



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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Catholic Community of Saint Patrick

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Our Mission

As an assembly empowered by the glory of the Resurrection, we are committed to one another and to the tradition of the Catholic Church in celebrating the Seven Sacraments, the Sacred Liturgy, proclaiming the Good News through Education, sustaining the community of Faith, and promoting Charity, Peace and Justice for all people, now and forever.

<p>Masses at Saint Patrick Church</p> <p>Saturday 4:00 PM Sunday 10:00 AM (LIVESTREAMED VIA YOUTUBE)</p> <p>Misas en Español</p> <p>Domingo 12:30 PM (TRANSMITIDO POR YOUTUBE)</p> <p>Miércoles 6:30 PM</p> <p>Mass at St. James</p> <p>Sunday 10:00 AM</p> <p>Reconciliation</p> <p>Saturday 3:00 PM—3:55 PM</p> <p>Confesiones</p> <p>Sábado 3:00 PM—3:55 PM</p>	<p>Baptisms</p> <p>Parents must be registered in the parish and attend Mass regularly. Parents and godparents are required to attend a pre-Baptism class. Please call the parish office for information regarding the next pre-baptismal class.</p> <p>Sacrament of Marriage</p> <p>A couple wishing to be married in Saint Patrick Church or Saint James Church must contact the parish six months prior to the intended date.</p> <p>Sacramento del Bautismo</p> <p>Los padres deben estar registrados en al parroquia y deben estar atendiendo Misa regularmente. Los padres y padrinos deben tomar una clase pre-bautismal. Para información de la próxima clase por favor llame a la oficina parroquial.</p> <p>Sacramento de Matrimonio</p> <p>Una pareja que desee casarse en la parroquia de San Patricio debe comunicarse con la parroquia seis meses antes de la fecha prevista para la boda.</p>
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Open Daily from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

To schedule the following events at Saint James please contact:

Baptisms:	Susan Korn	530.888.9971
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RCIA:	Craig & Ann Marie Davis	530.333.2946

Monthly meetings of the Saint James Society are held directly after Mass on the second Sunday of each month. If you wish to address the Board or have an item placed on the agenda, it must be received by our President Craig Davis *in writing* no later than the Friday before the meeting. For information call Craig at 333.2946 or beastate@hughes.net

MASS INTENTIONS

11/28 MON.	8:30 a.m.	L Carmen Marie Conrad <i>by Betty Bridges</i>
11/28 MON.	8:30 a.m.	L Yolanda Posadas <i>by Cora Motak</i>
11/28 MON.	8:30 a.m.	L Martha Joanes <i>by Cora Motak</i>
11/29 TUE.	8:30 a.m.	† Wanda Billings
11/29 TUE.	8:30 a.m.	L Brandon Allen Madera <i>by Mom & Dad</i>
11/29 TUE.	8:30 a.m.	† Mr. & Mrs. Motak <i>by Mary & Fred</i>
11/30 WED.	8:30 a.m.	L Heather Marie Peterson <i>by Mom & Dad</i>
11/30 WED.	8:30 a.m.	† Basanes Family <i>by the Motak Family</i>
11/30 MIE.	6:30 p.m.	<i>Missa Pro Populo- Misa en Español</i>
12/01 THU.	8:30 a.m.	<i>Missa Pro Populo- Mass in English</i>

PLEASE PRAY FOR



Diane Lagorio, Greg Borter, Susie Meyer, Melissa Kuhuski, Diana Hogan, Jay Boragno, Patrick Authier, Diane Moffitt, Dennis Curran, Keith Flaherty, Karen Rich, Steve Reeves, Consie Mote, Corbin Peek, Sandra Lee, Susan Barbian, Tony Basanes, Micky Clancy, Joanne Plitt, Tim Wilson, Lisa Oltoff Castillo, Joe Caulboy, Norman James, Eileen Von Emster, Gina O'Leary, Diana & Larry Williams, Donna Zacher, Carmen Gonzalez, Paul Doyle, Cathy Nolan, Dominic Tanglao, Jeffrey Viernes, Marcelina Jones, Kathy Cope, Maria Mindt, Gary Gibson, Paul Weber, Blanche Windham, Christy Powers, Vern Courtney, Lucille Geddes, Michelle Cox, Graydon B. Young Jr., Jan Gates

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Sacramental Retreat

Children who are preparing for 1st Confession & Holy Eucharist have their retreat day next Saturday, December 3rd, from 1:00 to 4:00, followed by Mass. One parent or grandparent is asked to accompany them.

