

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.

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. ●

Reflect

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



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Our Lady of the Rosary ~ Our Lady Queen of Peace

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Mass Schedule ~ Our Lady of the Rosary

Saturday Vigil 4:00pm

Sunday 8:30am

Monday – Wednesday 8:30am

Friday 5:00pm

Mass Schedule ~ Queen of Peace, Fountain

Sunday 10:30am

Wednesday 10:30am

Baptisms

Contact the PCL

Reconciliation

Upon Request

Sacraments for younger Children

Contact PCL

Living Faith Booklets for January are now available in the foyer. Please feel free to pick one up to enhance your daily prayer life.



Please pray for Mary Kay Collins, Hai Van Heller, Mary Ann Hugg, Russ Blount, Julie Kim Rollence, Zoom Elliott, Jackie Ochampaugh, Carol Brust, Shari Letson, Bonnie Hunt, Robert Wade, Robert Nagel, Helen Hall, Fr. William Brown, Barbara Lourcey, Jessica Havel, Jim Elsner, Gloria Morrison, Harry Carmello, Ethan Findlay, Chris Weller, Mary Munzel, Dennis Nuber, Jordan Taylor, Trisha Roberto, parishioners of Rosary, parishioners of Queen of Peace, Mike Battcher, Don Culbreath; Joseph Lockard; Jan Garner

The Sanctuary Lamp for the week of November 26-December 2 is in loving memory of Sandi Ann Morehouse.



Flowers placed on the Altar this month in loving memory of Carol Hall.

Last Week's Collection ~ \$2,189 Offertory ~ \$263 for Christmas Decorations was raised by our Thanksgiving 50/50, 100% profit, as the other 50% was donated back...THANK YOU!

Thank you SO MUCH ~ to everyone who participated in the Baby Bottle Campaign hosted by the Knights of Columbus for the Pregnancy Resource Center. Rosary parishioners donated \$293.45 to this campaign.

There will be Mass on Thanksgiving Day at Rosary, 8:30am and Queen of Peace, 10:30am. Come join us in thanksgiving for all God has done for us.

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

Catholic Charities is hosting a toy drive for the Catholic Charities Christmas connection. This program gives toys to the parents to give to their children for Christmas. Can be any toy, but **MUST** be new. Talk to Annie Pieroni after Mass on Sunday if you have any questions.



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Penance Service will be held on Friday evening, December 2 at 6:00pm (after the 5:00pm Mass). Fr. Anthony and Fr. Longin, along with Fr. Kurian will administer the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There will be Eucharistic Adoration during the Penance Service.

Our Lady of the Rosary and Queen of Peace Christmas Party ~ Signups begin this weekend, November 26/27 for our Parish Christmas Party which will be held Sunday, December 11 at 2:00pm in the Parish Hall. There will be an Ugly Sweater / T-shirt contest, optional gift exchange (minimum \$15.00) for adults and children and a visit by St. Nicholas. If you would like to help, please contact Kevin Hall @ (850) 276-2621.

Events Committee ~ We are in desperate need of a committee to work together in planning events for the upcoming year for our Parish. If you like to voice your great ideas, or just want to boss people around, please join. There is a sign-up on the bulletin board in the foyer.



Upcoming events planned (that need fresh ideas):

Parish Christmas Party and Meal ~ Sunday, Dec 11 @2pm

Parish Chili Cook-off Competition and Fun Night ~ Saturday, Jan 14 @5pm

If you have questions, please see Kevin Hall or call him at (850) 276-2621.

Changes to Mass Schedule and Office Hours -

There are changes to Mass schedules and office hours beginning **THIS WEEK**. Masses at Peace are Sunday and Wednesday mornings at 10:30am. Masses at Rosary are Sunday – Wednesday at 8:30am, Fridays at 5:00pm and Saturday Vigil at 4:00pm. The Parish Office is open Monday – Wednesday 8:00am – Noon and Fridays 1:00pm – 5:00pm. You can view a calendar for the month of December on our website at <https://olr.ptdiocese.org/december-2022-calendar/> or on the bulletin board in the foyer.



The Choir is now practicing for the Christmas Season....so, if you have ever wanted to sing your praises, come join us. Practices are held on Tuesday evenings at 5:00pm. If the door is locked,

“...knock, and the door shall be opened to you!”

