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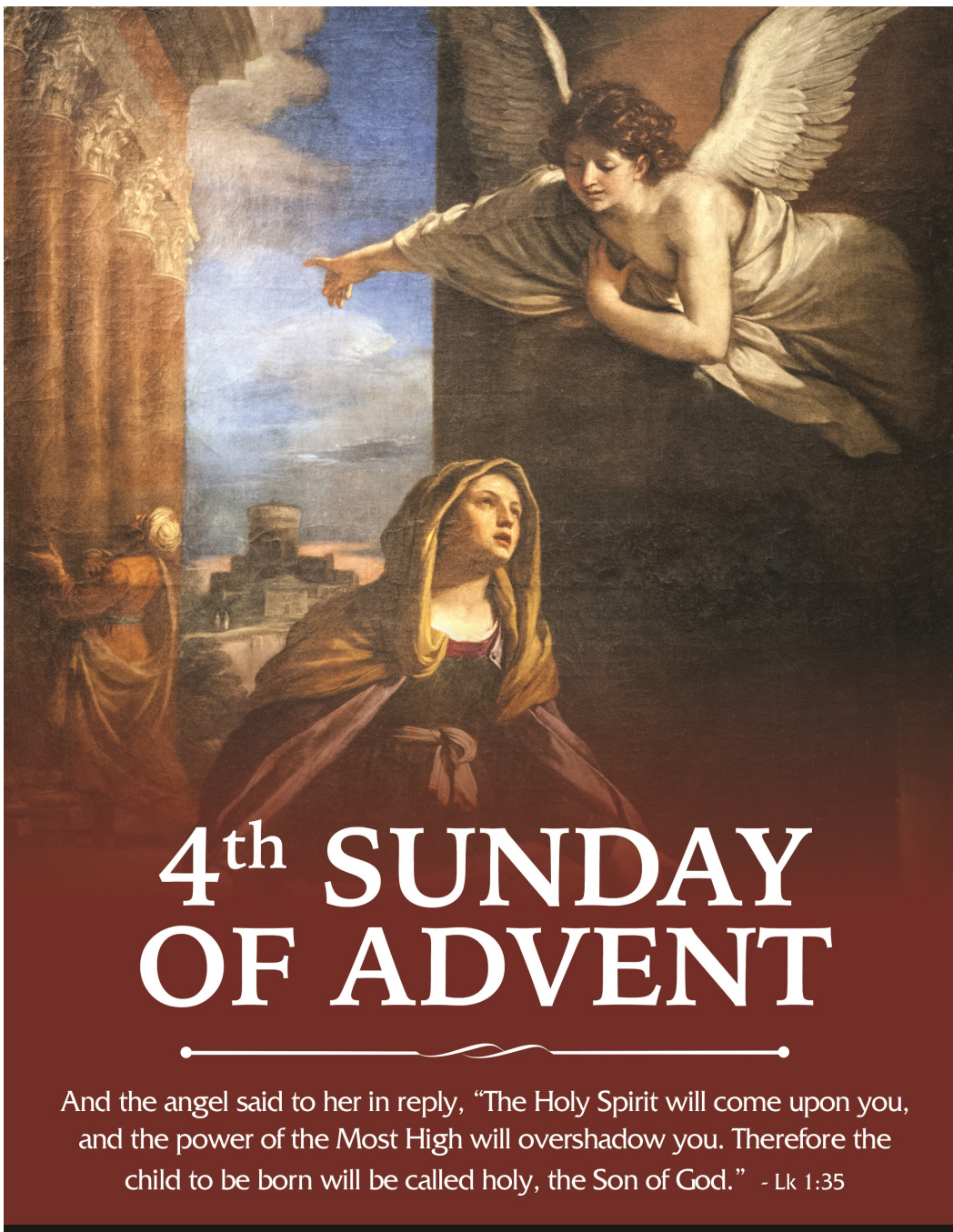
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## 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you,  
and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the  
child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God." - Lk 1:35

### CATHEDRAL MASS TIMES

#### SATURDAY MASS

5PM

#### SUNDAY MASSES

8AM, 10AM, 12NOON, 2PM, & 5PM

### LIVE STREAMING

#### DAILY MASS

MONDAY-FRIDAY 12:00 noon

SUNDAY 8:00 am | 10:00 am | 12:00 noon



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## WELCOME

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## MASS TIMES

**SUNDAY/DOMINGO**  
 8:00 a.m. (Español Televised)  
 10:00 a.m. (English)  
 12:00 p.m. (Español)  
 2:00 p.m. (English)  
 5:00 p.m. (Bilingual)

