

Dear Padre,

Should adopted children know who their biological parents are?

Arguments can be made in favor of and against adopted children knowing their biological origins. It appears more and more that adoption agencies encourage knowledge of biological parents over closed adoptions, where this information is not known by the child or the adopting parents. There are many issues here that are packed emotionally, such as why a person was placed for adoption, fear by adopting parents that this new information could compromise their relationship with their child, perhaps fear on the part of biological parents that they will be asked to be involved in a relationship against their wishes.

An argument to be made in favor of disclosure about one's biological parents has to do with one's health. Today we realize that challenges to our health come not just from bacteria and viruses that invade our system from outside ourselves, but also from within, that is, from genetic predispositions to heart disease, diabetes, and other disorders that could compromise our well-being. This information becomes more critical when persons are of an age to marry and to bear their own children. They might want to know as much information as possible to act responsibly in bearing and raising children. ●

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
November 28 Advent Weekday	November 29 Advent Weekday	November 30 St. Andrew, Apostle	December 1 Advent Weekday	December 2 Advent Weekday	December 3 St. Francis	December 4 Second Sunday of Advent
Is 4:2-6	Is 11:1-10	Rom 10:9-18	Is 26:1-6	Is 29:17-24	Xavier, Priest	Is 11:1-10
Mt 8:5-11	Lk 10:21-24	Mt 7:21, 24-27	Mt 9:27-31	Is 30:19-21, 23-26	Is 15:4-9	Mt 3:1-12
				Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8		



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Today it is our task to keep watch: to overcome the temptation of thinking that life means accumulating....It is up to us to unmask the deception that we are happy when we have many things...and to believe that prayer and charity...are the greatest of treasures.

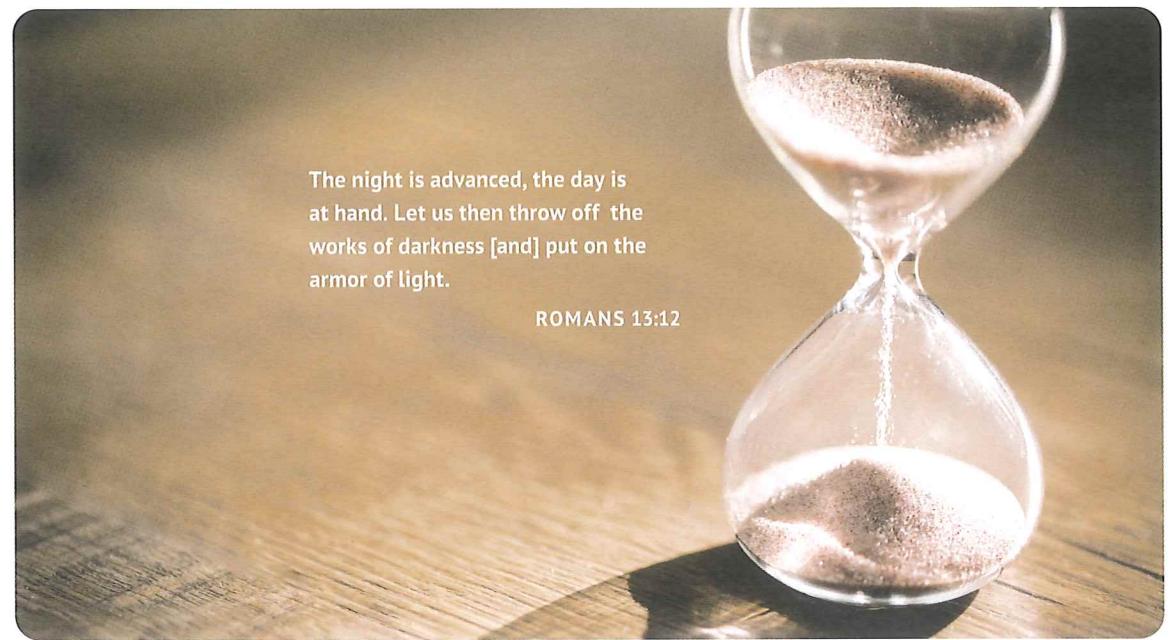
HOMILY, FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT,
DECEMBER 1, 2019

Our Parish COMMUNITY

November 27, 2022

First Sunday of Advent (A)

Isaiah 2:1-5 / Romans 13:11-14 / Matthew 24:37-44



The night is advanced, the day is at hand. Let us then throw off the works of darkness [and] put on the armor of light.