Our parish has partnered with Hallow this Advent to encourage all parishioners to prepare their heart this season by incorporating prayer into each day. This Advent, we're inviting you to join Hallow's #Pray25 Challenge: Journey through Salvation History featuring the cast of 'The Chosen.' Hallow is the #1 Catholic app worldwide and includes 1,000 prayer sessions available for free, and over 5,000 audio-guided sessions in an upgraded premium subscription. Hallow is designed to help you grow closer to God and develop a daily habit of prayer, and includes prayers for kids and families, resources for mental health, meditations for sleep, seasonal music, multiple languages (including Spanish, Portuguese, and Polish!) daily trivia, podcast-style courses to learn more about faith, and more! Sign up today at hallow.com/pray

This Week's Calendar

Saturday, November 26

3:30pm ~ Pray the Rosary (CH)

4:00pm Vigil Mass, Rosary ~ +Maureen O'Connell; +Ruth Goodwin; +Al 'Buck' Rogers, Jr.

Sunday, November 27

8:00am ~ Pray the Rosary (CH)

8:30am Mass, Rosary ~ +George Dupuis; +Gioan Nguyen Khoan; +Maria Nguyen Dau

9:30am ~ CCD (RE)

10:30am Mass, Peace

Monday, November 28

8:00am ~ Pray the Rosary(CH)

8:30am Mass, Rosary ~ +Ruth Goodwin; +George Dupuis

Tuesday, November 29

8:00am ~ Pray the Rosary(CH)

8:30am Mass, Rosary ~ +LParishioners of Rosary

9:00am ~ Bible Study (PH)

5:00pm ~ Choir Practice (CH)

Wednesday, November 30

8:00am ~ Pray the Rosary (CH)

8:30am Mass, Rosary ~ +George Dupuis

10:30am Mass, Peace

Thursday, December 1

NO MASS

Friday, December 2

4:30pm ~ Pray the Rosary (CH)

5:00pm ~ Mass, Rosary ~ +Phyllis Maher

6:00pm ~ Advent Penance Service (CH)

Saturday, December 3

3:30pm ~ Pray the Rosary (CH)

4:00pm Vigil Mass, Rosary ~ +Sr. Therese Corcoran

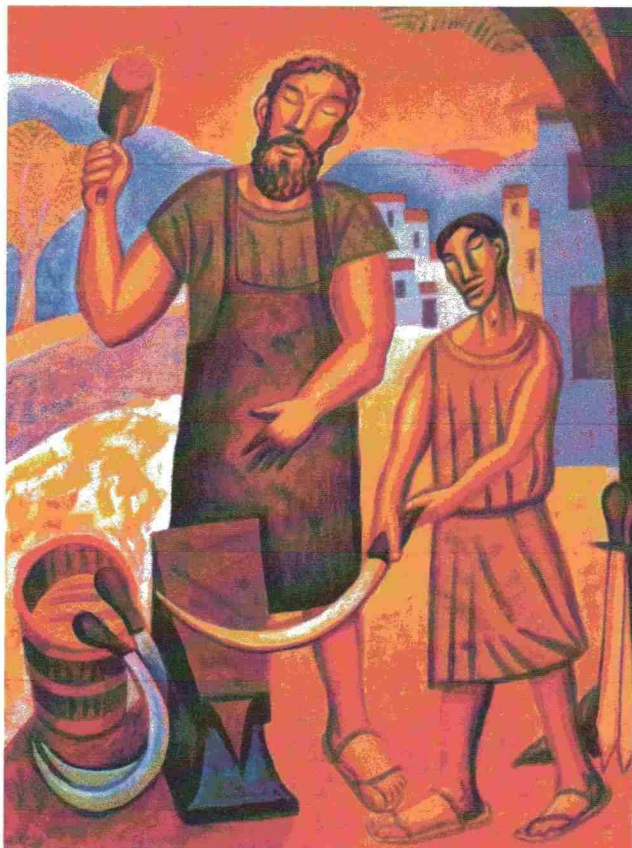
Sunday, December 4

8:00am ~ Pray the Rosary (CH)

8:30am Mass, Rosary ~ +Barbara Brondum; +Sandi Ann Morehouse

10:30am Mass, Peace

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Peace and Tranquility

God our Father and giver of peace,
you turn the forces of death
into healing,
as you fulfill your promises
throughout time.