**MONDAY/LUNES | FRIDAY/VIERNES**  
 12:05 p.m.

**SATURDAY/SABADO**  
 5:00 p.m.

## CONFESSIONS

**WEEKDAYS** 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
**SATURDAY** 1pm - 5pm

## LIVE STREAMING



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 UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE  
 Parish Office (210) 227-1297

## A MESSAGE FROM FATHER VICTOR

**UN MENSAJE DE PARTE DEL PADRE VICTOR**  
**December 20, 2020**  
**4th Sunday of Advent**  
**20 de diciembre de 2020**  
**4° Domingo de Adviento**

In Blaise Pascal's work, *Pensees*, he says: "What else does this craving, and this helplessness, proclaim but that there was once in man a true happiness, of which all that now remains is the empty print and trace? This he tries in vain to fill with everything around him, seeking in things that are not there the help he cannot find in those that are, though none can help, since this infinite abyss can be filled only with an infinite and immutable object; in other words by God himself."

We have a difficult time accepting that fulfillment and happiness are not achieved by our own merits but through a relationship with God. We are hardwired for this relationship and it is in our DNA. The simple fact is that we come from God and are designed to return to God. If our beginning and our end define who we are, why would we not want to seek the One who can truly satisfy? The world does not realize that it is waiting. It is waiting for the birth of God in time, within one's soul and in eternity. We get so confused by seeking other momentary satisfactions that we misinterpret the hunger within. We crave God.

The union of God and humanity, revealed in Jesus Christ, is precisely what sets us on a straight path, orders our relationships, establishes proper focus and goals and tells us whose kingdom we really are meant to serve. We are so lost. God is with us. The prophet Nathan told this to King David, the angel said this to Mary and the birth of Christ brings this Good News to us. We do not need to be busily looking for more things but must learn to find contentment and blessing in the One Presence. This is the beautiful simple message of Advent!

If you are feeling unsettled, anxious, angry, disgruntled, disconnected, unhappy, worried, fearful, off center, becoming overly self-indulgent, unable to spend time alone and without distraction, then there's a good chance you are lost. Now is the time to allow God to find you! Ponder the holy simplicity of Mary's call to be the Mother of God. "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." When we are helpless and at home with our emptiness, God will fill us. Our Savior has come.

Fr. Victor Valdez



La Primera Lectura nos dice que David deseaba construir un templo de cedro a Dios, pero por medio del profeta Natán, Dios le dice que no quiere que se le construya un templo. Las intenciones de David eran buenas, pero, encerrar a Dios en un templo no era el plan de Dios para la humanidad. Su plan perfecto era la Encarnación del mismo Dios en María. Es decir, Dios afuera. Dios en todos, en cada ser humano. Nosotros somos el templo de Dios; Él desea morar en cada persona. ¡No en un templo, no en la parroquia! Dios está vivo, se mueve en cada ser humano.

María, es el mejor templo escogido por Dios, humilde, sencillo y lleno de amor para el Hijo de Dios. Con su "Si" ella se entrega toda a él. Ahora, nosotros al rezar el santo rosario afirmamos lo que María es para Dios y para nosotros. Ella es arca de la alianza, puerta del cielo y estrella de la mañana. En resumen: las lecturas de hoy, nos invitan a ver tres puntos claves donde Dios muestra su presencia. 1. Cuando Natán va a casa de David. 2. Cuando el arcángel Gabriel va a casa de María. 3. Y cuando San Pablo dice: "¡A Dios, el único sabio, por medio de Cristo Jesús, a él sea la Gloria por siempre! Amén!" (Romanos 16:27). El punto 4, nos toca a cada uno de nosotros, ya sabemos que María es luz que irradian a Cristo en esta Navidad, es un misterio gozoso el ser Madre de Dios. Entonces, ¿Dónde llevar la luz de Dios que habita en mí? ¿Qué tipo de arreglos necesita el templo de mi persona para que Dios nazca en él?

