

The Days Are Coming

By John F. Kavanaugh, SJ

As a child, once the celebration of Thanksgiving was over, I would go to the windows almost every morning, looking for snow. It is one of my earliest memories, a tissue of images held together by feelings that always had something to do with expectancy.

For children of other countries or climates, the prod might not have been Thanksgiving or the thought of snow, but I wouldn't be surprised if the early days of Advent were, for most Christian boys and girls, eager ones. Some children had Advent calendars; others had wreaths decked with candles. Many observed the strangely prophetic feast of St. Nicholas, with its long stockings bulging with many small promises of greater gifts to come.

Songs changed with December. Worldly anxiety combined with hope in "You better watch out...Santa Claus is coming to town." The "March of the Toy Soldiers" made the spine tingle. And church hymns deepened everything: "O come, O come..." "Wake, awake, the night is dying."

Advent reminds us not only of our great need for God but also of the brokenness of the world, mirrored by the brokenness in our hearts. In order for God to more fully enter our lives, let us more fully enter our own.



Consider it a way of extending the great feast of Thanksgiving. Advent can so easily be co-opted by the mania of consumerism, sparked by that greatest shopping spree of the year on the Friday after Thanksgiving, fueled by our deepest spiritual hungers that we suspect could be eased by some magical gift of grace.

If we try to make Thanksgiving stretch all the way through Advent and to the end of the year, we might find that Emmanuel will be "with us" in unexpected ways. Just as Mary's Advent was one of gratitude spoken in the Magnificat, let ours be a time of naming how God has done "great things" in us.

This exercise might help. Starting with the first of December take a

lined eight-by-eleven sheet of paper. They usually have thirty lines. Each day, for each line, write down two items: something in your world you give thanks for and someone in your life you give thanks for. Your Christmas will be different if you do this. Having become more present to your passing days, you may see how God is with you. By the last day of the year, you will have a page of gifts. And as the new year starts, you might, with Mary, "treasure these things" in your heart. +

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*Lord Jesus, so that the world
may know of your presence
among us, we pray—
be born in us,
be born in our world.*

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

November 28–
December 3

Monday, Advent Weekday:
Is 4:2–6 / Mt 8:5–11

Tuesday, Advent Weekday:
Is 11:1–10 / Lk 10:21–24

Wednesday, St. Andrew:
Rom 10:9–18 / Mt 4:18–22

Thursday, Advent Weekday:
Is 26:1–6 / Mt 7:21, 24–27

Friday, Advent Weekday:
Is 29:17–24 / Mt 9:27–31

Saturday, St. Francis Xavier:
Is 30:19–21, 23–26 / Mt 9:35–10:1, 5a, 6–8

Bringing Home
the Word +
November 27, 2022

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Bringing Home the Word +

First Sunday of Advent (A)
November 27, 2022

God Is Near

By Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

"Be prepared!" But for what? Since we're entering the season of Advent, we might think that we're called to prepare for the birth of Jesus. Advent is certainly the time to prepare for Christmas, but it's much more than that, for God comes into our lives in many different ways, even today. We see evidence of this when, working together, we rebuild not only cities, as Isaiah describes in the first reading, but relationships in families, parishes, and countries.

Remarkable changes take place in our lives when, as Paul bids us, we

"throw off the works of darkness" (Romans 13:12). God comes to us every day with the power we need to improve ourselves and our world. God often comes quietly in ways so ordinary we might miss them. That is the point of Jesus' insistence to "stay awake" and "be prepared" (Matthew 24:42, 44).

God certainly came long ago as a human being. That was a one-time-only event. We believe that God will come again at the end. That, too, will happen only once. But God comes every day to help us be our better selves. This is what the Advent readings tell us.

What can we do? How are we to prepare for God's coming? Today's readings tell us. We must work for the peace that Isaiah describes; we must throw off the works of darkness as Paul instructs; and we must do as Jesus tells us: stay awake, and be prepared. +

Sunday Readings

Isaiah 2:1–5

In days to come, ... / One nation shall not raise the sword against another, / nor shall they train for war again.

Romans 13:11–14

Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

Matthew 24:37–44

[Jesus said,] "So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

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A Word from Pope Francis

Keeping watch does not mean to have one's eyes physically open but to have one's heart free and facing the right direction, ready to give and to serve...in a concrete sense, being attentive to our neighbors in difficulty, allowing oneself to be called upon by their needs, without waiting for them to ask us for help.

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REFLECTION
QUESTIONS
ONE QUESTION
REFLECTION

- Have you experienced God's presence in the goodness of others?
- Have you been a sign of God's presence to those around you?



Parish of St. Vincent De Paul

"We as a community rooted in the Catholic faith seek to imitate Christ's Examples of love and service to others and spread the light of our faith to others."

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1 st Sunday Advent	2 nd Sunday Advent
Mass Nov. 27, 2022	Mass Dec. 4, 2022
Lector: Marv Grassl	Lector: Molly Kinkel
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:
Stacy Ferguson	Maria Garcia
Greeters & Presentation of Gift	Greeters & Presentation of Gift
Martin & Maria Garcia Family	Greg & Julie Hart
Altar Servers:	Alter Servers:
Nadia H. & Giselle S.	Mackenzie P. & Angie V.