Encourage us to be alert for
your presence
and to hope when we are discouraged.
Turn our swords, our wrongdoing,
into instruments of peace
so that one day we will rejoice
as we walk to the house of the Lord.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, November 27, 2022
A Pilgrimage toward God



Today's readings: Isaiah 2:1–5; Psalm 122:1–9; Romans 13:11–14; Matthew 24:37–44. In the time of Isaiah's prophecy, the mountaintops were considered the gods' dwelling. Is it any wonder that peace, well-being, and complete joy were to be found, according to Isaiah in the first reading, on the "mountaintop" of the new Jerusalem? As Christians, we are called to new life, to new ways of being. We are to discard enmity and act peacefully as we walk in the light to the house of the Lord.

St. Paul discerns between the darkness of the current time and the light that awaits us on "the day at hand." He calls the Romans to be ready for the Lord, to reform their lives "to put on the Lord Jesus Christ." The call is for

us also so that we will "awake from sleep" and "put on the armor of light."

Advent begins with a vivid reminder to be ready at all times to meet God. "Therefore, stay awake," Jesus tells the disciples in Matthew's Gospel account. Each day we must listen carefully to the message of Scripture. Our destination is the heavenly mountaintop, and our hope is for peace and justice for all.

As the Advent wreath is blessed and lighted on this Sunday that begins the liturgical year, keep within you the image of the burning flame. Allow the candle to reflect God's presence within each pilgrim that you encounter on your Advent journey.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, November 28

Judgment and Glory

Take to heart the words of the prophecy of Isaiah that “the LORD’s glory will be shelter and protection: / shade from the parching heat of day / refuge and cover from storm and rain.” This week, seek out the Lord when facing struggles; know that refuge awaits. Allow the consolation you receive to fill your heart with rejoicing, as the psalmist sings. *Today’s readings: Isaiah 4:2–6; Psalm 122:1–2, 3–4b, 4cd–5, 6–7, 8–9; Matthew 8:5–11.*

Tuesday, November 29

Welcome the Lamb

Isaiah invites us to come together on God’s holy mountain, where “he shall judge the poor with justice, / and decide aright for the land’s afflicted.” With justice prevailing, “there shall be no harm or ruin” on this holy mountain. Consider how you can strive to be just within your thoughts and your heart as well as your acts. Be assured that peace comes through justice. *Today’s readings: Isaiah 11:1–10; Psalm 72:1–2, 7–8, 12–13, 17; Luke 10:21–24.*

Wednesday, November 30

St. Andrew, Apostle

St. Andrew the apostle was the brother of St. Peter, according to Luke 6:14. It was Andrew who told Jesus about the boy who had the loaves and fish (John 6:8–9) during the feeding of the multitudes. Ask St. Andrew today to help you find an opportunity to feed the hungry. Remember that hunger is in mind as well as in body: those who hunger for friendship, acceptance, or love need to be served as much as those who hunger for their daily food. *Today’s readings: Romans 10:9–18; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Matthew 4:18–22.*

Thursday, December 1

Hope and Trust

In the Gospel reading from Matthew today, Jesus is direct when he tells the disciples that “only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven” will enter the kingdom. God does not desire lip service but obedience to his will. Use this Advent morning to quietly spend time with God so that you can listen to him and discern his will. Make a simple Advent wreath, light a candle each night, and pray in its light. *Today’s readings: Isaiah 26:1–6; Psalm 118:1, 8–9, 19–21, 25–27a; Matthew 7:21, 24–27.*

Friday, December 2

The Blind See

Isaiah vividly portrays the day when justice comes, saying, “On that day the deaf shall hear / the words of a book; / And out of gloom and darkness, / the eyes of the blind shall see.” This will be a time when people keep holy the name of God, and those who err will find understanding. But already in the Gospel, Jesus opens the eyes of two blind men because of their faith. During Advent, may we seek to realize that the Lord is our light and salvation, as the psalm’s refrain states. *Today’s readings: Isaiah 29:17–24; Psalm 27:1, 4, 13–14; Matthew 9:27–31.*

Saturday, December 3

St. Francis Xavier

St. Francis Xavier, a cofounder of the Jesuit order, shared his faith as a missionary. He was possibly the most instrumental missionary priest of his time because he initiated a practice of adapting to the language and customs of the people whom he wanted to baptize. This approach of adaptation has been modeled over the past five hundred years. Consider how you might adapt to the language and custom of someone who needs to be understood, accepted, and treated as a brother or sister in Christ. *Today’s readings: Isaiah 30:19–21, 23–26; Psalm 147:1–2, 3–4, 5–6; Matthew 9:35–10:1, 5a, 6–8.*





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Dear Friends in Christ,

Soon, our parishes will be conducting the Retirement Fund for Religious collection, an annual appeal that benefits nearly 25,000 elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Our senior religious are a treasure—both for their service to our Church and for the ways their prayer and witness enrich our faith. “Planted in the house of the Lord, they shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall bear fruit even in old age” (Ps 92:14-15).