Fr. Victor Valdez



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**Week of December 7, 2020 to December 13, 2020**

Collections	\$8,238.93	Online Giving	\$2,290.13
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## PRAYER & WORSHIP

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, December 19, 2020

5:00 pm +Elvira Gonzales Family  
+Daniel Duron Esposa

### Sunday, December 20, 2020

10:00 am +Anna Zuniga Cheryl W. Longoria  
+James Zimmermann Cheryl W. Longoria  
12:00 pm +Felipe Banderas Familia  
+Choco Gonzalez Meza Daniel Mea y Familia  
2:00 pm For the San Fernando Community  
5:00 pm +Rafael Castillo Sotomayor Tommy & Idalia C. Ortiz

### Monday, December 21, 2020

12:05 pm +Maria Scordo Allen Tom & Anne Griffin

### Tuesday, December 22, 2020

12:05 pm +Michael August Satriano Tom & Anne Griffin

### Wednesday, December 23, 2020

12:05 pm +Gracela Preciado Wanda Preciado

### Thursday, December 24, 2020

5:00 pm +Robert y Tomasa Gonzalez Alfonso y Antonia Gonzalez

### Friday, December 25, 2020

10:00 am +Choco Gonzalez Meza Daniel Meza & Family  
+Mary Infantino Frank Rosinia MD MHCH  
12:00 pm +Deacon Enrique Barrera Barrera Family  
2:00 pm Deceased and Living members of the Guajardo & Shinabarger Families Family

## PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Almighty and Everlasting God, the eternal salvation of those who believe in You, hear us on behalf of Your servants who are sick, for whom we humbly beg the help of your mercy, so that, being restored to health, they may render thanks to you in your Church. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Bertha Lopez  
Maria De Carmen Garza  
Carolyn Wright  
Rosie Heredia  
Mireya Perez  
Guadalupe Valdez  
Ruben Corpus  
Amy Webber  
Ty Cline  
Margo Lago

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Grace Herrera  
JoAnn Pena  
Judy Bloom

Nicholas Garcia Jr.  
Charles Garcia  
Ella Treat  
Debbie Ruiz  
German Ortiz  
Sara Verrones  
Theresa Tovar  
Magaly Hernandez  
Rosie Rendon  
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Beatrice Ramirez  
Sylvia Trujillo  
Gloria Munoz  
Dolores Villarreal  
Javier Villarreal  
Maria Carmen Villarreal  
Tim Settles  
Martinez  
Rosa Settles  
Martinez  
Maria del Refugio Hinojosa

Roberta Garza  
Janie Rodriguez  
Martinez  
Hector Amigo  
Silveria Padilla  
Juan Hernandez  
Christine Gallegos  
Gilbert A. Garza  
Rosary Gray  
Kendrick Rodriguez  
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## WEEKLY READINGS

### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

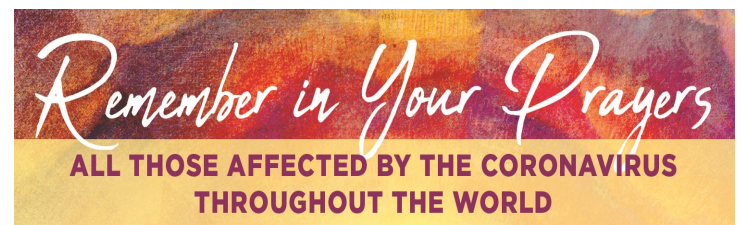
**Sunday:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38  
**Monday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45  
**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56  
**Wednesday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66  
**Thursday:** *Morning:* 9 Sm 4:5-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79  
**Friday:** *Vigil:* Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25.  
*Night:* Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14.  
*Dawn:* Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20.  
*Day:* Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

**Saturday:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22

**Next Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]

### OBSERVANCES OF THE WEEK

**Monday:** St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church  
**Wednesday:** St. John of Kanty, Priest  
**Thursday:** Christmas Eve  
**Friday:** The Nativity of the Lord (holy day of obligation)  
**Saturday:** St. Stephen, the First Martyr  
**Next Sunday:** The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph







## UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

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## SAN FERNANDO CATHEDRAL

### DECEMBER 2020 MASS SCHEDULE & EVENTS



#### CHRISTMAS EVE

Thursday, December 24th

Mass times: 1pm | 3pm | 5pm | 7pm

#### CHRISTMAS EVE MIDNIGHT MASS

Thursday, December 24th

#### CHRISTMAS DAY

Friday, December 25th

Mass times: 8am | 10am | 12pm | 2pm

#### SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Friday, January 1st, 2021

Mass times: 8am | 10am | 12pm

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT US AT 210.227.1297



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### LOS PADRECITOS SAN FERNANDO GIFT SHOP