Pope's Prayer intentions:

Children Who Suffer

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

Mass Schedule

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. @ St. Paul's in Eltopia
10:30 a.m. @ St. Vincent's (English)
12:00 p.m. @ St. Vincent's (Spanish)
Saturday: 7:00 p.m. @ San Juan Diego (Spanish)
Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. Adoration @ St. Vincent's
8:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Vincent's
Confessions: Wednesdays 6:30 pm @ St. Vincent's
Saturday 4:30 pm @ San Juan Diego
Church Secretary: Elida Fernández - secSt.vincent2015@gmail.com
Tues, Weds. Thurs 12:00 pm – 3:30 pm
Elida can be reached at 509-318-0917 - 12 – 3:30 pm on Tues. Weds. Thurs.

Prayer Chain: Call Carolyn Nordhus @ 509-234-5972

Breezeway Calendar: If you have any parish events or meetings that you would like on the all parish calendar that is posted in the breezeway please contact Marla Goade @ 539-5354 wmgoade73@gmail.com

Weekly Bulletin: Please email Elida Fernández secSt.vincent2015@gmail.com by WEDNESDAY EVENINGS for information to be included in the upcoming Sunday bulletin.
Elida can be reached at 509-318-0917

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UPCOMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDAR

St. Vincent Parish Office

Will be closed
Dec. 9th – 30th, 2022
Regular hours will resume on
Jan. 3, 2023

Request of Sacrament Certificates

No certificates will be issued during the month of December.

Altar Flowers

Nov. – Altar Society
Dec. – Altar Society Guild 2

CONFESSIONS

This Wednesday the 30th, Nov.
@ St. Vincent Parish
5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS ED

Meets this Wednesday the 30th.
See everyone at 5:30 pm for dinner followed by class at 6 pm

Connell Food Bank

Banco de Comida

Seniors: Tuesdays

3rd Edad- Tues. / Martes
13 & 27 of Dec.

10:00 am – 11:30 am

General Public:

El público en general:

Wednesdays / Miércoles

14 & 28 of Dec.

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK FROM THE PASTORAL PATTERNS BY JS

PAULISH CO:

What will you do during Advent so that others can see that you have put on the light of Jesus Christ? What will you do during Advent so that others can see the light of Jesus in you?

STEWARDSHIP

"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." Matthew 24:42

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and you begin to see God's active presence in your life. You grow in gratitude, each day, for all that we have been given.

Thank you for your generous Weekly contributions

Nov. 6, 2022	Nov. 13, 2022
10:30 am - \$1764.91	10:30 am - \$1505.75
12:00 pm - \$439.00	12:00 pm - \$584.53
Basin City - \$793.00	Basin City - \$1154.00
11/1 Basin City - \$281.00	11/2 Basin City - \$362.00

Collection of Support

There are envelopes at the back of the church that can be used for the special collection to support Deacon Arturo and his ministry here in the parish. Please put the envelopes in the regular Sunday collection basket on either Nov. 27th or Dec. 4th. Thank you.

Annual Catholic Appeal

St. Vincent's Goal:

\$23,891.00

Donations as of

Nov. 16th: \$10,521.00

FR. GUS'S SCHEDULE FOR 2 WEEKS:

Nov. 27, 2022 – Dec. 11, 2022

Monday Nov. 28:

Fr. Gus @ Spokane Priest's Meeting

Tues. Nov. 29:

No Mass @ Eltopia

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm Penance Service @ Eltopia

Wed. Nov. 30:

8:00 am Adoration @Connell

8:30 am Mass @ Connell

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Penance Service @ Connell

Thurs. Dec. 1:

Fr. Gus @ Spokane meeting

No adoration / Mass @ Eltopia

Fri. Dec. 2:

11:00 am Funeral @ Basin City

4:30 – 6:30 pm Confessions @ Basin City

Sat Dec. 3:

9:00 am Adult Sacra Prep Class @ Connell

5:00 pm Rosary @ Connell

6:00 pm Rosary & Mass @ Basin City

Sun Dec. 4: Mass

8:00 am Mass @ Eltopia

10:30 am Mass @ Connell

12:00 pm Mass & Rosary @ Connell

7:00 pm Rosary @ Basin City

Monday Dec. 5:

Fr. Gus' Day of Rest

5:00 pm Rosary @ Connell

7:00 pm Rosary @ Basin City

Tues. Dec. 6:

No Confessions / Mass @ Eltopia

5:00 pm Rosary @ Connell

7:00 pm Rosary @ Basin City

Wed. Dec. 7:

8:00 am Adoration @Connell

8:30 am Mass @ Connell

5:00 pm Rosary @ Connell

5:30 pm Youth Group @ Connell

7:00 pm Rosary @ Basin City

Thurs. Dec. 8:

8:00 am Mass @Connell

10:30 am Mass @ Eltopia

5:00 pm Rosary @ Connell

7:30 pm Rosary @ Basin City

Fri. Dec. 9:

8:30 am Prison Ministry @ Connell

5:00 pm Rosary @ Connell

6:00 pm Rosary & Mass @ Basin City

Sat Dec. 10:

1:00 pm Quinceanera @ Basin City

5:00 pm Rosary @ Connell

6:00 pm Rosary & Mass @ Basin City

Sun Dec. 4: Mass

8:00 am Mass @ Eltopia

10:30 am Mass @ Connell

12:00 pm Mass & Rosary @ Connell

6:00 pm Rosary & Mass @ Basin City