As I reflect on the ministry of women and men religious—past and present—I am grateful for the ways they have shaped my own faith. I also value the tremendous service they have offered our diocese. Perhaps you, too, recall an older religious who made a positive difference in your life.

Most senior religious worked many years for little pay, leaving their religious communities with a shortage of retirement savings. Rising health-care costs and decreased income compound the challenge to meet day-to-day needs for medications, nursing assistance, and other necessities. Donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious provide financial support that helps religious communities care for aging members while ensuring younger ones can continue the good works of their elders.

I understand you are asked to support many worthy causes. I invite you to give what you can. Most importantly, please pray for God’s continued blessing on all our women and men religious. Rest assured that they are praying for you

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William A. Wack, CSC
Bishop of Pensacola-Tallahassee

God's Gift of Forgiveness

A Pastoral Exhortation on the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

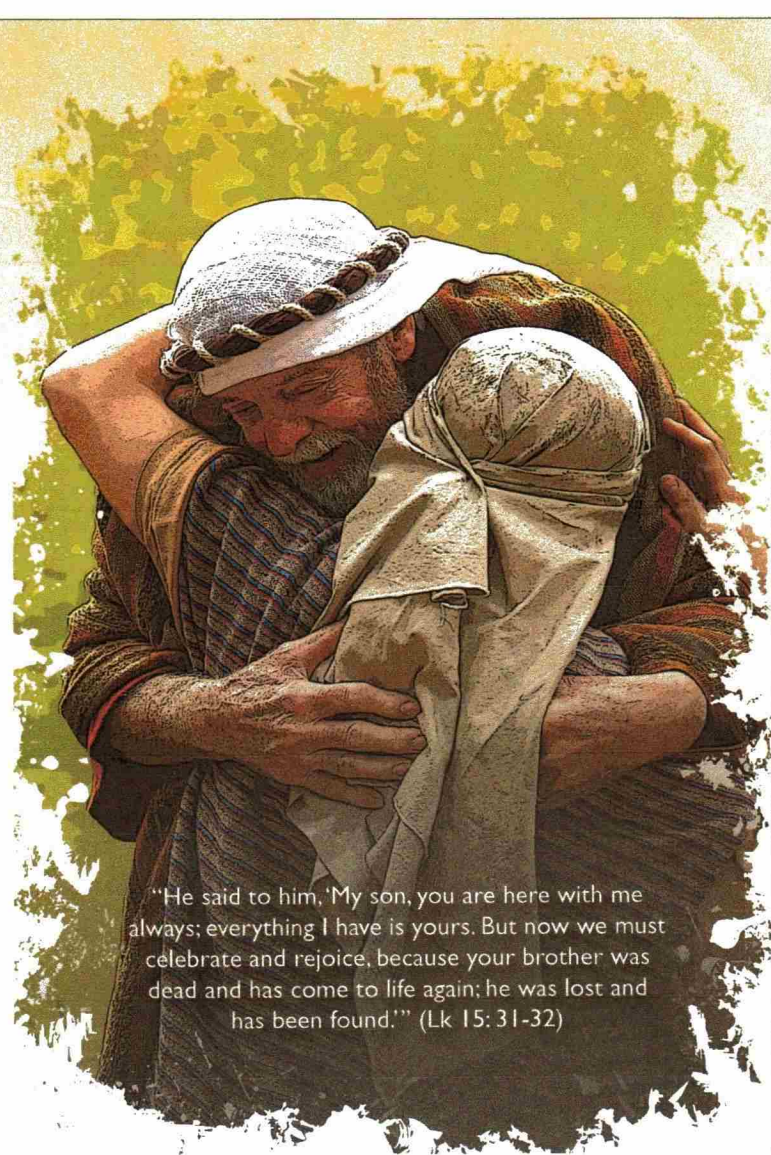
"Peace be with you!" With these words, the Risen Lord greeted his frightened Apostles in the Upper Room on the day of his Resurrection. They were troubled, anxious, and fearful—much like each one of us at some point in our lives. Christ repeated the words, "Peace be with you." But then he added, "Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them" (Jn 20:19-23).