#### GIFT SHOP HOURS

Mon - Fri 9:00am - 3:00pm

Saturday Noon - 5:00pm

Sunday 8:30am - 3:30pm

Gift Shop: 210-357-5608



### PARISH MINISTRIES

#### MEETING TIMES

##### Hijas de Maria

(Junta en Español/Spanish)

1st Sunday of the Month

11 am - La Sala (Above Poblanos)

Contact: Gloria Gonzalez

210-533-7475

##### Knights of Columbus -(English)

2nd Sunday of the Month

3:30pm - San Juan Room

231 W Commerce

Contact: Deacon Joseph

Marroquin

972-800-8095

##### Guadalupano Society-(English)

3rd Saturday of the Month

9:30am - Cathedral Choir Rm

(Above Gift Shop)

Contact: Maggie Marroquin

214-605-9124

##### Grupo de Oracion

Every Tuesday (Junta en

Español)

7:00pm - Concepcion Room

Contact: Rosa Escobedo

210-717-2612

##### Chorale

Every Wednesday

7:00pm - 8:15pm

Cathedral Choir Rm

##### Mariachi Choir

Every Thursday

6:30pm - 9pm San Jose Rm

##### Coro Sagrado

Every Thursday

7:00pm - 8:00pm

Cathedral Choir Rm

##### Knots of Hope (Prayer Quilt Group)

3rd Thursday of the Month

2:00pm - 4:30pm

Concepcion Rm

Cati Reyna

Contact: 210-758-9948

##### Youth Ministry

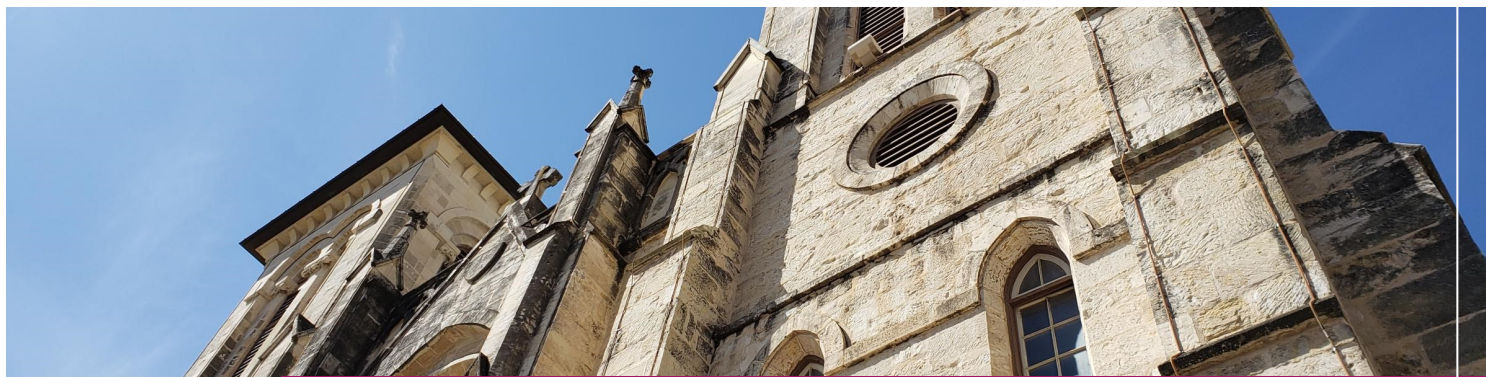
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Please contact:

Adriana Holguin

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## THE VENUES AT SAN FERNANDO CATHEDRAL

### HISTORIC CHARM IN THE HEART OF SAN ANTONIO

WEDDINGS | BAPTISMS | QUINCEAÑERAS



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Contact Eloise Cortez at 210.416.0371 ext. 126 or via e-mail: [ecortez-lara@sfcathedral.org](mailto:ecortez-lara@sfcathedral.org)

### EXPERIENCE THE CATHEDRAL

Founded in 1731, the historic cathedral continues to host thousands of visitors each year. The oldest cathedral sanctuary in the United States, the mother church of San Antonio's Archdiocese, also the cultural and geographic center of San Antonio. Surrounded by its distinctive carvings, the nave is a beautiful and glorious space adorned by stained glass windows and Gothic style architecture

### THE VENUES AT SAN FERNANDO



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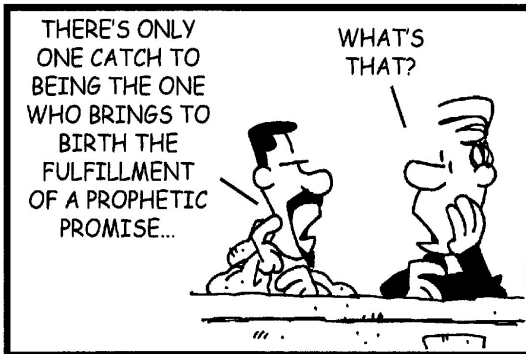




