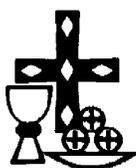




We are so impatient with God’s timing, so often convinced we know better than God. More than impatient, we are deeply attached to and invested in the seconds, moments and days that bring us happiness and frustration, with preferences for one and not the other. Detachment is the spiritual work of remembering what Peter tells us, “that with the Lord, one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years is like one day.” God has promised us love and constant presence. He is with us in all things. When we feel the frustrations, the joys, the disappointments, the graces, and the losses of life, we can attach ourselves deeply to Jesus, and lovingly detach or release our death grip on everything else. When we practice letting go of all the ups and downs, the valleys get filled in and the hills made smooth. This way, while we wait, we can “be found by Him at peace.”



Mass Intentions

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| Monday | Soul of Do Seon Whang |
| Tuesday | Souls of Julian Penoso, Dexter Farmiento, Evelyn Aldea, Mary Leung and Kathleen Reid and for the intention of Susan Hannan |
| Wednesday | Soul of Clorinda Facinelli & Ersilia Reich |
| Thursday | Soul of Elsa Ballesteros |
| Friday | Soul of John Frederick Jack Wilson |

WAITING IN JOYFUL HOPE

Hope is to believe in the promise of God and believing that God has the power to fulfill that promise. A young girl can say yes to the “impossible” and gives birth to a son who will profoundly change the world. Mary, Jesus’ mother, shows us how to have complete hope and trust in God. Not only did she believe the promise, but she surrendered completely to God’s will. “Let it be, according to your word.” (Luke 1:38) Advent is a time of hope and trust that God continues to do remarkable things, here and now, in this time, in this place, at this present moment. Advent is once again upon us. Once again we are given the opportunity to start anew. Once again we are given the chance to re-create ourselves. Advent is a time to get in touch with our longings and deepest desires. It is a time to give new birth to the soul as we wait in hope and prepare to celebrate the reality of Christ's presence among us. There is something special about “waiting”. There is a certain expectancy for change, for new birth, a new growth, a new beginning. This “waiting” can be exciting but also draining. It can be a time of anticipation and joy but also a challenge and very stressful. It is, however, in the labor of waiting that we experience new opportunities and new life and growth. It is difficult to believe that the disarray of our lives can become a place where new life happens and yet this is exactly where God meets us. If we know who we are, “a child of God”, we understand that nothing is impossible for God.

I am reminded of the story of the Little Wave in “Tuesdays With Morrie” by Mitch Albom. The story is about a little wave, bobbing along in the ocean, having a grand old time. He's enjoying the wind and the fresh air - until he notices the other waves in front of him, crashing against the shore. "My God, this is terrible", the wave says. "Look what's going to happen to me!" Then along comes another wave. It sees the first wave, looking grim, and it says to him: "Why do you look so sad?" The first wave says: "You don't understand! We're all going to crash! All of us waves are going to be nothing! Isn't it terrible?" The second wave says: "No, you don't understand. You're not a wave, you're part of the ocean." We are part of that great ocean called Love.

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December 10, 2017

ST. LUKE'S CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S EVE SCHEDULE

Sunday morning December 24 – Regular Sunday schedule

Christmas Eve – December 24th

4:00 p.m. with pageant, 8:00 p.m., and 12 midnight
with carols starting ½ hour before each Mass

Christmas Day – December 25th

10:30 a.m., and 12:15 p.m.

Sun. morning December 31 – Regular Sun. schedule

New Year's Eve – December 31st

5:00 p.m. Mass

New Year's Day – January 1st

10:30 a.m., and 12:15 p.m.



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INVITED

Fr. John Carten is celebrating a milestone birthday and Fr. Mark's is also celebrating birthday on December 17th. There will be cake and coffee after all the Sunday mass. Please come and give your good wishes to both Fr. Mark and Fr. John Carten.



FAMILY CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

This year throughout Advent there will be two Christmas trees placed in the narthex with only Christmas lights on them. Families are encouraged to create their own family ornaments with their names on them and place them on the trees. It will be a nice symbol of our community being one in anticipation of the birth of Jesus. If you have any questions please contact John Humphries at john.humphries@rogers.com.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

On behalf of the St. Vincent de Paul society and the Gergina Food Bank, thank you for your generous donations and your care and compassion for our neighbours in need. Know that your gifts have made a difference in the lives of others.

God Bless you and your family.
Merry Christmas



Society of St. Vincent de Paul CHRISTMAS BASKET PROGRAM

Special envelopes marked **Christmas Basket Program** will be available in the Narthex. Please place your donations the envelope and drop it into the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box. The funds will be used to purchase gift cards, and distributed according to the size of the family.

Tax receipts will be issued by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Please make cheques out to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. If you have any questions, please call Natalie at ext. 235.

NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER DANCE

Now is the time to start planning for your New Year's Eve celebration! We are continuing our tradition of having a high class served dinner and dance for a very affordable price. The evening begins with arrival at 7:00 and hors d'oeuvres served while you are settling in and socializing with your family and parish friends. Then at 8:00 you will be served at your table your choice of Prime Rib of Beef or Chicken with all the trimmings. Dancing follows to the music of the DJ Greg Benoit so bring your requests! Champagne and party favours are included in your ticket. There will be door prizes and a bar to purchase your drinks of choice. Tickets will be on sale next weekend so reserve your table early. The whole family is invited! Prices are: Adults \$45 Seniors \$30 Children 11 and under \$20. For further information contact Greg at greg.benoit@rogers.com or at 647-296-6851.