Retiro Sacramental

Los niños que se están preparando para la Primera Confesión y la Sagrada Eucaristía tienen su día de retiro el próximo sábado 3 de diciembre de 1:00 a 4:00, seguido de Misa. Se le pide a uno de los padres que los acompañe.



Kids! Pick up an Advent Calendar in the vestibule this weekend.

ALPHA MARRIAGE COURSE

AT HOLY TRINITY

THE ALPHA MARRIAGE COURSE is the perfect time and space to focus on your relationship.

The course takes place on two Saturdays; January 28th and February 11th, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM at the Holy Trinity Parish Social Center. The Marriage Course is a series of seven video sessions, designed to help couples invest in their relationship and build a strong marriage. There is time for private couple reflection throughout the series. The focus is on those aspects of marriage that couples tend to need help with the most:

- ⇒ Communicate more effectively
- ⇒ Understand each other's needs
- ⇒ Resolve conflict
- ⇒ Recognize how upbringing affects your relationship
- ⇒ Develop greater intimacy
- ⇒ Breakfast & lunch are provided
- ⇒ Register online: <http://www.holytrinityparish.org/alpha>

Each couple will receive two study guides to keep. There is no cost to attend.

Questions: Paul.Stephanie.Francois@comcast.net

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

The KOC General Meeting will be on December 1st, with Chef Antone's dinner of sourdough bread and butter salad with raspberry vinaigrette, roasted squash, shepherd's pie, and German chocolate cake and cookies. An exemplification program will follow at 7:00 p.m. and then the main program.



The KOC Christmas buffet and sing along will be held for KOC members and their families on Thursday, December 13th, starting at 5:30 p.m. We will have the same room as last time and the cost is \$29 per person which includes water, tea or coffee. Mixed drinks or beer/wine will be available on a pay as you go basis.

The KOC Officers' Meeting will be held on December 15th at 6:30 p.m.

The pancake breakfast will be held on December 18th (group 1) with a youth choir from Trinity singing for us.

"All that is necessary for the forces of evil to win the world is for enough good men to do nothing." Edmund Burke from the Knights to Christ.

Thank you, Bob Webster, Grand Knight

"We do not come to church to attend the service as a spectator, but in order, along with the priest, to serve God. Everything we do—our entering, being present, our kneeling and sitting and standing, our reception of the sacred nourishment—should be divine service. This is so only when all we do overflows from the awareness of a collected heart and the mind's attentiveness." — Fr. Romano Guardini,

MONDAY 11/28	TUESDAY 11/29	WEDNESDAY 11/30	THURSDAY 12/1	FRIDAY 12/2	SATURDAY 12/3	SUNDAY 12/4
		Legion of Mary 9:00 a.m. RCIA 6:00 p.m.	KOC General Meeting 6:00 p.m.			

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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Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
November 28 <i>Advent Weekday</i> Is 4:2-6 Mt 8:5-11	November 29 <i>Advent Weekday</i> Is 11:1-10 Lk 10:21-24	November 30 <i>St. Andrew, Apostle</i> Rom 10:9-18 Mt 4:18-22	December 1 <i>Advent Weekday</i> Is 26:1-6 Mt 7:21, 24-27	December 2 <i>Advent Weekday</i> Is 29:17-24 Mt 9:27-31	December 3 <i>St. Francis Xavier, Priest</i> Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8	December 4 <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i> Is 11:1-10 Rom 15:4-9 Mt 3:1-12



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



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA FLORAL OFFERING

If you wish to make a donation toward the poinsettias that decorate the church during the Christmas season in memory of a loved one, the attached envelope is for your convenience. Please complete the information on the bottom of this page and detach and place the envelope in the collection basket before Christmas.

We appreciate your support.

Saint Patrick Ladies Society

In memory of _____

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