



## The Waiting Time

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**A**dvent 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

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Tue. Dec.03 7:00 pm** *St. Francis Xavier, Priest* *Is 11:1–10 Lk 10:21–24*  
Dan & Norma Klasesn on their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary by Marcel & Karen Dobry

**Wed. Dec.04 9:30 am** *Is 25:8–10a Mt 15:29–37*

†Philip Veitch by Ray & Mary Lou Simms

**Thur. Dec.05 9:30 am** *Is 26:1–6 Mt 7:21, 24–27*

†Joe Baete by Ken & Velma & Family

Pat Dinsdale by Charles & Maria Lim  
Grant Stanton by Gary & Gerry Walker

**Fair View** †Ella Olson by Ron Olson

**Fri. Dec.06 12:15 pm** *Is 29:17–24 Mt 9:27–31*

Peace & Justice in the world by CWL  
Nicolas Sieklicki by Godparents

†Zenon Hanzel by Aleks Onita & kids

†Joan Golding by Issigonis Family

Thanksgiving by Scholastica Achonu

**Sat. Dec.07** *St. Ambrose, Is 30:19–21, 23–26 Mt 9:35–10:1, 5a, 6–8*

**9:30 am** †Cyril Fox by Krystyna & Zbyszek

**4:00 pm** Linda & Susanne by Ann Kamann

**Sun. Dec.08** *Second Sunday of Advent Bar 5:1–9 Phil 1:4–6, 8–11*

**9:00 am** Rudy & Rosemarie Bidinosti by Ken & Gloria Heide

**11:00 am** †An Van Nguyen by Your Family

**7:00 pm** Alexandra Phillips by Godmother

**Souris 11:00 am** For All Parishioners - Fr. John & Fr. Oliver

**Pope's Prayer Intentions for the Month of December: For pilgrims of hope.** We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our

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?**

faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

**In Our Prayers Are:** Myron Blocker, Ralph McDonald, Jamie Ashley, Joan Tweedie, Pat Golding, Hermann Aquin, Gresnor Acquisio, Angel Eranio Cabrera, Eric DePass, Thomas Egan, Colette Garlinski, Jenny Hamill, Vera Lafreniere, Angela Lau, Paul Malabar, Susan Richardson, Bonnie Schellenberg, Teresa Usunier and the homebound.

Everyone is invited to our **Parish Advent Penance Service** (Confessions) **Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>** starting at 1pm for the School and **5 pm for the whole Parish**. Please come and experience Christ's healing love

**Turning from the Kingdom of darkness to the Kingdom of light – an Advent Journey.** December 10&11 at 7pm. During this **Advent Mission**, Fr. Michael Wollbaum will talk about recognizing the presence of the kingdom of darkness in our midst, which forces us to make a decision as to whether or not we will flee and give up or stay in the fight for what is right and holy and help to promote and extend the Kingdom of God. We will be invited to reclaim our Christian identity and accept Christ's call to share in His mission as Priest, Prophet and King. Fr. Michael will explain what it means to share in Christ's priesthood and mission and encourage us to take our rightful place in helping to build the Kingdom of God, by looking at what Christ did and his challenges, but also giving us spiritual tools to assist with the spiritual warfare that we face. We will also look at the life of Mary and other saints to help us in answering God's call in our lives.

# 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. ●



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

## Financial report for Nov. 24, 2024

Weekly Collection	\$ 6,197.
Children collection	\$ 124.
Sharing God's Gifts	\$43,945.
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Deficit	\$23,517.
Weekly average spending	\$ 11,000.

**Options for Donating Money** : We are trying to ensure your ease when making a donation. For your convenience we accept donation envelopes, e-transfers ([finance@staug.ca](mailto:finance@staug.ca)) and pre-authorized payments. Please note that e-transfers are only funds to St. Augustine's. Thank you.

**Kids Sunday donations** go towards Chalice program & Refugees Fund. Thank you all SA children! More info: [chalice.ca](http://chalice.ca)

## CWL - Share the Words : Week 36 JOY

We in the Catholic Women's League take joy in our accomplishments. We are a sisterhood of women dedicated to the service of God and Canada. Join our sisterhood today!

**Prayer group** meets every Monday at 7pm. Everyone welcome.



**Inviting all children and youth**, grades 2 and up! Mrs. Janelle Wilts will be directing young people to sing at the 4 pm **Mass on Christmas Eve** (Dec 24). Everyone in grade 2 or older is invited to join! Practices will be Saturday, Dec 21 11 am-12:30 pm and one

additional practice -date TBD. Bring your best singing voice to both practices! No registration necessary. For more information, please contact the office or Carolyn Markmann.

**Children's Rosary** group is inviting all kids and their families to meet on December 7th as First Saturday Devotion to Our Blessed Mother Mary. The rosary will take place after the 9:30AM Mass.



**Advent Gregorian Chant Service - Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> 2pm** Directed by Dr. Carlos Lara. Featuring members of St. Augustine's Parish.

**Altar Servers Society.** All boys who have received their First Holy Communion are invited to join. Please contact Faith Formation office for more details.



Children, Youth, Young Adult and Family Ministry will be having 2 events-- the **St. Nicholas Day** and **Nativity Play** on Dec 14th (Sat) from 1-3pm and the 2024 **Christmas Caroling** from Dec 15-21. Sign-up sheet is available for the Nativity Play, volunteers, food sponsors, and home visits. See the posters.

**The Couples for Christ** and its Family Ministries will be having an Advent Gathering on Dec 8th, Sunday from 1-3pm at the Parish Square. Please see poster for details to join.

**Family night Out** For parents and their children 10 and under. Mondays from 6-8 p.m. at St. Augustine School Gym. Please scan the code to register.



**St. Vincent de Paul** would like to thank the parishioners for their ongoing generosity and assistance in feeding Brandon's poor. This month for the first time in 61 years our yearly total of hampers distribution surpassed 3,000 hampers. Thank you to the wonderful parishioners who have assisted us. This Christmas season, due to increased costs, we are asking parishioners if they can donate a small canned ham, to place in the hampers. God bless you.

**Sunday Missal** Sunday Missal books for 2023/2024 are available for purchase in the office. Each book costs \$5.