Everyday Stewardship
Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments

Waiting is not always so easy. If you lack patience, like me, you probably want whatever is going to happen to just happen already.

I remember waiting on the births of my children. There was the time I sat with my dying father in the hospital. One year, we waited to see if our oldest child got into the college of his choice, or any college at all, which was nerve-wracking.

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I hope all who read this have many wonderful years ahead of them. However, let's approach this Advent like it is our last. I bet Christmas will seem that much sweeter.

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~Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
Luke’s Gospel could well leave us in a state of panic with great trepidation about what the future holds, especially the future surrounding our final hours on this earth, our imminent death, and perhaps it should do so.

Do you ever really think about that future time? Do you think of it as something that will happen “some day” or “some time”, but not today or tomorrow? As we hear in scripture, we know neither the day nor the hour. Does it sound a bit ominous? It need not, if we are prepared.

Right now, today, we have the opportunity to take the first step, make that first move, toward a stronger relationship with our Lord. We can embrace that hour of judgment that awaits us. This first step might take the form of more opportunity for prayer, perhaps with daily recitation of the Rosary or personal time with the Lord in Adoration.

The Lord invites us always to call out to Him in our need, to rejoice with Him in our moments of joy, to mourn with Him in our sorrows. He calls to us, reaches out to us at all times and in all circumstances. No one can offer us the comfort and consolation the Lord offers. Likewise, no one can appreciate the joyful moments we experience in our lives as the Lord can; only He can truly understand the excitement we feel within. No one can calm our fears, lessen our anxiety, as the Lord does.

Begin today, if you have not already, to prepare for those final hours on your journey home while enjoying your time remaining here on earth. Seek detachment, let go, of what hinders wholeness in your relationship with Jesus. Prepare this Advent to receive Jesus with great joy at Christmas, replacing anxiety and fear about His final hours on your journey home while enjoying your time remaining here on earth. Busca el desapego, déjate llevar, de lo que dificulta la integridad de tu relación con Jesús. Prepara este Adviento para recibir a Jesús con gran alegría en Navidad, reemplazando la ansiedad y el temor por su venida final con un ardiente deseo de vivir para Él todos los días de su vida, ahora and for all eternity.

“During Christmas time, Jesus wants a wretched and poor shelter; he wants our heart, purified, poor and empty of earthly affections, filled and adorned with virtues. He wants to find there only his most holy mother, ark and temple of every virtue; the ox that always ruminates on heavenly things; the donkey of our bodies, humble and subject to reason. May He deign to rest on the hay of our desires and make of them a yielding and fragrant hay, on which He delights to take his rest.” (Saint Catherine of Ricci, 1522-1590)

~Carole Drake
Pastoral Assistant and Outreach

El Evangelio de Lucas bien podría dejarnos en un estado de pánico con gran inquietud sobre lo que depara el futuro, especialmente el futuro que rodea nuestras horas finales en esta tierra, nuestra muerte inminente, y tal vez debería hacerlo.

¿Alguna vez realmente piensas en ese tiempo futuro? ¿Piensas en esto como algo que sucederá "algún día" o "alguna vez", pero no hoy ni mañana? Como escuchamos en las Escrituras, no sabemos ni el día ni la hora. ¿Suena un poco siniestro? No es necesario, si estamos preparados.

Ahora mismo, hoy, tenemos la oportunidad de dar el primer paso, dar el primer paso, hacia una relación más fuerte con nuestro Señor. Podemos abrazar esa hora de juicio que nos espera. Este primer paso podría tomar la forma de más oportunidades para la oración, tal vez con la recitación diaria del Rosario o el tiempo personal con el Señor en Adoración.

El Señor nos invita siempre a llamarle a Él en nuestra necesidad, a regocijarnos con Él en nuestros momentos de alegría, a llorar con Él en nuestros dolores. Él nos llama, nos alcanza en todo momento y en todas las circunstancias. Nadie puede ofrecernos la comodidad y el consuelo que ofrece el Señor. Del mismo modo, nadie puede apreciar los momentos de alegría que experimentamos en nuestras vidas como lo puede hacer el Señor; solo Él puede entender verdaderamente la emoción que sentimos dentro. Nadie puede calmar nuestros miedos, disminuir nuestra ansiedad, como lo hace el Señor.