ROMANS 13:12

The Waiting Game

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

If Advent is a time of waiting, then our entire lives must be an Advent, for we spend so much of our lives waiting—at one point for Santa to come with his sack of surprises, at other times for the dizzying lure of summertime. Later we eagerly wait to get our driver's license and then to move out on our own for our first real job and then the independence it promises. We wait for love to find us and, for some, for love to return. Some wait for children, others for the empty nest, and others for retirement.

Our mothers told us not to wish our lives away, and yet we did, and still we do, waiting for life to be more than what it seems to be. Then one day we look

back and wish we could have again all that once was. So maybe Advent is not about waiting for God to make a splash in our lives. Maybe Advent is about God waiting for us to come around and recognize God is with us here and now.

The question for each of us, then, is what are we waiting for at this point in our lives? There is no right answer, only the one each of us has for ourselves.

Reflect

Has there ever been a time when you didn't recognize that God was with you?

Whatever it is, there is no doubt that there is love or joy or peace or meaning at the heart of it, all camouflaged by whatever we say we are waiting for. Beneath it all is the hunger for God-with-us. ●



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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (color: Violet)

11/26/2022 - Saturday, 4: 00 p.m.

Servers: Lucy Gannett, Jonathan Gannett, Nathan Gannett
Reader: Tom Bachman

E.O.H.C: Debbie Frederick, Gwen Waechter

11/27/2022 –Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Cade Berning, Jace Berning, Luke Woodrow

Reader: Hannah Schauf

EOHC: Mike Broeckelman, Cindy Broeckelman

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Violet)

12/03/2022 - Saturday, 4: 00 p.m.

Servers: Volunteer, Jason Velasco, Ryann Bamberger

Reader: Karen Burden

EOHC: Tino Rosales Jr., Karen Burden

12/04/2022 –Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Kirbe Koons, Joleigh Lohman-Fuller, Volunteer

Reader: Alvin Bergkamp

Extra Ordinary of HC: Robert Longoria, Kyle Berning

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& Nanette Rice	355-7676

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, Nov. 26	4:00 p.m.	Por las almas del purgatorio
Sunday, Nov. 27	9:00 a.m.	Chuck Sullivan
Monday, Nov. 28	8:30 a.m.	Charles & Eileen Hoff
Tuesday, Nov. 29	8:30 a.m.	Charles & Eileen Hoff
Thursday, Dec. 1	8:30 a.m.	For moisture
Friday, Dec. 2	8:30 a.m.	Sp. Int. Powers Family
Saturday, Dec 3	4:00 p.m.	For the People
Sunday, Dec. 4	9:00 a.m.	Ruth Gorges

Reconciliation: Confessions will be heard every Saturday at 3:00 p.m. and every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. or by appointment.

Baptism: Parents who have children to be baptized must be registered. Godparents must be 16 years of age or older and have received Confirmation and Eucharist. Please call the parish office for an appointment.

Marriage: Please contact parish priest at least four to six months before the wedding.

Anointing of the Sick: Celebrated anytime by calling a priest.

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT –NOVEMBER 27, 2022

Stay awake, the day is coming

My friends, the Lord on this first Sunday of Advent, invites us to “stay awake!”

You see, my friends, the Church gives us this holy season not simply to remember something from long ago, nor for us to just contemplate something that might only happen far into the future.

Rather, this season is about getting ready for God to come to us at this moment in our lives, for God to break into our world and hearts in this time and place, for God to “surprise” us in ways we can’t even imagine --- on his terms, as he sees fit.

Our God is ever-present, ever-knocking, ever-seeking to meet us, dwell within us, and transform us. And Advent is a chance for us to open wide our hearts and minds and souls to welcome him --- that is, be ready to receive God’s grace each and every day. And the fact that Jesus tells us to “stay wake” means that “falling asleep” might be one of the greatest dangers in the spiritual life, one of the things that gets in the way of God getting to us.

