



The Waiting Time

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Advent is a time of hope but also a time of waiting. Different than wishing, hope is the belief that, one day, all will be well. Teenagers eagerly wait to be out on their own, believing then all will be well. Students are eager to graduate and get away from papers to write, books to read, and exams to take—then all will be well. Some singles long to find a partner, marry, and settle down, believing—then—all will be well. Always there is the faith that, although life may not now be what we wish, the future will bring a time when all will be well. We are inveterate people of hope.

Yet life is a process that cannot be rushed. Author Annie Dillard once watched a butterfly hatch from a cocoon. A bit impatient, she decided to gently warm

the cocoon and so hasten the process. It worked, except by rushing the process the butterfly's wings were undeveloped, too weak to fly. All that we hope and long for in life must happen at its own pace, faithful to the process.

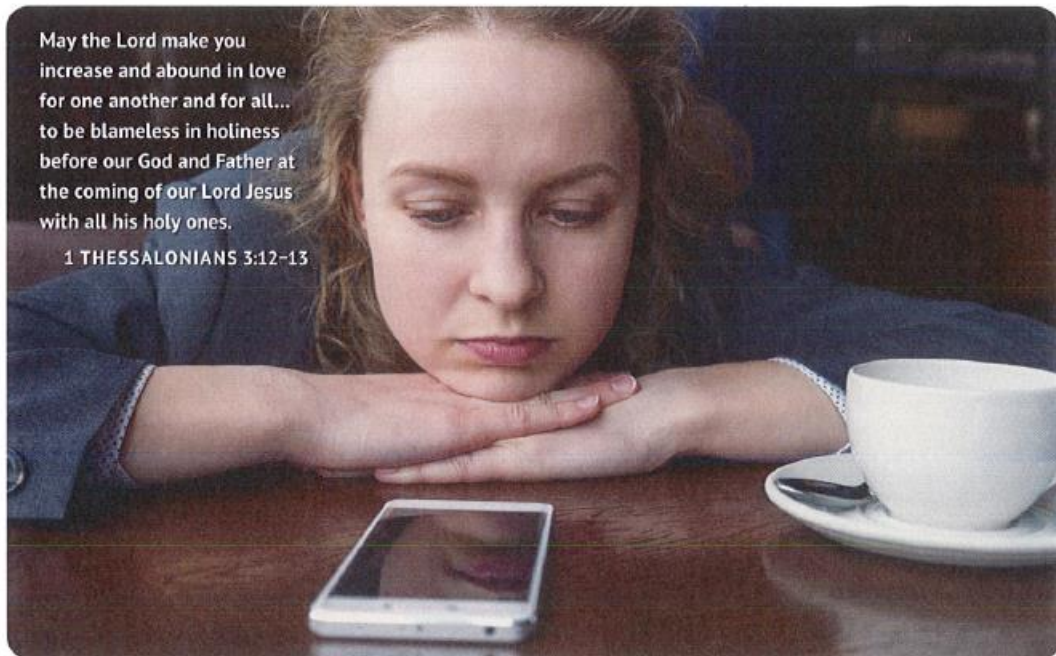
How, then, do we negotiate the waiting? The Gospel's encouragement is to pray, but not for what we want. Rather, we are to pray for the strength to stand with hope before the Son of Man, trusting that God will bring forth the goodness we need. Though it may be different than what we seek, it will be what we need. ●

Reflect

How can you better enjoy times of waiting?

May the Lord make you
increase and abound in love
for one another and for all...
to be blameless in holiness
before our God and Father at
the coming of our Lord Jesus
with all his holy ones.

1 THESSALONIANS 3:12-13



Welcome to The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit



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The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit

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Parish Secretary	Pam Van Egmond	
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Mass times / Intentions:

St. Bernard's

Mon.	Dec. 2	9:30 AM	Anniv. Late Marjorie LeBlanc	Family
Tues.	Dec. 3	9:30 AM	For the People	
Wed.	Dec. 4	9:30 AM	Late Laurel Cliff	Claudette Belliveau
Thurs.	Dec. 5	9:30 AM	Special intention	IHM
Fri.	Dec. 6	9:30 AM	Anniv. Late George Robert Spane	Karen, Paul & David Spane
Sat.	Dec. 7	4:00 PM	Anniv. Late Jim & Barry Heath	Ruth Heath & Family
Sun.	Dec. 8	11:00 AM	Special intention	Imelda Gaudet