Comienzas hoy, si aún no lo has hecho, a prepararte para esas últimas horas en tu viaje a casa mientras disfrutas de tu tiempo restante aquí en la tierra. Busca el desapego, déjate llevar, de lo que dificulta la integridad de tu relación con Jesús. Prepara este Adviento para recibir a Jesús con gran alegría en Navidad, reemplazando la ansiedad y el temor por su venida final con un ardiente deseo de vivir para Él todos los días de su vida, ahora and for all eternity.

“Durante la época navideña, Jesús quiere un refugio miserable y pobre; Quiere nuestro corazón, purificado, pobre y vacío de afectos terrenales, lleno y adornado de virtudes. Quiere encontrar allí solo a su santísima madre, arca y templo de todas las virtudes; el buey que siempre rumia sobre las cosas celestiales; Él burro de nuestros cuerpos, humilde y sujeto a razón. Que se digne descansar sobre el heno de nuestros deseos y hacer de ellos un heno fragante y fragante, en el que se deleite en descansar”. (Santa Catalina de Ricci, 1522-1590)
Pastor’s Message by Father Oscar Martin Picos
1st Sunday of Advent I 1° Domingo de Adviento

Jesus came, He stayed among us, and He will come again. The entire life of the Christian moves in these parameters. We feel closer to the Lord when we can picture Him being born as a human being. We gain the strength to live His message when we find Him day by day in our journey through life. Yet we know that one day He will complete the work He began upon His earthly arrival.

Today’s Word somewhat disconcerts us. Luke tells us that when calamities of every nature begin, then we Christians must be encouraged and raise our heads because the Son of Man arrives.

Jesus warns His own disciples against false security, a warning applicable to all believers of all times. We must remain aware of the consequences of sin, as Jesus specifies:

1. The danger of not being ready for the coming of that great day, so we need to prepare to follow Jesus in His second coming.

2. The danger of surrendering to temporal desires and allowing the heart to turn away from God.

However, we should never lose our patience or hope because of what we see around us. Perhaps our greatest challenge is to know how to wait in the Lord Who saves us. He has not left us alone. He is with us every day, and He wants to come into our hearts repeatedly to tell us that He is there, encouraging us to salvation.

Advent Confession Schedule (English and Spanish)
December 4 at 2 pm and December 18 at 6:30 pm

Horario de confesión de Adviento (Inglés y español)
4 de diciembre a las 2 pm y 18 de diciembre a las 6:30 pm

Several priests will be available to hear confessions.
Varios sacerdotes estarán disponibles para escuchar confesiones.

Scripture Readings for the Week of December 2

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Observances for the week of December 2

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent; Monday: St. Francis Xavier, Priest; Tuesday: St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church; Thursday: St. Nicholas, Bishop; Friday: St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church; Saturday: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation); Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent
PARISH EVENTS

Monday
7:00 pm  RCIA  Scanlan, FL2
3:30 pm  Holy Rosary—please join us  Hurricane
1000 am  Everyday God (12/10)  Scanlan, FL2

Tuesday
9:00 am  Marian Hour  Kuzy
12-4 pm  Bridge Group  Kuzy
7:00 pm  Neo Catechumenal Way  Kuzy
7:00 pm  CCD  Scanlan FL2

First Tuesday
6:30 pm  Women’s Group (Sept-June)  Kuzy
6:30 pm  Knights of Columbus (Sept - June )  Kuzy, FL2

Second Tuesday
1:30 pm  Mass at Veterans Home, Ivins  160N 200E

Wednesday
10:30 am  Bible Study  Scanlan, FL3
1200 pm  Bulletin Deadline (11 days prior to publication)
6:30 pm  Holy Spirit Prayer Group  Kuzy, FL2
7:00 pm  Classes Bíblicas  Scanlan FL3
7:00 pm  Holy Hour & Benediction