And so, let’s not waste this Advent. Rather, let’s spend this time awaiting our God who wants nothing more than to break into our world and into our individual lives --- changing absolutely everything for the better. Do we believe it Have a blessed Advent everyone! Fr. Peter

COLLECTION for November 20, 2022: Envelopes: \$460; Loose: \$388.13; Online Giving: \$1567.24; Total \$2415.37; Average Weekly Expense: \$1,761.17. Income over/under + 654.20

CHURCH PROJECT GOAL \$52000—Building Fund To Date: \$18512.27

Thank you so much for your love for our parish church and your faithful stewards.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE During the month of November we hold in prayer all who have passed away in our parish in the past years. Located in our church vestibule is a Book of Reembrance to which parishioners may add lists of names of deceased friends and loved ones. All names will be remembered at our upcoming Masses in NOV.

UPCOMING EVENTS & CELEBRATIONS

- Altar Society –Bake Sale Saturday, December 3
- K of C Bierock Fundraiser—Sunday, December 4
- The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary—Wednesday 12/7 Mass @ 6:00 p.m. & Parish Christmas Potluck, right after 6:00 p.m. Mass
- Advent Penance Service—Sunday, December 11 at 6:30 p.m.
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass —Monday, December 12 @ 6:00 p.m.
- Christmas Decoration—Thursday, December 15 starting @ 4:00 p.m.
- Bishop John Brungardt’s Visit—December 17 & 18
- Parish Sunday Breakfast—Sunday, December 18
- Christmas Eve Mass—Saturday, December 24 @ 4:00 p.m.—St. Anthony’s & 5:30 p.m.(MT)- St. Raphael’s
- Christmas Day Mass—Sunday, December 25 @ 9:00 a.m.—Christ the King Deerfield

UPCOMING MEETINGS: The Knights of Columbus will have their meeting on November 30 at 7:30 p.m.

The Finance Council will have their meeting on December 1st at 5:30 p.m.

2023 CALENDARS The new calendars are available at the church to be picked up for your families. Thank you.

ALTAR SOCIETY - BAKE SALE Altar Society will be having a bake sale December 3rd across the street from the bank at “Pat and Sonny’s” Bring your items before 8:00 a.m. there or contact Jane Sullivan 355-7341 or Nanette Rice 355-7676 to deliver night before. All ladies of the parish are asked to bring baked or food items to this event.

NEW SEMINARY PRAYER CARDS AVAILABLE We are thankful to have four seminarians from our diocese in the 2022-2023 class. Pick up a card and pray for these young men as they continue to discern God’s will for their vocation and how they can best serve Him.

MEN’S ACTS RETREAT JANUARY 19-22, 2023 “The retreat’s goals are to become a disciple of Christ, deepening your relationship with Jesus Christ, renew your spirituality, give new meaning to your prayer life and to Sunday Liturgy, and build lasting friendships.” If you have questions, please contact Paula Brozek at 620-793-8172. Please complete or pick up a brochure/registration form at our parish.

PRAAYER OF THE WEEK (adapted from a prayer by William of Saint Thierry) Lord, I will seek your face and continually search for your face as much as I can and as much as you render me capable of doing. Lord, my God, my one hope, hear me lest, exhausted, I lose the will to seek you. May I ardently seek you always. Give me the strength to seek... When my strength is sufficient, add to the desire you have given to me. May I always remember you, understand you, and love you until, faithfully remembering you, prudently understanding you, and truthfully loving you, O Triune God, you reform me into the image in which you have created me. Amen.

UNDERSTANDING THE GOSPEL OF THE WEEK - (Matthew 24:37-44)

Parable 1: In the days of Noah The story of Noah portrays God cleansing the earth of widespread wickedness. In this passage the same story points to the need for watchfulness. Right up until the flood people were living out their lives as usual, ignoring signs that radical change was coming.

Parable 2: One will be taken... The next parable portrays two sets of people working side by side. Although the two people in each pair seem indistinguishable, Christ’s return reveals how different they are. That difference seems to be how ready they each are to meet Christ. The ones who are taken are brought into God’s kingdom, while those who are left most likely face destruction.

Parable 3: Like a thief No one knows when Christ will come again (v. 36). Instead of trying to calculate God’s timetable, people should instead live as though Christ might return at any moment. By comparing his return to the flood and to a thief breaking into a person’s house, Jesus warns us that our failure to be prepared will be disastrous. (www.oursundayreadings.com)

UNDERSTANDING THE FIRST READING (Isaiah 2:1-5)

Raising the mountain The eighth century prophet Isaiah speaks here of a future in which everyone acknowledges the importance of Zion, the hill on which sat Jerusalem and the Jewish temple. Zion will become the most sacred place on earth for everyone and not only the Jews because all people will worship God alone (v.2).

