

PASTORS CORNER

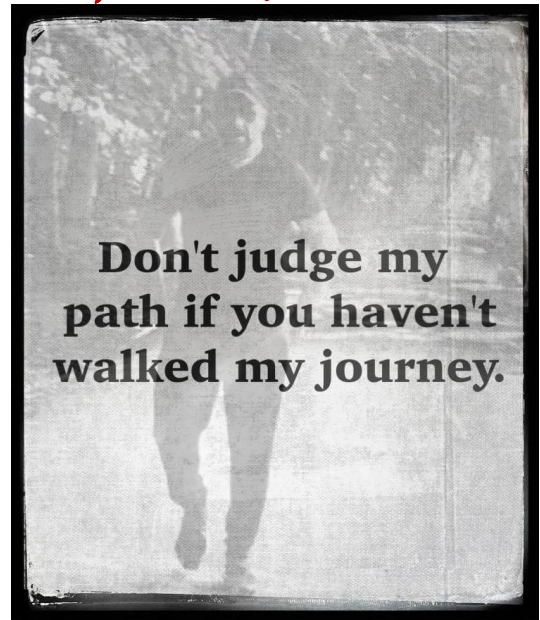
Mark 13:33-37

Today we begin the season of Advent. Advent means waiting or coming and we wait for the coming of someone we love.

During this season we focus on waiting for the Lord waiting for the coming of Jesus. We have the three-fold waiting. We know that Jesus has already come in history and we remember that during the week before Christmas our waiting changes to waiting for our celebration of the birth of Jesus. We also wait for his final coming at the end times when he will take all to himself. We also experience his daily coming into our life through the Eucharist, word of God and also in the various persons and events of life. Waiting is something very important in the life of the human person. Anytime we wait we do so because we expect something to happen or someone to come. In our daily routine of life, we wait for something to take place maybe we wait for a friend, for a bus or train and there is the eagerness within us that makes us look forward to something new that will take place. During Advent we look forward to Jesus who will come in a total gesture of love: God becomes man. The Gospel of Mark invites all to a spiritual vigilance. He tells us all to be ever alert so that the coming of the Son does not find us unprepared for no one knows the day or hour of his coming. Today's readings touch upon a number of spiritual issues. They reveal to us that God is faithful, His Word being unchanging. They teach us the end result of righteousness. They tell us that although we presently dwell in our present sinful physical bodies that seek to oppose what is spiritual we can still be blameless before God on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. These are all very powerful statements that deserve to be reviewed so that they may be understood. The Gospel Reading reminds us that while Heaven and earth shall pass away, the Words of the Lord shall not pass away. Every promise that He has made shall be fulfilled. Thus Jesus gives us the warning: Watch. Do not be caught unawares. On his part this is an eminently positive admonition and the guiding step. The Christian who listens to the words of Jesus lives in permanent expectation of his coming and will welcome him as the long-awaited Master arrives from his journey. Secondly to be on watch is to be aware each day, through prayer and reflection that the today of salvation is here and now.

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Inspirations for Your Week



Our Giving

Nov 25th & 26th, 2023

St. Joseph: (83) Envelopes)	\$1,913.00
St. Anthony: (21 Envelopes)	<u>342.00</u>
	\$2,255.00
<u>2nd Collections:</u>	
Building Insurance:	235.00
TOTAL:	\$2,490.00

Stewardship Quotes

“Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come.” - Mark 13:33

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth.

Mass	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Ushers
SATURDAY December 9, 2023 5:00pm	Lesia Handy	Harold Anderson		
SUNDAY December 10, 2023 8:00am	Tonya Hebert			Lucinda George Eddie Chretien
SUNDAY December 10, 2023 10:00am	Marie Francis	Tyrone Rogers		

Please Note: Lectors, Ushers, Altar Servers and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion; by calling for a replacement when you are scheduled but cannot serve, you honor your commitment and help to ensure that there is no interruption for mass. Thanks!!

God’s Housekeepers:

St. Joseph: Thanks to all of the ladies that cleaned the church on December 2nd, 2023. Please let us know if and when you might be available to help clean our church.

St. Anthony — December, 2023: (Group C): Anne Tate and Marie Decuir

Your hard work and time dedicated is appreciated!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The deadline for CCD Registration is Thursday, December 7th from 5 to 6:30pm in the Bishop Perry Learning Center. CCD classes will begin on Saturday, December 9th at 9am.
- Next Week’s 2nd Collection will be for The Retired Religious Fund



Eucharistic Devotion Renewal

"By our little acts of charity practiced in the shade we convert souls far away, we help missionaries, we win for them abundant alms; and by that means build actual dwellings spiritual and material for our Eucharistic Lord."

"It is not to remain in a golden ciborium that He comes down each day from Heaven, but to find another Heaven, the Heaven of our soul in which He takes delight."

- St. Therese of Lisieux, Doctor of the Church

Parish School of Religion:

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Grades: K– 11th Grade