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Sat.	Dec. 7	4:00 PM	Ken McAllister	Pam Van Egmond
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St. Vincent's

Sun.	Dec. 8	9:00 AM	Special intention	Colleen LeBlanc
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OFFERINGS

St. Bernard's Offerings + PADs & online – November 23 & 24, 2024

Envelopes	\$3020.50	Loose	\$2081.55	Capital Expenditure	\$310
Syrian Relief	\$480	Evangelization of people	\$60	Karing Kitchen	\$35
People in Need	\$480	Christmas boxes	\$20	Archdiocese Collection	\$530

St. Clement's Offerings – November 23, 2024

Envelopes	\$650	Collection	\$10	Heating	\$50
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St. Vincent's Offerings – November 24, 2024

Envelopes	\$1080	Loose	\$25	Maintenance	\$60	HR-SV Cemetery	\$10
Fuel	\$15	Needs Of Canada Church	\$10	Evangelization of people	\$10		

Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!



Moncton K of C Council 1310 - 84 Broadway Street, Moncton

Monthly Breakfast – **December. 1 from 8:30AM - 12:30PM \$12 for Adults, \$5 for children.** Menu includes: bacon, ham, sausage, eggs, pan fries, baked beans, pancakes, toast, tea, coffee and juice. All are welcome!



Moncton K of C Council 1310 - 84 Broadway St., Moncton:

A Catholic organization, with 300 plus members. Interested in Joining? Contact Norman Gallant, Grand Knight at 506 853-7333. Bingos: Thurs. & Sun. 6:30 PM - Sunday Brunch 1st Sun. of each month.



A time to mourn...
sincere sympathies to the family of:

Francis "Frank" Hughes, husband of Louise, father of Frank, Brenda and Tara.

And to all who mourn the loss of a loved one.



Ecclesiastes 3
Under every season there is a time...
A time to heal...

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Patricia Devine	Fr. Allison Carroll	Glen & Doreen McCluskey	Tirso Quinones
Joann Ramsay	Claire Struble	Marie Godin	Dee Dee Murphy
Julie Waban	Ramon Penas & Myrna Penas	Sofio Conson	Maria Floreta Conson
Stella Marie Alcalen			

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McGraw Family	Hudson Sweeney	Baby Owen	Emma Cormier	Diane Jones
Genie Coates	Olga Bateman	Deacon Frank Quinn	Shawna Lane Ibbitson	Angelia

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Barb DeWitt	Vince Reinsborough	Deacon Frank Quinn	Leonard Burke	Tim Nye
Vince Wood	Art Chase	Leone Campbell		

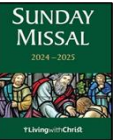
As well as those who have died.



St. Bernard's Sacrament of Reconciliation regular schedule
Prior to weekday masses: Monday to Friday: 8:30 – 9:20 AM
First Friday of the month: 8:00 – 9:00 AM & Saturdays: 10:00 AM



St. Bernard's Saturday confession: Time change.
This Saturday, Nov. 30, confession time will be 10 - 11 AM NOT 1 PM



St. Bernard's will have a limited amount of 2024/2025 Sunday Missals available for purchase: Cost: \$5. At weekend Masses. Or at: Parish office: Monday to Thursday, 9 AM - 12 noon & 1 - 4 PM.



ST. BERNARD'S: IN THE EVENT OF A STORM OR INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELLATIONS WILL BE NOTED ON: WEBSITE: www.stbernardschurch.ca OR BY CALLING OUR PHONE LINE @ 506-857-0425

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Mark Your Calendar

Carmelites	2 nd Sat of the month: 9:30 AM
Prayer Group	2nd Sat. of month & last Sat. of month after 25th @ 7:00 PM
RCIA	1 st and 3 rd Saturday of month, 10:00 AM to 12 noon



Advent Evening Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours)

Christians are called in baptism to be people of prayer, to pray always, praising God and pleading for the world. **We are encouraged to be more cognizant of prayer during the Advent season. Why not try gathering with the faith community for Evening Prayer?** It only takes up a half hour of your time. We follow the format for Evening Prayer that is offered in our Catholic Book of Worship. **All parishioners of our parish unit are invited and encouraged to gather for the Evening Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours)**

on Thursday evenings at St. Bernard's Church. December 5, 12 & 19 @ 5:00 PM.