## LITURGICAL LIFE



4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## LIVE THE LITURGY

### INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Does the world realize that it is waiting? As we go about all of the busyness of our lives and entertain our distractions, there are many holes and gaps in our lives that need to be filled. We are always wanting more, but not really sure what that “more” needs to be. Fulfillment, happiness, contentment, and true satisfactions are fleeting occurrences and often come to us in illusive ways. What we think is the ultimate fix to our anxious emptiness really is only a fancy trend that we entertain. The world does not realize any more today than it did over two thousand years ago that it is waiting for a Savior. We need a Savior. We need to see and embrace the God who has broken into history and become one with us. It is this union of God and man that sets us on a straight path, orders our relationships, establishes proper focus and goals, and tells us whose kingdom we really are meant to serve. The world does not know how truly lost it is. Do you realize how lost you are and that the One you need most is here among us and within your grasp.

## APOSTLES VS. DISCIPLES, WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN APOSTLES AND DISCIPLES?

When we look at the gospel accounts of the life of Jesus, we see two special titles applied to his followers: *apostles* and *disciples*. At first glance, we might think that these two words are interchangeable, but when we look at what each one means, we quickly see that the evangelists were using them very specifically. When we look more closely, we see that while Jesus had many *disciples*, the group of *apostles* was much more limited and referred to Jesus’ closest collaborators.

The word *apostle* essentially means “one who is sent forth” or, as we might think of it today, “an ambassador.” The group of apostles — sometimes called the Twelve — included those twelve men who formed Jesus’ inner circle (see Mark 3:13-14; Luke 6:12-13). It was this group that received the gift of the Holy Spirit and who were sent out by Jesus with the special mission of forgiving sins on that first Easter Sunday (see John 20:19-23). In time, the Catholic Tradition also recognize Saint Paul and Saint Barnabas as apostles, recognizing that they also shared the mandate of going out in the Lord’s name to pray, to bless, and to preach. In 2016, during the Jubilee of Mercy, Pope Francis raised the liturgical celebration of Saint Mary Magdalene to the rank of feast, recognizing that she also received a special mandate to proclaim the good news of Jesus’ resurrection to the Eleven, becoming the “apostle to the apostles.” In a particular way, the bishops continue the mission of the apostles in our own time.

When we think of the word *disciple*, we see that it has a very different meaning. Rather than referring to those who were sent out to carry on the mission of Jesus, disciple literally means “student” or, more specially, an “apprentice learner.” The task of the disciple is to learn and integrate into their lives the teachings, values, and way of life of their master teacher. Although a disciple might be called on to explain or represent aspects of their life, in light of the teachings they receive from this master teacher, Christian discipleship is ultimately about living our lives with faith and integrity, guided by the life and mission of Jesus, our Master Teacher. The call to discipleship is the common vocation of all Christians.



## LITURGICAL LIFE

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Advent comes along every year and will continue to do so until Jesus returns. As this season draws to a close, we can each ask ourselves, "Am I now any better a disciple of Jesus Christ and more of a steward of all my gifts than before the Advent season started?" I have been on this earth for 40+ years. I have had 40+ Advents to draw closer to God and to work on taking more seriously my baptismal call. Some have gone better than others, but I would like to think my spiritual life progressed at least a small amount during each of them.

Conversion is a process. Stewardship is about a way of living and it is about more than simply being generous when a situation calls for it. Stewardship and conversion go hand-in-hand and we are always moving closer to holiness in Jesus Christ. Living in this way takes practice and commitment. If this Advent didn't go as you had hoped, remember is not really an end. It is just another step along your journey.

This Christmas, while you are giving and receiving gifts and hopefully spending time with those you love, may you take the time to cherish the true gift that came to us over 2000 years ago and continues to call us to this day: Jesus. Let us be grateful beyond measure for this gift above all gifts, let us continue on our journey, and let our lives give testimony to the one who leads us.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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December 20, 2020 | Fourth Sunday of Advent

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Available for pick up at the Gift Shop on Sundays after Mass Times: 8am, 10am, 12noon, and 2pm.  
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Garage ticket must be presented prior to receiving a complimentary ticket.