



The night is advanced, the day is at hand. Let us then throw off the works of darkness [and] put on the armor of light.

ROMANS 13:12



## The Waiting Game

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**I**f Advent is a time of waiting, then our entire lives must be an Advent, for we spend so much of our lives waiting—at one point for Santa to come with his sack of surprises, at other times for the dizzying lure of summertime. Later we eagerly wait to get our driver's license and then to move out on our own for our first real job and then the independence it promises. We wait for love to find us and, for some, for love to return. Some wait for children, others for the empty nest, and others for retirement.

Our mothers told us not to wish our lives away, and yet we did, and still we do, waiting for life to be more than what it seems to be. Then one day we look

back and wish we could have again all that once was. So maybe Advent is not about waiting for God to make a splash in our lives. Maybe Advent is about God waiting for us to come around and recognize God is with us here and now.

The question for each of us, then, is what are we waiting for at this point in our lives? There is no right answer, only the one each of us has for ourselves.

### Reflect

***Has there ever been  
a time when you  
didn't recognize that  
God was with you?***

Whatever it is, there is no doubt that there is love or joy or peace or meaning at the heart of it, all camouflaged by whatever we say we are waiting for. Beneath it all is the hunger for God-with-us. ●



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## THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CYCLONE—MARAK

*St. Joseph, Cyclone & Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Marak*

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**Masses: Cyclone:** Saturday 5:30PM & Sunday 8:15AM; Weekdays: Tues., Thurs & Friday: 7AM

**Marak:** Sundays: 10:15AM and Wednesday 5:30PM(unless otherwise stated)

### The Sacraments:

**Baptism:** On Sundays after Mass. Please contact the pastor to schedule a meeting with him; a preparation program may be needed. Parents must be registered parishioners of St. Joseph, Cyclone or Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Marak.

**Confessions:** Before Mass on the weekend and anytime by appointment.

**Marriage:** Couples planning to be married should contact the pastor at least six months in advance before you set the date of the wedding. Completion of required paperwork and a preparation program needed.

### NOVEMBER 27, 2022 — FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Jesus exaggerates in today's Gospel when He claims not to know the day or the hour when He will come again. Christ occasionally makes such overstatements to drive home a point we might otherwise miss (see [Matthew 5:34](#); [23:9](#); [Luke 14:26](#)). His point here is that the exact "hour" is not important. What is crucial is that we not postpone our repentance, that we be ready for Him—spiritually and morally—when He comes. For He will surely come, He tells us—like a thief in the night, like the flood in the time of Noah.

In today's Epistle, Paul too compares the present age to a time of advancing darkness and night. Though we sit in the darkness, overshadowed by death, we have seen arise the great light of our Lord who has come into our midst (see [Matthew 4:16](#); [John 1:9](#); [8:12](#)). He is the true light, the life of the world. And His light continues to shine in His Church, the new Jerusalem promised by Isaiah in today's First Reading. In the Church, all nations stream to the God of Jacob, to worship and seek wisdom in the House of David. From the Church goes forth His word of instruction, the light of the Lord—that all might walk in His paths toward that eternal day when night will be no more (see [Revelation 22:5](#)).

By our Baptism we have been made children of the light and day (see [Ephesians 5:8](#); [1 Thessalonians 5:5-7](#)). It is time we start living like it: throwing off the fruitless works of darkness, rejecting the desires of the flesh, and walking by the light of His grace.

The hour is late as we begin a new Advent. Let us begin again in this Eucharist. As we sing in today's Psalm, "let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord." Let us give thanks to His name, keeping watch for His coming, knowing that our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.



**11/20: Stewardship: Sunday Offering: \$1,548.00**

**11/20: Campaign for Human Development: \$319.00**

**11/20: Children's Offering: \$2.00**

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**Bulletin deadline:** Please call or e-mail info by Wednesday before the weekend!



## Ministries for December 4, 2022



**Rosary:** Lynne Hornung

**Offertory:** Brian Kopriva Family

**Ushers:** Joe Mayer & Garrett Prcin

**Eucharistic Minister:** Debra Vansa

**Lector:** Jeannine Dohnalik

**Servers:** Lily, Adison, Ian

**Sanctuary Light:** November 28th—Dec. 4th: August & Mary Hubnik by Liz & Arvell Jungmann

**Prayer Chain...** Please remember in your daily prayers the faithfully departed, those souls in purgatory, those of our community that are in special need of prayer, those who are homebound or in nursing homes, all those in the military and for the following: Louis and Genevieve Tepera Family, Denise Russell, Sister of Jeannine Dohnalik, Helen Moriarty, mother of Stacie Higgins, Brady Barton, son of Clay and Rebecca Barton, Georgia Ann (Hubnik) Glaser, Ryan Miller, Rosalie Kostroun, Adrian Mitcham (Hubnik Family), Anton Vrazel, Paulette Foster, Reenie Hubnik, Marilyn Juneke Gonzalez, Doris Matocha. Prayers are powerful! To be added to the prayer chain:  
Please contact: **Merlene Slavik—254-697-1247 or email—[Slavik@farm-market.net](mailto:Slavik@farm-market.net)**