Sessions for Fall 2024

Sun. Level 1-2-3 @ 9:30 AM and Level 4-5-6 @ 12:15 PM:

Dec. 1, Dec. 15

Tues. Level 1-2-3 @ 6PM: Dec. 3, Dec. 17

Wed. Level 4-5-6 @ 6PM: Dec. 4, Dec. 18

Confirmation In-Person Session: Dec. 15



2025 CWL Membership

Dues are payable by December 31st. Dues remain at \$32.50.

For members who have not yet paid their membership fees, dues can be paid at our upcoming meeting on Sunday, December 8th or by calling Donna Shaw at 506-382-0503 to arrange for pick up of your dues.

If paying by cheque, kindly make your cheque payable to St. Bernard's CWL. Thank you.



Notice of CWL Meeting

St. Bernard's CWL will hold its December meeting on Sunday, **Dec. 8th at 2:00-4:00 pm in the parish hall, preceded by the Rosary at 1:30 pm.**

The meeting will also be our annual St. Nicholas party. Bring your favorite finger food to share. A money tree will be set up with donations going to Christmas Boxes in collaboration with Food Depot. Bring a baby item if you would like to support a single mother. Raffle draw will take place. New members welcome!

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The Advent season is the beginning of a new year in our liturgical church life.

Advent has a twofold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered and as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation [Norms 39]. We tend to think of Advent only as the season in which we prepare for Christmas, or the First Coming of Christ, but as the General Norms point out, it is important that we also remember it as a celebration in which we look forward to the Second Coming of Christ. Properly speaking, Advent is a season that recalls the Two Comings of Christ. Advent remains a time of preparation; however, the focus is on a joyous preparation. The circle of greens with four candles (The **first candle** symbolizes **hope**, the purple color symbolizes royalty, repentance, and fasting. The **second candle** represents **faith**, it is also purple to symbolize preparation for the coming king. The **third candle** symbolizes **joy**, the color rose signifies joy. The **fourth candle** represents **peace**, it is also purple to represent the culmination of love through the Messiah. Advent is clearly identified as a season of anticipation, not of penance. ***No matter what we celebrate throughout the liturgical year, it is always a part of the Paschal Mystery, the Life, Death, and Resurrection of Christ.*** We are an Easter people even during this season. With the successive lighting of one, two, three and finally four candles, there is the idea of increasing light. The Advent season should be an accounting of how we have lived our lives over the past year. Have we become better disciples? Has there been a change in our hearts? If not, what needs to change? Has our faith life deepened? How? What steps have we taken to work on our relationship with God, with Jesus, with our Church community? What are some of the acts of kindness or generosity that we could do that could start in Advent, but continue throughout the year?

**Advent is meant to be the beginning of a new heart.
How will you change this Advent season for the long term?**



Calling All Knitters Yarn is available at the Parish office for knitters who wish to make hats, mittens, etc. for the Advent Mitten Tree. Thank you to all the dedicated past and present knitters!

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Sacred items wanted

Do you have extra religious articles—statues, crucifixes, rosaries, prayer books, or medals—that are gathering dust at home? These sacred items hold profound meaning and can bring spiritual blessings to others. By donating them to the church, you can share the gift of faith and allow someone else to draw closer to God through these beautiful objects. Many individuals, families, and communities lack access to such religious items. Your donations can help spread devotion, inspire prayer, and provide comfort to those who may not be able to acquire these items themselves. Please consider donating your excess religious articles to the church. They will be distributed to those in need, ensuring these treasures of faith continue to bring hope and love into the hearts of others. You may drop them off at the parish office during the week or see Fr. Carlos Jacinto after Mass.