Thursday
9:00 am  Way of the Cross of the Unborn

Second Thursday
1:30 pm  Mass at Sterling Court, St. George  324N 1680E

Third Thursday
6:30 pm  4th Degree K of C  Kuzy, FL2

Friday
7:00 pm  Holy Hour, Spanish

First Friday
8:00 am  Anointing of the Sick at Mass

Last Friday
9:00 am  Eucharistic Adoration begins

Saturday
7:00 pm  Neo Catechumenal Way  Kuzy

First Saturday
8:00 am  Mass in Honor of Our Lady
9:15 am  Walk for Life (Oct-May)  Bluff & 600S

After last Friday
6:00 am  Eucharistic Adoration ends with Mass

First Weekend
At all Masses - Renovation Fund Collection

Third Weekend
At all Masses - K of C Food Drive

Sunday
9:00 am  CCD  Scanlan, FL2
1100 am  CCD  Scanlan, FL2
500 pm  Rosary

First Weekend
At all Masses - Renovation Fund Collection

Third Weekend
At all Masses - K of C Food Drive

Our Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of

FRED WILLIAM FRAY

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 12/1
5:00 pm  Fr. Alfred Jankus by Barbara
          Robert Drabei
          All military service personnel, living and deceased
7:00 pm  (Spanish) Pro Populo

Sunday 12/2
9:00 am  Nancy Nahmiyas
                Fr. Dass by Rita and Nate
11:00 am  Jack Healey by Pat Healey
1:00 pm  (Spanish) Pro Populo

Monday 12/3
8:00 am  The Souls in Purgatory by JoAnn Vigil
          Julian Jauw by Robert Kime

Tuesday 12/4
8:00 am  Bob Kowalski
          Patti Rausch by Gail

Wednesday 12/5
8:00 am  Deacon Mark Bourget

Thursday 12/6
8:00 am  Carlos Dubois
7:00 pm  (Spanish) Pro Populo

Friday 12/7
8:00 am  All Souls by Cy and Margaret
          Navie Jane Clark by Family
LOOKING AHEAD

Dec. 1-2  SGCGW Bake Sale—After all Masses—Kuzy
Dec. 1-2  & Dec 8-9 collection before and after Masses, San Pablo Mission, Christmas Eve Drive
Dec. 8  Holy Day of Obligation-Immaculate Conception
Dec. 10  “Everyday God, 10:00 am—Noon, Scanlan FL2
Dec. 11  SGCGW Luncheon, Harmons Santa Clara, 1 pm
Dec. 14  Special presentation by Fr. Sebastien, Church
Dec. 15  A Taste of Carmel: Carmelite Spirituality & You, 2:30-4:00 pm, Scanlan FL2

Join Saint George Catholic Women’s Group

Baking Spirits Bright

BAKE SALE

DECEMBER 1-2

after all Masses in Kuzy Hall.
Share your favorite Christmas treats!

BAKE, BUY OR BOTH!

Please bring baked goods to Kuzy Hall Saturday after 3 pm or Sunday morning.

Calling All Middle and High School Children

CELEBRATE MOTHER MARY

DECE. 8 12:30-6:30PM

Festive Masses, Games, Prizes, Gift Shop & Much More

Dec 8
Free youth retreat at the Cedar City Catholic Church December 8 from 12:30 to 6:30 pm
For more information call Miriam at 435-586-8298

ANNOUNCEMENTS and REPORTS
Please visit our website for more announcements or email us at sgcc.bulletin@gmail.com for questions or submissions.

