holding its Annual Christmas Bingo on **Friday, 6th December** in the Parish Centre.

Menu: Sandwiches, assorted hors d'oeuvres and desserts.

Tickets: \$20 Adults - \$10 children + 2 bingo cards. Time: 6:30 p.m.. Tickets are available from Liz Card call 234-0872 or

email: lizatstjsephs@gmail.com





WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT :

"Be on guard," Jesu warns in today's Gospel, "lest your spirits become bloated with indulgence." Let us heed His warning and follow the advice of St. Paul, conducting ourselves in a way pleasing to God, overflowing with love for one another.

Steward's Sharing of Treasure

	Date	Actual
Collection:	Nov 23rd/24th	\$3,848.00
Electronic offering:	Nov 23rd/24th	\$1,720.00
To Date:	Week 48	\$292,657.50

Thank you for your support!

ST. THERESA'S CHAPEL

December 1st—7th, 2024

Donation Given for Two 7-day Candles

& Two Roses

In Memory of Ermelinda & Mariano Medeiros



ADVENT GIVING TREE:

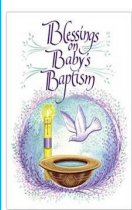
The Giving Tree is up once again at the back of the Cathedral and tags are placed on the tree. The gifts will be for the children from the Star Lighthouse Foundation. Once you have purchased your gift, place it in the bins provided after Mass on the weekend. When returning your gift, please have the tag attached to the gift. We look forward to your participation in this Parish outreach in making these children happier this Christmas! **Deadline will be Sunday, December 15th.**



FUNERAL:

We offer our deepest sympathy to the family of the late **Manuel David Furtado**, whose funeral mass was held at the Cathedral this **Monday, November 25th, 2024.**

May he rest in peace with the angels!



BAPTISM:

We welcome **Rain Andy Matthew Ronquillo**, son of Randy & Reyna Ann Abad Ronquillo, who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend on, **Saturday, November 30th, 2024.**

Welcome to the Church Family, Rain!

NOTICE:

As Bishop Wes will be traveling to Canada to preach the Advent retreat and administer the Sacrament of Confirmation in Kitchener, Ontario, please be advised that there will be **NO** Portuguese Mass on **Wednesday, 4th of December, at 6pm**, at St. Patrick's church, nor on **Saturday, 7th of December, at 9am**, at St. Theresa's Cathedral.

THE BISHOP'S CORNER



Dear Fellow-Catholics,

The Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament are a religious community of blind women. They cannot see, but they are still actively involved in the glory of God and the good of humanity. Sister Mary Veronica always wanted to become a nun, but had difficulty finding an order that would accept her because of her visual impairment. "This congregation of blind sisters is unique and one of a kind in Kenya," says Sister Mary Veronica. "Our founder, Fr. Luigi Orione, was a person full of mercy and asked us to be mothers and sisters of the poor. We offer our lack of sight to God for our brothers and sisters who do not know the Truth, so that they may experience God, the light of the world."

Although the blind Sacramental Sisters are a contemplative congregation, they are also very active. They teach catechism in their parish, visit people in the neighboring village, and offer their help online. "In our charism as the Sacramental Sisters", Sister Mary states, "we adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and talk to Jesus about humanity. We meet with people and talk to them about God's love. We bring souls to Jesus and Jesus to souls."

The sisters alternate between attending the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and other community activities, such as farming, poultry farming, making rosaries and knitting. These are activities that help them earn a living. Sister Mary comments that, "We come to the congregation to give and receive; we don't come to be helped. We try to be autonomous in everything we do. We need opportunities, not pity." The sisters admit, however, that the challenges make them complete. Sister Mary Rachael also comments that, "We face our challenges with joy; being blind does not take away our talents and abilities."

Have a restful weekend and a blessed Advent!

Bishop Wes



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Christmas Food Voucher Program - 2024



The St. Vincent de Paul Society is providing Christmas Food Vouchers again this year for those less fortunate and would like your help in registering people of your parish needing assistance. Please provide the person's name and telephone number, along with your name and telephone number in case we need to follow up with you. You can call 525-1191 and leave a message on the SVDP voicemail or speak to your SVDP parish representative, whose name is listed in your bulletin.

Deadline to receive names is **December 1st, 2024**. Distribution takes place Saturday, **December 7, 2024**.

Dear Padre,

I've been Catholic all my life, but I don't understand Advent. It's too much like Lent and seems an odd way to prepare for the birth of a baby.

In a society that is primarily secular, one skill of the believing Christian is the ability to balance competing realities. From a secular perspective, Christmas is part of the period identified as the “holidays,” beginning with Thanksgiving until New Year’s Day, when it abruptly ends and stores begin advertising Valentine’s Day.

For Christians, Christmas is the day we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the great promise fulfilled after centuries of waiting and expectation. The creative energy of the Father is displayed in wonder and awe as the angels sing and people of good faith gather to celebrate. We join our ancestors in anticipation of this event through the liturgical season of Advent, a time of waiting and preparation.

The Christian holy day is a singular day, the feast of the Nativity of the Lord—Christmas—but the Church continues the celebration of God’s life and love through the days that follow, culminating in the Baptism of the Lord, the beginning of the public ministry of Jesus.

We are invited to hold the secular and the liturgical experiences in an integrated balance. We can celebrate the secular holidays and we can enter the liturgical season that helps us contemplate something much grander and more spectacular. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org



KIPGODI / SHUTTERSTOCK

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
December 2	December 3	December 4	December 5	December 6	December 7	December 8
Advent Weekday	St. Francis	Advent Weekday	Advent Weekday	Advent Weekday	St. Ambrose,	Second Sunday
Is 2:1–5	Xavier, Priest	Is 25:6–10a	Is 26:1–6	Is 29:17–24	Bishop and	of Advent
Mt 8:5–11	Is 11:1–10	Mt 15:29–37	Mt 7:21, 24–27	Mt 9:27–31	Doctor of the	Bar 5:1–9
	Lk 10:21–24				Church	Phil 1:4–6, 8–11
					Is 30:19–21,	Lk 3:1–6
					23–26	
					Mt 9:35–10:1,	
					5a, 6–8	



STEFANO DAL POLOZZO / CNS

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Vigilance means this: not to allow our hearts to become lazy or our spiritual life to soften into mediocrity. Be careful because we can become “sleepy Christians”—and we know there are many Christians who are asleep, who are anesthetized by spiritual worldliness.... This is a sad life going forward this way since there is no happiness.

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