## **MARAK MASSES—November 27– December 4, 2022**

Date	Time	Mass Intentions
Today—11/27	10:15am	+ Joe Vansa by Alfred & Bernice Vrazel Laddie & Edith Vaculin 70th Wedding Anniversary + Eva & Joe David by Laddie & Edith Vaculin
11/30– Wed.	5:30pm	+ Jerry Wade by Robert & Debbie Vansa + Martha Tomek by Bill & Georgia Kincer + Jerry Sipula by Arvell & Liz Jungmann
12/4—Sunday	10:15am	+ Deceased Members of the Henry Litzman, Sr. & Frank Plachy, Sr. Families by Lynne Hornung + Jerry Sipula by Kevin & Anna Givens

## **UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION**

- **KJZT JRS.** would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Cameron Area Thrift shop non-perishable food drive. Your generosity was amazing. God bless everyone who participated.
- **KC CHRISTMAS PARTY:** There is a signup sheet located in the entrance of the church for the KC Christmas party which will be held on December 10th. Widows of our past members are welcome to attend.
- **DECEMBER 4TH :** Second Collection for Building and Maintenance Fund
- **DECEMBER 4TH:** The KJZT Jrs. will be sponsoring a No Bake– Bake Sale by having a second collection and the proceeds will go to Brady Barton and Family. Make Checks payable to KJZT Jrs. and a check will be presented from the KJZT Jrs. to the Barton Family.
- **DECEMBER 4TH:** Parish Christmas Party will be held after Mass. Everyone is invited to attend. Please sign the sheet in the church entry if you plan to attend. Please bring sides and/ or desserts. The meat will be furnished by the Church. Christmas Play after meal and Santa Claus will be here.
- **75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DIOCESE:** If you would like to have book titled "Treasures of the Diocese of Austin" which depicts the history of the Diocese along with pictures and information about all the Churches in The Austin Diocese, please contact Patsy Gaines. The book is \$35.00. Also, thank you to all who attended the 75th Anniversary at the Bell County Expo in Belton on November 19th.
- **2023 PARISH COUNCIL:** Congratulations to Greg Hoelscher and Debbie Vansa who were elected to the 2023 Parish Council. May your time and talents be helpful in working with the Parish Council in representing our Church Parish. Parish Council members are: Jeannine Dohnalik, Patsy Gaines, Misty Green, Greg Hoelscher, Andy Littlejohn, Jill Stermer and Debbie Vansa.
- **SYMPATHY:** Our deepest sympathy to Carolyn Talafuse on the loss of her Mother, Alma Simecek. May God be with Carolyn and the family during their time of loss.

# Dear Padre,

## Should adopted children know who their biological parents are?

Arguments can be made in favor of and against adopted children knowing their biological origins. It appears more and more that adoption agencies encourage knowledge of biological parents over closed adoptions, where this information is not known by the child or the adopting parents. There are many issues here that are packed emotionally, such as why a person was placed for adoption, fear by adopting parents that this new information could compromise their relationship with their child, perhaps fear on the part of biological parents that they will be asked to be involved in a relationship against their wishes.

An argument to be made in favor of disclosure about one's biological parents has to do with one's health. Today we realize that challenges to our health come not just from bacteria and viruses that invade our system from outside ourselves, but also from within, that is, from genetic predispositions to heart disease, diabetes, and other disorders that could compromise our well-being. This information becomes more critical when persons are of an age to marry and to bear their own children. They might want to know as much information as possible to act responsibly in bearing and raising children. ●



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## Do you have a question for the Padre?

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
November 28 Advent Weekday Is 4:2-6 Mt 8:5-11	November 29 Advent Weekday Is 11:1-10 Lk 10:21-24	November 30 St. Andrew, Apostle Rom 10:9-18 Mt 4:18-22	December 1 Advent Weekday Is 26:1-6 Mt 7:21, 24-27	December 2 Advent Weekday Is 29:17-24 Mt 9:27-31	December 3 St. Francis Xavier, Priest Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8	December 4 Second Sunday of Advent Is 11:1-10 Rom 15:4-9 Mt 3:1-12



## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

**Today it is our task to keep watch: to overcome the temptation of thinking that life means accumulating....It is up to us to unmask the deception that we are happy when we have many things...and to believe that prayer and charity...are the greatest of treasures.**

HOMILY, FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT,  
DECEMBER 1, 2019