Receiving instruction Non-Jews will eagerly head to Zion to learn how to live as God intends. God will teach them just as he once taught his chosen people, the Israelites. God’s word will steadily replace all other beliefs and ways of living (v.3). God will demonstrate his reign over the whole earth by resolving conflicts among nations. These nations will submit to God’s sovereignty so completely that all violence will cease. People will even turn their tools of destruction into instruments of cultivation (v.4). Since one day all the nations of the world will obey God, God’s own people, the house of Jacob, had better be following God right now (v.5). **ADVENT** Advent comes from the Latin ad venire, which means to come. Advent has a double meaning. Our liturgical year both ends and begins with readings on the end times. As we enter the season of Advent, we’re reminded that we’re not only preparing to celebrate Christ’s birth, we’re also preparing for his return in glory

Question: What is Advent?

Answer: Beginning the Church's liturgical year, Advent (from, "ad-venire" in Latin or "to come to") is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of [Christmas](#).

The Advent season is a time of **preparation** that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas. From the earliest days of the Church, people have been fascinated by Jesus' promise to come back. But the scripture readings during Advent tell us not to waste our time with predictions. Advent is not about speculation. Our Advent readings call us to be alert and ready, not weighted down and distracted by the cares of this world (Lk 21:34-36). Like Lent, the liturgical color for Advent is purple since both are seasons that prepare us for great feast days. Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas.

As we prepare for Christmas, the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* notes some differences to the Mass that should be observed during the season. For instance, the priest wears violet or purple during Advent, except for the Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) when rose may be worn (GIRM, no. 346). Aside from what the priest wears, other aesthetic changes in the Church can include a more modestly decorated altar.

The final days of Advent, from December 17 to December 24, we focus on our preparation for the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord at Christmas. In particular, the "O" Antiphons are sung during this period and have been by the Church since at least the eighth century. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming of Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but of present ones as well.

Advent devotions including the Advent wreath, remind us of the meaning of the season. Our Advent calendar above can help you fully enter into the season with daily activity and prayer suggestions to prepare you spiritually for the birth of Jesus Christ. More Advent resources are listed below.
(USCCB)

There's still time

Advent can seem like a wintery Lent—purple decor, sober worship, scripture about the end times. While it is about focusing on our inner life, it's not from the perspective of repentance but a passionate desire for God. Unfortunately, a quiet time like Advent is easily shouted down by the madness of a jump-started Christmas. Advent is not a to-do list; it's a gift tied in purple velvet ribbon. Unwrap it—it's "just what you always wanted!" Confront your use and abuse of time. Create and jealously guard little pockets of quiet. Go for a walk in the crisp air. Sit with your address book; picture, pray for, and bless each person you cherish. Turn off the TV, listen to the first part of Handel's "Messiah" and bask in its beauty. Be still. Know God. (Prepare the Word)

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT The most wonderful time, indeed

"It's the most wonderful time of the year" as some popular lyrics go, and a lot of us agree. Andy Williams made the tune famous, but composers Eddie Pola and George Wyle wrote it. Ironically, Pola and Wyle were Jewish. Yet they assisted Williams in earning the title "Mr. Christmas" with their composition. The song celebrates holiday parties, caroling, mistletoe, good cheer, and loved ones near. But for believers, the season beginning today is really about anticipation and Incarnation, light illuminating the darkness, and God coming near. We know what time it is. Make this Advent a genuine celebration of hope. (Prepare the Word)

PRIMER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO El tiempo más maravilloso, ciertamente

"Es la época más maravillosa del año", dice una canción popular, y muchos estamos de acuerdo. Andy Williams hizo famosa la melodía, pero los compositores Eddie Pola y George Wyle la escribieron. Irónicamente, Pola y Wyle eran Judíos. Sin embargo, ayudaron a Williams a ganarse el título de "Señor Navidad" con su composición. La canción celebra las fiestas navideñas, los villancicos, el muérdago, la buena alegría y la cercanía de los seres queridos. Pero para los creyentes, la temporada que comienza hoy tiene que ver realmente con la anticipación y la Encarnación, con la luz que ilumina la oscuridad y con Dios que se acerca. Sabemos qué tiempo es. Haz de este Adviento una auténtica celebración de la esperanza.