

"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come."

Mark 13.33

SLOW WALKING

Every morning, she goes for a walk with her two daughters.

The first half goes quickly. The three walk the third-of-a-mile up the road to the older daughter's kindergarten at the end of their street. She hugs her five-year-old goodbye and sends her on her way.

Then she and her four-year-old, Poesy, turn around and start back. The return trip home lasts as long as Mom is willing to let it. They cover the same third-of-a-mile, but the pace is slower and the path meandering, as Poesy stops to probe the mysteries along the way: investigating a storm drain, examining a fallen scarlet maple leaf, scaling a water puddle (missing the first couple of attempts). She discovers a twig and leaf and excitedly shows her mother how, together, they make a flag.

"Mommy! Look!" Poesy cries as she points to a beautiful rainbow hovering over the mist created by a water sprinkler. Her attention constantly revolves, to a dog one second, to a feather the next, then to an eye-catching pebble.

Mom hides her impatience. There's a great deal to be done today. Both have places to be. While Mom cherishes this time with her daughter, she's aware that the clock is ticking.

But still . . .

"Watching her, I feel the rush of time," she writes, "and I realize just how soon these walks of ours will end. Come September she will be in kindergarten; I will leave both girls at school and walk on my own. Once again I'll travel as quickly as I want to, but the appeal of that has now faded away. These slow morning rambles with my four-year-old - the new day glimmering around us, the sun warm on our backs - are the most fleeting kind of pleasure. I'll try to remember, later, what she did and said, but the feeling of the moment, sweet and simple, will be gone. "I stop walking, looking over my shoulder for Poesy. When she gets to me, I reach down and take her hand."

[From "Slow Walking" by Jenna Russell, The Boston Globe Magazine, May 17, 2015.]

On this First Sunday of Advent, Jesus urges us to appreciate what this mom comes to realize on her morning walk with her daughters: that life is precious, that our world changes, that our time is limited. Father Richard Rohr writes that faith and spirituality begin with "seeing. It's not about earning or achieving but about "paying attention": paying attention to the presence of God in every joy and sorrow, in every pain and trauma, in every victory and setback before us. Advent calls us to "watch," to be "alert" to the presence of God in the love of family and friends, to find the true meaning and purpose of our lives in moments of compassion, forgiveness and generosity.

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A Stewardship Parish in Love with Christ



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Mass During the Week: Tues at 7:00 pm Wed, Thurs, Fri at 10:00 am
First Fridays - 2:00 pm at the Lohnes Complex

Holy Hour of Adoration: Third Sunday of the Month at 2 p.m.

Marriages: Six months' notice is required. A year's notice is recommended.

Baptisms: Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.

December 3, 2017

1st Sunday of Advent

RECEIVED WITH THANKS (Nov. 25 & 26)

Regular Collection	1625.75
Pastoral Dues	50.00
Building Fund	5.00
Votive Candles	36.00
Sunday Missal	74.00
Word Among Us	20.00
Mass Stipends	60.00
Shepherds' Fund	474.35
St. Vincent de Paul	30.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Dec 2	Isabelle Barry
Dec 3	Parish Community
Dec 5	Jack & Joan Hearn
Dec 6	Jim Park
Dec 7	Joe Gallant
Dec 8	Cory Woodrich
Dec 9	Sister Josette Hutchings
Dec 10	Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
December 9	
Lynette Taylor Joan Penney	Art Hall Joe Byrne John Carroll
December 10	
Sherry Lynn Brake Mike Leonard	Brian Sparkes Elizabeth Carew Margaret Dalley
Communion to the Sick – Joan Penney	

PARISH COUNCIL The next meeting takes place on **December 4th at 7pm**

ADVENT FOLDERS are now available at the rear of the church. Please take one.

BINGO BINGO BINGO

We are having our Turkey & Ham Bingo on **Sunday, December 3rd at 2pm** in the Sacred Heart School cafeteria!

