Fr. John’s Corner

“Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.”

Here we are again. How quickly we come back to another beginning. Yes, Advent is a beginning. It’s the beginning of a new liturgical year. We are now in cycle A readings for Mass if you actually care about that, but it’s the beginning of the New Testament story of salvation. This great anticipation of a Messiah to come was what the Jewish community longed for. It’s our turn to now long for His return. Wait, let me ask the question; do you actually long for his return? Or are we passive about his return? Perhaps Advent can increase your longing for His return. How great and merciful his presence will be.

Maranatha- “Come Lord Jesus”

This Week:

MONDAY 12/2
4pm, Adoration, CSU, Church

TUESDAY 12/3
6pm SVdP Meeting, Room 6

WEDNESDAY 12/4
10am Amazing Parish Meeting, Msgr. Kerr Room
8pm Spirit Night, O’Brien Hall

THURSDAY 12/5

FRIDAY 12/6
11am Staff Prayer, Chapel

SATURDAY 12/7
Holy Hour after 8am Mass
Collection for SVdP after 5:15 Mass

SUNDAY 12/8
Collection for SVdP after Mass
Religious Ed, Upstairs
10am RCIA
11am Fellowship Sunday, O’Brien Hall, Coffee & Donuts
St. Vincent De Paul Society

Please support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can continue to bring comfort and peace to our brothers and sisters who are poor and suffering. Thank you, and may the peace of God be with you.

During Advent, SVdP will be collecting non-perishable food and toiletries for Catholic Charities and for our neighbors at Casa Calderon in the blue bins at each door of the church. See more information in today's Bulletin insert.

Consider becoming an active member of SVdP. Society meetings are the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month at 6pm, Room #6, Parish Center. www.facebook.com/svdptally or svdptally@gmail.com

Children's Nativity Mass

A meeting for families wishing to participate in the Children's Nativity Mass on Dec. 24 will be held on Sunday, December 8th in the CSU Student Lounge immediately following the 10AM Mass. All children ages three and older are welcome to participate. For additional information, contact Jeanne O'Kon at okonj@flagler.edu, or 850-264-4903.

Alternative Christmas Market

Saturday, Dec. 7, 9-4 pm & Sunday, Dec. 8, 1-4 pm

The Haiti Parish Twinning Committee will be participating once again in the Alternative Christmas Market to support our sister parish, Ste. Elisabeth, in Fond Tortue, Haiti. Shoppers can honor loved ones with a donation in their names by visiting us during the market featuring dozens of non-profit organizations. Admission to the market is a non-perishable food item. Stop by John Wesley United Methodist Church 1689 Old St. Augustine Road Tallahassee, FL.

Phonathon, our largest fundraiser has concluded, thank you for your support. You can also donate to our ministry at fsucatholic.org/donate

Please continue to keep us in your prayers and for the advancement of our ministry to reach students at FSU, TCC, & FAMU.
Religious Education

Hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Classes resume on Sunday Dec. 8th.

Adopt- A-Family
for Christmas through Catholic Charities Christmas Connection begins Sunday, Nov 24th - Dec 15th. Christmas Wish Lists for the adopted families will be posted on the R.E. bulletin board upstairs in the hallway. All parishioners are invited to participate. Thank you in advance for your support.

Contact maureen@cocathedral.com if you have any questions.

Committed to Christ, Living in Gratitude

Within the next couple of weeks, you will receive a Summary Report detailing the results of our “Committed to Christ, Living in Gratitude” Program. Several weeks ago we began this program and we are beginning to see signs that our Sunday offertory collections are growing through the generosity of many, many parishioners. Thank you so very much to all who have chosen to participate in this very important program. Your generosity shows your willingness as faithful stewards to be a part of the ongoing missions of St. Thomas More Co-Cathedral.

Stay tuned for an update on CSA next weekend.