Together, let's share the beauty of our faith and make a difference in someone's spiritual journey. *Thank you for your generosity and for being a channel of God's blessings!*



Simbang Gabi 2024

Dear Friends,

The Filipino Community of the Archdiocese of Moncton invites everyone to join in our **Simbang Gabi** celebrations. **Simbang Gabi**, a tagalog phrase that literally means “Evening Mass,” is the Filipino traditional novena Masses offered for nine consecutive evenings before Christmas

Eve. It is a spiritual journey for Filipinos, a time of reflection, devotion, and anticipation as we prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. Centred on the Eucharist, the nine Masses honour the Blessed Mother Mary, who carried Our Lord Jesus in her womb for nine months. How is it different from a daily Advent Mass? On Simbang Gabi Masses, the priest wears white festive vestments and the Gloria is sung.

We invite you to **St. Bernard's Church** from **December 15th to the 23rd at 7:00 PM** for these evening Masses, which will be celebrated in English, with hymns beautifully led by the Filipino choir. Please note, our parish's regular daily and weekend Mass schedules will remain unchanged, with these nine special evening Masses added for the season. We would be deeply honored to have you join us in these celebrations.

With blessings, Fr. Carlos Jacinto, The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit

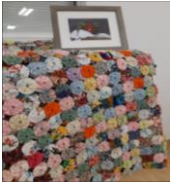


We are nearing the end of 2024!

It is a great time to make up for any Sunday offerings that you may have missed over the year. Together as a parish community we can meet St. Bernard's financial commitments for the year. Donations can be made by cash, cheque, and preauthorized payments. **All donations for 2024 must be received prior to**

December 31st to be included in 2024 taxation receipts. Thank you for your continued generosity!!

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St. Bernard's CWL Raffle

Hand crafted bedspread and 5"x7" painting. Proceeds for parish repairs, Food Depot, Pregnancy Center, NB Right to Life. Lottery License #2073754. **Draw Date- Dec.8/24** - Value \$150.00 – Tickets: 1 for \$2, 3 for \$5 (available in the parish office)

For info. on Christmas food boxes contact one of the below based on where you live:

Moncton area: Peter McKee Community Food Ctr., 475 St. George St, Moncton

506-383-4281 / reception@petermckeecentre.ca

Dieppe area: - Second Mile Food Bank, 243 Lewisville Rd., Moncton, N.B.

506-857-9121 / smfoodbank@gmail.com

Riverview area: Albert County Action Inc., 50 Runnymede Rd., Riverview, NB

506-386-7824 / acac.albertcountyfoodbank@gmail.com

Remembering our Deceased Family & Friends with Christmas Flowers

Once again, this year, you are invited to make monetary donations for our Christmas floral arrangements in memory of deceased loved ones. All monies contributed will be used to purchase flowers that will decorate our church throughout the Christmas season. If you would like to donate funds for **Christmas flowers** in memory of a loved one, you may do so by completing the information below & placing it with your donation in a plain envelope. That envelope can be put into the collection basket at mass or dropped off at the parish office during regular office hours. Names will be in the Christmas bulletin. **Thank you to all those who donate to this yearly project.**

Indicate parish:	St. Bernard's	St. Clement's	St. Vincent's
In Memory of:			
Donated by:			
Address:			
\$ Amount	Envelope # (if applicable)		

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FAITH FORMATION at St. Vincent's – In-person catechism sessions take place on Sunday mornings following Mass. For any participant or volunteer inquiries for this program, including sacramental preparations, please contact Cathy Crinnion at ccrinnion@yahoo.ca or 536-4470. For parishioners who are past Confirmation, no previous experience is necessary for you to share your time with our Faith Formation families, as a helper or as a catechist!

The Faith Formation schedule is as follows:

December 1 st @ 10am	Elementary group (grades 4+) – St. Vincent's hall
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December 15 th @ 10am	Elementary group – St. Vincent's hall
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Elementary group will resume on January 12th 2025

Primary group (grades 1-3) – please contact Cathy to discuss

FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS – If you wish to donate to our Christmas Flower Fund in memory of a loved one, please put your donation in a plain envelope labelled “Christmas Flower Fund” with your name and mailing address on it, as well as the name of the person(s) to be remembered and drop it in the collection basket located at the entrance to the church.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS – St. Vincent's will celebrate mass on Christmas Eve, December 24, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. Please arrive early as seating may be limited! There will be no mass on Christmas Day, December 25, 2024.