Weekly Collection Report
Collection (11/18)……………………………………$ 12,059

Capital Improvement Project (October)
Renovation and Improvement Fund …… $ 312,166
Renovation Fund Collections …………………… $ 3,564

Saint Therese Gift Shop
The Advent season is here. Come in to see the variety of advent wreaths, candles, books, coloring books, jewelry, ornaments and much more. Come in and find that special Christmas gift. You have until Sunday, December 23 to shop.
The Gift Shop will be CLOSED for the Christmas holiday: Tuesday, December 25 - Sunday, January 6.
Will reopen on Tuesday, January 8 at regular business hours: Tuesday - Friday 10am - 2pm and after the weekend Masses. (Remember, the Gift Shop is closed every Monday.)
Contact: Sharon Rawlins 435-688-1948

This weekend’s second collection benefits the Saint George Catholic Church Renovation Projects
If you have Building Fund envelopes, you may use them for this collection. You may also contribute to the Renovation Projects through online giving.

Thank You
Members of Cub Scout Pack 4802 thank you for your generous support of the 2018 Campaign for Friends of Scouting. Your donations totaled $983.05 for the Snow Canyon Scout District.

Next weekend’s special collection will benefit Catholic Community Services in our Diocese.
Thank you for your support.

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Thrift Store………..673-1029
Maintenance…………Call Office (673-2604)
Tienda de Regalos Saint Theresita
La temporada de Adviento está aquí. Ven a ver la variedad de coronas de advenimiento, velas, libros, libros para colorear, joyas, adornos y mucho más. Entra y encuentra ese regalo especial de navidad. Tienes hasta el domingo 23 de diciembre para comprar.

La tienda de Regalos estará CERRADA por las vacaciones de Navidad - martes, 25 de diciembre - domingo, al 6 de enero.

Volverá a abrir el martes 8 de enero en horario regular de oficina: de martes a viernes de 10am a 2pm y después de las Misas de fin de semana.

Contacto: Sharon Rawlins 435-688-1948

Lost & Found
A ring was found in the church parking lot. Please call the Parish Office, 435-673-2604, to describe and claim.

Perdido y encontrado
Un anillo fue encontrado en el estacionamiento de la iglesia. Llame a la oficina parroquial, 435-673-2604, para describir y reclamar.

La segunda colecta de este fin de semana será a beneficio de los proyectos de la Iglesia Católica de Saint George.

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El adviento ocurre cada año. A diferencia de los eventos de nuestras vidas que solo suceden una vez, hemos experimentado el adviento muchas veces antes. A pesar de esto, cuando llega la navidad, muchos piensan que no vivieron el adviento verdaderamente y se convencen de que el próximo año es el año en que verdaderamente vivirá el adviento. Por supuesto, sin querer sonar pesimista, no hay una promesa del próximo año. ¿Qué tal si supiera que este era la última vez que iba a vivir el adviento?

Hace tiempo leí un libro sobre cómo vivir la vida como si solo tuviera un año de vida. El autor dice que hacer esto da una motivación para un verdadero compromiso de vivir la vida a su potencial máximo. Comienza a darse cuenta de cosas pequeñas por primera vez. Finalmente toma la iniciativa de hacer planes que siempre quería hacer. Habla con franqueza y honestidad.

Espero que todos los que esté leyendo esto vivan una vida llena de muchos años. Sin embargo, vivamos este adviento como si fuera el último. Y quien sabe, quizás descubra una forma nueva y mejor de vivir su vida todo el año.

Únete al grupo de mujeres catolicas de San Jorge
Horneando con espíritu radiante

VENTA DE PASTELES
1-2 de DICIEMBRE
Después de todas las Misas en Kuzy Hall.
¡Comparte tus golosinas Navideñas favoritas!
¡HORNEAR, COMPRAR O AMBOS!
Por favor traiga productos horneados a Kuzy Hall el sábado después de las 3 o el domingo por la mañana.

Llamando a todos los niños de secundaria y preparatoria
Llamando a todos los niños de secundaria y preparatoria
Celebra nuestra madre maria
Retiro gratuito para jóvenes en la iglesia católica de Cedar City el 8 de diciembre de 12:30 a 6:30 pm
Llame a Miriam al 435-586-8298 para obtener más información.