Lighthouse CD of the Week

A Journey Through Advent: Liturgical Cycle A

Get the most out of Advent and Christmas by following along with Bishop Robert Barron's homilies as he unpacks the profound Scripture readings for Liturgical Cycle A. The homilies presented on this CD will correspond to the Scriptures for Sunday Masses throughout Advent and Christmas 2019. Our Lighthouse CD display is located by the parking lot entrance. $3/CD.

Catholic Sharing Appeal

Your support of the annual Catholic Sharing Appeal is critical to the mission of our parish and our diocese.

To date, 254 parishioners have given $103,882 toward our parish goal of $110,000.

Please don’t forget to make your gift today! for more information and to make your 2019 pledge payment. Thank you.

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Trinity Catholic School

Trinity Catholic School is accepting enrollment applications for PK3 through 8th Grade students. Limited space available. Visit www.trinityknights.org/admissions to schedule a personal tour.

Did you know?
You CAN afford a Catholic education for your child. Trinity Catholic School accepts AAA, Step Up, Gardiner, and McKay scholarships. Internal School Scholarships are also available through the FACTS button on our website. Visit www.trinityknights.org/scholarships to learn more about financial aid options.

St. John Paul II Catholic High School

SJPII is holding a Poinsettia Sale, December 1-22 on Sundays from 11-1 PM at the Student Union on campus. 6" Poinsettias are $10 & 10" Poinsettias are $20. Come and visit us and purchase a great holiday gift that supports our school!

Fine Arts Winter Showcase
December 11 at 6:30pm in the SJPII Chapel, and will feature a program of Christmas and Advent music performed by the guitar ensemble, instrumental ensemble, and chorus. Please come join us!

Save the Date: December 17th
We will be celebrating our alumni. St. JPII Alumni Mass at 10AM in our chapel with reception to follow.

The Polish Heritage Family Christmas Eve Traditions Dinner

Saturday, Dec 7, 6-9PM in the Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall
A large food dish or two of preferably Polish or Slavic food is required for entrance. Each family is asked to donate $1 for the evening’s expenses and some canned goods for Good News Outreach. For information e-mail marthapytel@gmail.com
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Dear Friends in Christ,

Soon our parishes will hold the Retirement Fund for Religious collection, an annual appeal that benefits some 30,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

As Christians, we are called to “serve the Lord with gladness” (Ps 100:2). Our elderly religious offer a shining example of what it means to answer this call. During their days of active ministry, they worked tirelessly to build Catholic schools and hospitals, promote social justice, and embrace the neediest among us. In retirement, many continue in volunteer ministry, and all pray for the needs of our Church and world. Inspired by love, their service—past and present—is marked by joy and a deep desire to do the will of God.

As you may know, many religious communities find it increasingly difficult to provide for aging members. Most older religious worked for little or no pay. Today, their communities do not have enough retirement savings. At the same time, health-care costs continue to rise, and fewer members are able to serve in compensated ministry.

Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides vital funding for medications, nursing care, and more. It also helps religious congregations plan for future retirement needs, even as they continue to serve the People of God.

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

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

**Sunday, December 1**
8:30am For the people of Saint Thomas More
10:00am The Trinh Family by Vu, Thu & Mimi Trinh
11:45am
6:00pm Deborah Sheffield Scarborrough by the Vu Family

**Monday, December 2**
7:00am † Bakonde Victor Bakoe by Virginia King
5:15pm † Daniel Joseph Taylor by CSU

**Tuesday, December 3**
7:00am
5:15pm

**Wednesday, December 4**
7:00am † Bob Blalock by Kathy Radford
5:15pm

**Thursday, December 5**
7:00am
5:15pm

**Friday, December 6**
7:00am Deborah Sheffield Scarborrough by the Vu Family
5:15pm

**Saturday, December 7**
8:00am STM CCW by Kathy Grobe
5:15pm † Delores Zelinski by the Doherty Family

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**Assistance for Victims of Sexual Abuse**

Our Diocese has established Victim Assistance Coordinators to help anyone who has been abused by church personnel. Victims should call Dr. James Gagnon at 877-0205. To report a case, call the 24-Hour Child Abuse Hotline at 800-962-2873.