What an extraordinary gift! The Risen Lord was proclaiming that all the suffering he had just endured was in order to make available the gifts of salvation and forgiveness. He wanted the Apostles to receive these gifts. He wanted them to become apostles of this forgiveness to others.

In the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, also called confession, we meet the Lord, who wants to grant forgiveness and the grace to live a renewed life in him. In this sacrament, he prepares us to receive him free from serious sin, with a lively faith, earnest hope, and sacrificial love in the Eucharist. The Church sees confession as so important that she requires that every Catholic go at least once a year.¹ The Church also encourages frequent confession in order to grow closer to Christ Jesus and his Body, the Church. By the grace of the Holy Spirit, we seek forgiveness and repentance, let go of patterns

of sin, grow in the life of virtue, and witness to a joyful conversion. Since the graces of the sacrament are so similar to the purpose of the New Evangelization, Pope Benedict XVI has said, "The New Evangelization . . . begins in the confessional!"²

We bishops and priests are eager to help you if you experience difficulty, hesitation, or uncertainty about approaching the Lord in this sacrament. If you have not received this healing sacrament in a long time, we are ready to



"He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.'" (Lk 15: 31-32)

welcome you. We, whom Christ has ordained to minister this forgiveness in his name, are also approaching this sacrament, as both penitents and ministers, throughout our lives and at this special moment of grace during Lent. We want to offer ourselves to you as forgiven sinners seeking to serve in the Lord's name.

During Lent—in addition to the various penitential services during which individual confession takes place—we bishops and priests will be making ourselves available often for the individual celebration of this sacrament. We pray that through the work of the Holy Spirit, all Catholics—clergy and laity—will respond to the call of the New Evangelization to encounter Christ in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. Come to the Lord and experience the extraordinary grace of his forgiveness!

1 *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, nos. 1457-1458.

2 Pope Benedict XVI, Address to the Annual Course on the Internal Forum Organized by the Apostolic Penitentiary, www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/speeches/2012/march/documents/hf_ben-xvi_spe_20120309_penitenzieria-apostolica_en.html.

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How to Go to Confession...

May the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of all
the saints,
whatever good you do and suffering you endure,
heal your sins,
help you grow in holiness,
and reward you with eternal life.
Go in peace.

—*Rite of Penance*, no. 93

- 1 PREPARATION:** Before going to confession, take some time to prepare. Begin with prayer, and reflect on your life since your last confession. How have you—in your thoughts, words, and actions—neglected to live Christ’s commands to “love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind,” and to “love your neighbor as yourself” (Mt 22:37, 39)? As a help with this “examination of conscience,” you might review the Ten Commandments or the Beatitudes (Ex 20:2-17; Dt 5:6-21; Mt 5:3-10; or Lk 6:20-26).
- 2 GREETING:** The priest will welcome you; he may say a short blessing or read a Scripture passage.
- 3 THE SIGN OF THE CROSS:** Together, you and the priest will make the Sign of the Cross. You may then begin your confession with these or similar words: “Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been [*give days, months, or years*] since my last confession.”
- 4 CONFESSION:** Confess all your sins to the priest. If you are unsure what to say, ask the priest for help. When you are finished, conclude with these or similar words: “I am sorry for these and all my sins.”
- 5 PENANCE:** The priest will propose an act of penance. The penance might be prayer, a work of mercy, or an act of charity. He might also counsel you on how to better live a Christian life.

- 6 ACT OF CONTRITION:** After the priest has conferred your penance, pray an Act of Contrition, expressing sorrow for your sins and resolving to sin no more. A suggested Act of Contrition is:

My God,
I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.
In choosing to do wrong
and failing to do good,
I have sinned against you
whom I should love above all things.
I firmly intend, with your help,
to do penance,
to sin no more,
and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.
Our Savior Jesus Christ
suffered and died for us.
In his name, my God, have mercy.

(*Rite of Penance*, no. 45)

- 7 ABSOLUTION:** The priest will extend his hands over your head and pronounce the words of absolution. You respond, “Amen.”
- 8 PRAISE:** The priest will usually praise the mercy of God and will invite you to do the same. For example, the priest may say, “Give thanks to the Lord for he is good.” And your response would be, “His mercy endures for ever” (*Rite of Penance*, no. 47).
- 9 DISMISSAL:** The priest will conclude the sacrament, often saying, “Go in peace.”

If it has been a while since your last confession, remember, “Do not fear” (Is 41:10). The priest will help guide you. And feel free to take this how-to guide with you! (For more information, visit www.usccb.org/confession.)

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