CHRISTMAS EVE MUSIC AT ST. VINCENT'S – Our Music Leader, Karen Olscamp, has once again graciously offered to organize music with our youth for our Christmas Eve mass at 6:00 p.m.

“Christmas is coming and that means special invitations to children and youth of our parish to join in Music Performances. “**Away in a Manger**” will be offered with no age limit. And for school aged children, “**Joy to the World**” will be offered with our hand bells. Both songs will be performed on Christmas Eve. **Rehearsals will be held Saturday mornings, December 14 and 21, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.**

In addition, Karen has offered to organize a **Youth Choir** (Grades 4-12) to prepare a song or two for the Advent/Christmas season. Perhaps your son or daughter can play a musical instrument that they would like to add to the singing. Rehearsals would be approximately 45 minutes in length and would begin in early December. Rehearsal day and time remain flexible and will be determined in consultation with parents.”

All of these activities will require considerable preparation on Karen's part, so she asks parents of interested children and youth to register with her as soon as possible. Karen Olscamp kolscamp@live.com 506-536-3050.

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CONFESSION – Please note that a time for confession may be requested with Fr. Damian following our 9:00 a.m. mass on Sunday, December 22, 2024.

WHITE GIFT SUNDAY – December 8, 2024, will be White Gift Sunday at St. Vincent's. If you wish to donate new toys or clothing for local children, please bring them to St. Vincent's on December 8, 2024. Suggested items are sleepers, bath towel and washcloths, bedding for newborns; socks, playdough, colouring books and crayons, warm winter clothing, etc for ages 2-6; and gloves, hats, games, craft kits, sweatshirts, movie passes, for children ages 6-12. Please do not wrap items; however, wrapping paper and tape will be gladly accepted.

HOLY ROSARY-ST. VINCENT CEMETERY – With the winter season approaching, please remove all artificial flowers and decorations from the cemetery.

100 ANNIVERSARY OF ST. VINCENT CHURCH – A small committee will be finalized in early January 2025 to get plans underway to collect more stories and bits of history from parishioners. If you have questions or information to share, please contact Rosemary at rbarrass@nbnet.nb.ca.

SUNDAY MISSALS 2024-2025 – Due to a higher demand this year, additional Sunday Missals 2024-2025 have arrived and are being offered to parishioners at a cost of \$6.75 each. Please see Lorraine at the entrance to the church.

DONATIONS OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS – Starting this week, more Filipino nurses and their families are arriving to work at the Drew Nursing Home here in Sackville. We continue to accept household donations to help them set up their apartments. Suggested items are mattresses, box springs, and bed frames (all sizes), like-new bedding and warm blankets, small appliances, chests of drawers, kitchen tables and chairs, etc. Please contact Lorraine at the Parish Office if you have any of these items that you would like to donate 506-536-1460 or stvince@nbnet.nb.ca.

SACKVILLE FOOD BANK – With the rising cost of groceries, many local families are struggling to put nutritious food on the table. If you are able, please contribute non-perishable food items to our local Food Bank. Also needed are items such as toilet paper, tissues, paper towel, face soap, and dish and laundry detergent. The donation basket is located on the right-hand side of the entrance of the church.

ADVENT GOES TO THE MOVIES – Please join us as we meet via Zoom to discuss four films and their connection to our faith and the Advent season. December 2nd (*Wizard of Oz*); December 9th (*Babette's Feast*); and December 16th (*Agnes of God*). Each discussion will be held at 10:30 am on Zoom. Please contact Karen at 387-4198 or youth@diocesemoncton.ca to register.

SENIORS CONNECT - Welcome to Seniors Connect, a safe space for Seniors to gather, socialize, learn about, and discuss issues related to aging in New Brunswick. Our next gathering will take place on Thursday December 5th 10:30am at the Holy Family Church Hall, 52 Falkland St. Moncton. Our theme for that day is "Tis the Season". One of our activities will be a Yankee Swap so we ask that you bring a small gift or craft that is no more than \$5. Questions? Contact Karen LeBlanc at 387-4198 or email youth@diocesemoncton.ca.

SCUBA CHRISTMAS! On Friday, December 6th from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm, we will be offering a Christmas follow-up to last June's Vacation Bible School, SCUBA: Dive into Friendship with God and learn about the story of the Holy Family. Anyone is welcome, even those children who did not attend Vacation Bible School in June. All families are welcome. Please contact Karen at 387-4198 or youth@diocesemoncton.ca to register.

