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**\*\*\*\* FROM THE PASTOR \*\*\*\***

This parable reminds me of a conversation I had recently with a friend of mine, who was recalling a very frustrating day where she had too many tasks and too little time.

Sound at all familiar?

In her case she had to drop the kids off in the morning, run out to take care of her sick mother, buy groceries for the house, rush back to unload the groceries, and then turn around to pick the kids up after school to take them to soccer practice. Unfortunately in her stress and haste, while back at the house, she forgot she left the hatch door of her SUV open and pressed the garage door to come down. As you can imagine there was a horrible crunching sound as the massive door came down onto her little cars hatch.

She was upset with herself for losing focus because she was so busy she was not as “watchful” as she should have been.

That’s something we are all guilty of at times.

We get so caught up with the business of life we forget to be watchful about the most important part of life, which is our relationship with God. That can lead to some ugly consequences.

The gospel reminds us, as we begin this Advent season, that we need to be watchful. We need to be prepared for the second coming of Christ. And so we are encouraged to take time during the Advent season, to refocus and reassess our priorities and make sure that we make time for God. To prioritize the things He wants us to be doing.

Now you’ll notice in the parable the homeowner gives various tasks to all his servants, but it is only to one that he entrusts the role of gatekeeper.

You and I are like the gatekeeper. We are responsible for keeping watch. I say that because you are aware enough of God’s expectations, that you are here. There are so many others who should be here but are not. They are too busy, caught up in their various tasks.

As gatekeepers, we have an important responsibility to reach out to them and remind them of what Christ expects from us. Encourage them to make Sunday Mass and daily prayer part of their everyday lives.

Without our intervention they could easily spend their lives caught up with busy work, and be completely caught off guard when Christ comes calling.

Let us take our role and responsibility as gatekeepers seriously and make every effort to reach out to all the people we know who aren’t going to church and encourage them to make this the Advent they return.

It’s the best gift you could give them for Christmas.

## STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Collection 11/18 & 19, 2023	\$4,447.00
Last Year	\$3,942.00
Increase	\$ 505.00

Parish Needs collection amounted to \$5,032.00.



## PARISH NEWS

**PARISH FOOD COLLECTION** - Let us not forget our food pantry. There is still a great need for donations of non-perishable food, paper products, personal hygiene items, etc. The suggested donations are **Crackers/Cookies, Tuna and Soup**. We thank you in advance for helping those who are less fortunate than most of us. Donations may be placed in the basket at the back of the church.



**CARING TREE** - Once again, our Caring Tree is supporting the work of the Sisters of Life Convent in Manhattan. They help women that chose life for their unborn child. So, let us join together to make their clients and children's Christmas bright. There will be basket of tags in the Rackley Room for CCD families and a tree on the closet door in the front entrance of the Church with tags. Take as many ornaments as you would like, purchase the gift, **do not wrap**, and place the tag on it. Please have all gifts returned to the back of the Church or Rackley Room before **December 10<sup>th</sup>** for sorting and delivery. Thank you in advance and God Bless you and your family. Claudia Carroll (201-741-1042) Caring Tree Custodian.



**MEN'S GROUP** - As we begin Advent the men's group would like to invite our brothers and sisters to join us for a short video from the "Chosen" series called "A special Christmas Presentation: The Shepherd. It will be presented Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, following the 8:45 Mass in the Rackley Room. There will be light refreshments and time for fellowship afterward. In this coming Sunday's readings John the Baptist calls out to us all to prepare the way of the Lord in our lives. Take advantage of this opportunity to do so.

**WOMEN'S GROUP** will meet on Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 pm in the Rackley Room. All women are invited to attend.

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** is celebrated this Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. It is a Holyday of Obligation. Masses for the holy day are on Thursday at 6:30 pm and Friday at 8:45 am and 6:30 pm.

**TWO MONTH DEVELOPING BABY** - Your baby is making progress developing all of his external features and internal organs. His brain is functioning at 40 days. His mother can hear his heartbeat now on an ultrasonic stethoscope. His milk-teeth buds are present at 6-1/2 weeks. And it has been reported that a two-month old baby can suck his thumb. From this moment onward, your spiritually adopted baby grows and refines his body. But everything he need to survive once he is born is already present by the end of the eighth week.

**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS** collection will be taken up next weekend, December 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Please be generous.

### CONGRATULATIONS CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

Last weeks winners of our calendar raffle were: November 24 - Dina Burke, November 25 - John Pimpinella, November 26 - Vida Cucurullo, November 27 - Jeff Gugger, November 28 - Andrea Barth, November 29 - Agnes and Art Di Pietro, November 30 - Vinagre Family. Tickets are available in the rectory for the remainder of the raffle, which runs until January 31<sup>st</sup>.

### PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 3<sup>RD</sup>

Let our prayer intention for this First Week of Advent be that we open our hearts to the "Light of Christ" so that our lives may reflect the light of his love to those around us and lead them to the Church.

## AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

**ANCIENT GREECE & EPHESUS** - Fr. Stephen Toth will be leading a pilgrimage in the footsteps of the Apostle Paul to Ancient Greece and Ephesus including a 4 day cruise on the Aegean Sea to the Greek Isles from April 29<sup>th</sup> to May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024. For more information call Syversen Touring at 1-800-334-5425.

**THE ARM OF ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE** will be visiting Church of the Assumption, 29 Jefferson Avenue, Emerson on Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. Veneration begins at 2:00 pm, a special Mass in honor of St. Jude will be celebrated at 7:00 pm and veneration ends at 10:00 pm.

Join **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SEMINARY SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY** for our annual daily Advent reflection series on "**The Hospitality of Advent**" as we prepare for the coming of our Lord at Christmas. Meditations are sent by email from December 3 through December 24. Consider with us how Mary, Joseph, Elizabeth, and other great figures of the Gospels and Church tradition welcomed Jesus into their hearts. How might Jesus be beckoning us this Advent to a greater understanding and appreciation of God's desire to come to us, dwell within us, and be welcomed into our homes and hearts? How might this year's Advent be a journey of an ever-deepening hospitality of the heart? Please register at <https://www.shu.edu/theology/immaculate-conception-seminary-advent-series.cfm>.



**THIS WEEK AT OLGC**

<b>SUNDAY:</b>	12:30 pm	Baptism Prep. Session
<b>MONDAY:</b>		
<b>TUESDAY:</b>		
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	7:00 pm	Youth Group
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	1:00 pm	Women's Group
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	8:00 pm	AA Meeting
<b>SATURDAY:</b>	9:15 pm	Men's Group
<b>SUNDAY:</b>	9:30-10:45 am	Pre-K-8 Rel. Ed. Classes
	12:30 pm	Baptisms

**REMINDER**

**SUNDAY COMMITTEE** - Next Sunday, December 10th, Group D under the direction of Bob Lysiak is scheduled for duty at the rectory.

**ARCHDIOCESAN CRISIS PREGNANCY HELPLINE** - 1-888-4 OPTIONS.

**WEBSITE** - Our website is [www.olgcwt.org](http://www.olgcwt.org). You can find our bulletin on it, schedules and Religious Education news, parish activities and Parish Giving. Check us out.

**THE SUNDAY MASS** - WCTV broadcasts the Sunday Mass from OLGC on Optimum channel 77 or Fios channel 24 every Sunday at 8:00 am and 12:00 noon. Every Sunday the televised Mass produced by the Passionist Community is available in the New York Metropolitan area. (WLNY at 9:00 am; WNYW at 5:30 am.) Mass is also available on EWTN at 8:00 am and noon. Check your newspaper or television listing for the channel number. Closed Captioning is also available.

**MISA EN ESPANOL, DOMINGO 2:00 pm** - St. Andrew's Church, Washington Avenue in Westwood, 201-669-3900. **Please note new time and phone number.**

**MASS TIMES** - Free Ministry to traveling Catholics for Nationwide Mass times and locations on the internet at: [www.Masstimes.org](http://www.Masstimes.org) or by phone at 858-207-6277 and then entering the zip code for where you are going.

**CATHOLIC RADIO** - "Relevant Radio" is a Catholic program with music and interesting information located at 1430 AM. In addition to the general audience, this might be appealing to the home-bound and/or visually impaired.

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

of December 3, 2023

<b>SATURDAY:</b>	5:00 pm	Andrew Wegryniak - 20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
<b>SUNDAY:</b>	8:00 am	Gary Lombardi
	11:00 am	John Kristofich
<b>MONDAY:</b>	8:45 am	Trudy Miehl
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	8:45 am	Meg Rodgers
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	8:45 am	Alice and John O'Connell
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	8:45 am	Osamu Kawasaki
	6:30 pm	George Lammers
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	8:45 am	Josephine Russo - 29 Anniversary & Ann Mecca - 11 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
	6:30 pm	Frank Micheal Gottardo
<b>SATURDAY:</b>	8:45 am	People of the Parish
	5:00 pm	Virginia Simon
<b>SUNDAY:</b>	8:00 am	Lydia Busanic
	11:00 am	Edith and Nicholas Baldini

**SCRIPTURE READING**

<b>SUNDAY:</b>	Is 63:16b-17,19b; 64:2-7; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37
<b>MONDAY:</b>	Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21,24-27
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	Gn 3:9-15,20; Eph 1:3-6,11-12; Lk 1: 26-38
<b>SATURDAY:</b>	Is 30:19-21,23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1,5a,6-8
<b>SUNDAY:</b>	Is 40:1-5,9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

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