MEMORIAL MASS

We have Tentatively scheduled a memorial Mass for Wednesday, December 13th. At this mass, we will remember in a special way those who have died in this last year. We invite families to submit names of their loved ones who have died this year, and for the families to be present at that mass for a special act of remembrance. Please call Katie at the office to make sure the names of your deceased family members are on our list.

LADIES GROUP DINNER

Our Christmas dinner will be held on Sunday, Dec. 10 at 5pm. All ladies who plan to attend are asked to please call Veronica or Pat to confirm as we need to make reservations.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

St. Vincent de Paul is collecting hats, socks, gloves, mitts, scarves etc. to be distributed in Christmas Hampers and at Mary's Kitchen this Christmas season. A collection box has been placed at the rear of the Church if you would like to donate.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Archbishop Howley Council 2581 will meet at All Hallows on Tuesday December 5, 2017 at 7:45 PM. There will be no mass at All Hallows prior to this meeting. All Knights are asked to attend.

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES

To all those who filled a shoe box this year, a sincere, THANK YOU, on behalf of the poor children who will be DELIGHTED to receive such a wonderful gift!! You have truly touched a child's heart. Sacred Heart Church donated approx. 80 boxes.

Give something, however small, to the one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God, if we have given what we could.

Saint Gregory Nazianzen

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM REGISTRATION

We are now holding registration for the **Confirmation Program – Year 1**. Our first meeting will be held after mass on **Sunday, January 21st**. Please contact Julia Hackett-Myles at 639-2265 or for more information or to register.

HUMOUR: IN-LAWS

A couple drove down a country road for several miles, not saying a word. An earlier discussion had led to an argument and neither of them wanted to concede their position. As they passed a barnyard of mules, goats, and pigs, the husband asked sarcastically, "Relatives of yours?" "Yep," the wife replied, "they're my in-laws."

PETITION CONCERNING BILL C-51

Bill C-51, currently before the House of Commons, seeks to streamline the Criminal Code of Canada by removing provisions no longer relevant in contemporary society. Clause 14 of Bill C-51 seeks to repeal section 176 (1, 2, 3) of the Criminal Code, which makes it an indictable offence to obstruct or cause violence to an officiating clergyman or minister, as well as to disturb religious worship or gatherings. The Parliamentary Standing Committee for Justice and Human Rights has voted to amend this clause so as to retain section 176 with a new provision including all religious and spiritual services. Since the amended Bill has yet to pass into law and may still meet resistance, Rob Nicholson, MP for Niagara Falls, has forwarded a paper petition to the CCCB seeking the support of all Canadians in asking the Government of Canada to retain section 176 of the Criminal Code. This petition will be placed in the churches of our Diocese over the weekend of December 9-10. Please consider signing it.

4YOUTH

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, the beginning of a new liturgical year for the Catholic Church. This is the time when we prepare to celebrate Christmas. For a really quick, cool explanation of Advent, check out the video "Advent in 2 Minutes" on YouTube. You can also go to Busted Halo's 2017 Advent Surprise Calendar where you can open a digital window every day for an Advent-themed daily jolt (which offers you an opportunity for reflection) and a micro challenge. Using this calendar every day is a good way to remind yourself what Christmas is all about.

ADVENT

The season of Advent, the beginning of a new liturgical year, begins on Sunday, December 3. The word Advent comes from the Latin word *adventus*, which means "coming" or "arrival". The season of Advent begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day and ends on Christmas Eve. Advent has a twofold nature: It prepares us for Christmas, when we recall Christ's first coming among us, and it is also a time when we look forward to his second coming at the end of the ages. Advent is a season of joyful expectation.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

On December 8, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. This Feast refers to the dogma that Mary was without original sin from the very moment of her conception. The Church teaches that the Immaculate Conception was a grace given by God to the Virgin Mary. Mary, like all humanity, was redeemed by Christ's saving grace but, unlike the rest of humanity, her redemption occurred at the moment she was conceived in her mother's womb.