WHATEVER FLOATS YOUR HOPE ADVENT RETREAT – On Saturday, December 7th from 8:30 am – 12:00 pm, Craig Murphy will be offering a morning Advent Retreat to take place at Broadleaf Guest Ranch in Riverside Albert. Contact Karen at 387-4198 or youth@diocesemoncton.ca to register.

THEOLOGY ON TAP - Our next Theology on Tap event will take place on Monday, December 9th, 6:30 PM at Mai Asian Restaurant in Moncton. Our guest speaker for this session will be Eugene Aucoin, who will be speaking about his new book "*Beatitudes: 8 Steps to Inner Peace and Happiness.*" Contact Karen at 387-4198 or youth@diocesemoncton.ca to register.

Weekly Gospel Study Group December 5th and 6th

Weekly in person or Zoom, Thursdays at St. Lawrence O'Toole 6:00pm followed by adoration at 7:00pm AND Fridays at St. Augustine's 11:00am, followed by Mass at 12:00noon and adoration. For information contact Charlie Farrell **at 857-4223 or charlie.farrell@gasmoncton.com**.

2nd Sunday of Advent, click on the following links and read Pope Francis:
https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2017/documents/papa-francesco_angelus_20171210.html.

St. Augustine sermon 289
<https://wesleyscholar.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Augustine-Sermons-273-305.pdf>

The Chœur des Aboiteaux, a mixed choir of around sixty voices

under the direction of Paula Hébert, is pleased to invite you to its Christmas concert on Sunday, December 15 at 2:30 p.m. Come and get into the holiday spirit in the magnificent St. John's United Church, at the corner of Victoria and Alma streets in Moncton NB. The program includes new and old songs in innovative arrangements. You'll be charmed by classic songs such as Christmas Pot Pourri, Handel's Hallelujah and many others. The songs will be accompanied by piano, and some by flute and percussion.

Tickets are on sale from choir members or at the door for \$20. Children 12 and under are admitted free. An elevator is available. We look forward to welcoming you!

Dear Padre,

I've been Catholic all my life, but I don't understand Advent. It's too much like Lent and seems an odd way to prepare for the birth of a baby.

In a society that is primarily secular, one skill of the believing Christian is the ability to balance competing realities. From a secular perspective, Christmas is part of the period identified as the "holidays," beginning with Thanksgiving until New Year's Day, when it abruptly ends and stores begin advertising Valentine's Day.

For Christians, Christmas is the day we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the great promise fulfilled after centuries of waiting and expectation. The creative energy of the Father is displayed in wonder and awe as the angels sing and people of good faith gather to celebrate. We join our ancestors in anticipation of this event through the liturgical season of Advent, a time of waiting and preparation.

The Christian holy day is a singular day, the feast of the Nativity of the Lord—Christmas—but the Church continues the celebration of God's life and love through the days that follow, culminating in the Baptism of the Lord, the beginning of the public ministry of Jesus.

We are invited to hold the secular and the liturgical experiences in an integrated balance. We can celebrate the secular holidays and we can enter the liturgical season that helps us contemplate something much grander and more spectacular. ●



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Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
December 2	December 3	December 4	December 5	December 6	December 7	December 8
Advent Weekday	St. Francis	Advent Weekday	Advent Weekday	Advent Weekday	St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Second Sunday of Advent
Is 2:1-5	Xavier, Priest	Is 25:6-10a	Is 26:1-6	Is 29:17-24	Is 30:19-21, 23-26	Bar 5:1-9
Mt 8:5-11	Is 11:1-10 Lk 10:21-24	Mt 15:29-37	Mt 7:21, 24-27	Mt 9:27-31	Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8	Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 Lk 3:1-6



STEFANO DAL FOLZEDDI/ONG

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Vigilance means this: not to allow our hearts to become lazy or our spiritual life to soften into mediocrity. Be careful because we can become "sleepy Christians"—and we know there are many Christians who are asleep, who are anesthetized by spiritual worldliness.... This is a sad life going forward this way since there is no happiness.

ANGELUS, ROME, NOVEMBER 28, 2021