

THE CHILDREN'S CORNER

Ready for His Return

So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him. Matthew 24:44 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Matthew 24:36-44 (NIV).



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WATCH	FATHER	PEOPLE	HEAVEN	READY
NOAH	DAY	DRINKING	COME	MARRYING
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WEEKDAY READINGS (PSALTER WEEK 1)

- 01 Monday - Advent Weekday**
Isaiah 4: 2-6; Matthew 8: 5-11
- 02 Tuesday - Advent Weekday**
Isaiah 11: 1-10; Luke 10: 21-24
- 03 Wednesday - St. Francis Xavier, Priest,**
Isaiah 25: 6-10a; Matthew 15: 29-37
- 04 Thursday - Advent Weekday**
Isaiah 26: 1-6; Matthew 7: 21, 24-27
- 05 Friday - Advent Weekday**
Isaiah 29: 17-24; Matthew 9: 27-31
- 06 Saturday - Advent Weekday**
Isaiah 30: 19-21, 23-26 ; Matthew 9: 35 - 10: 1, 5a, 6-8

REFLECTION

Today in the Church a new liturgical year begins, which is a new journey of faith for the People of God. And as always, we begin with Advent. The passage of the Gospel (cf. (Mt 24:37-44) introduces us to one of the most evocative themes of Advent: the visit of the Lord to humanity. The first visit — we all know — occurred with the Incarnation, Jesus’ birth in the cave of Bethlehem; the second takes place in the present: the Lord visits us constantly, each day, walking alongside us and being a consoling presence; in the end, there will be the third, the last visit, which we proclaim each time that we recite the Creed: “He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead”. Today, the Lord speaks to us about this final visit, which will take place at the end of time, and he tells us where we will arrive on our journey.

The Word of God emphasizes the contrast between the normal unfolding of events, the everyday routine, and the unexpected coming of the Lord. Jesus says: “For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they did not know until the flood came and swept them all away” (vv. 38-39): so says Jesus. It always strikes a cord when we think about the hours which precede a great disaster: everyone is calm, and they go about their usual business without realizing that their lives are about to be turned upside down. Of course, the Gospel does not want to scare us, but to open our horizons to another, greater dimension, one which, on the one hand puts into perspective everyday things, while at the same time making them precious, crucial. The relationship with the God-who-comes-to-visit-us gives every gesture, every thing a different light, a substance, a symbolic value.

From this perspective there also comes an invitation to sobriety, to not be controlled by the things of this world, by material reality, but rather to govern them. If, by contrast, we allow ourselves to be influenced and overpowered by these things, we cannot perceive that there is something very important: our final encounter with the Lord: this is important. That encounter. And everyday matters must have this horizon, and must be directed to that horizon. This encounter with the Lord who comes for us. In that moment, as the Gospel says, “Then two men will be in the field; one is taken and one is left” (v. 40). It is an invitation to be vigilant, because in not knowing when he will come, we need to be ever ready to leave.

(Pope Francis)

NOTICES

As a parish community, we welcome our new Cathedral Administrator Fr. Carl Haynes. We pray for God’s grace and wisdom upon him.

Novena in preparation for the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception continues this week at the Cathedral at 5am daily.

Our Diocesan celebration of the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception will be held next Sunday, December 7. We will begin with a rosary procession from the Upper Lucas Street Roundabout at 3:00 p.m. followed by the celebration Solemn Mass at the Cathedral.

All the churches in the parish should please prepare their basket of gifts (non-perishable items) to be offered for the needy.

A PRAYER FOR THE
First Sunday of Advent

God of light and life,
give us hope as we wait
for your coming again.
When we are tempted
to be grateful to have found you
while others are lost,
send us out into the darkness
in search of those
who need you most.
Amen.

Nutrition Tip for the week

Avoid drinking alcoholic beverages and use naturally flavoured water, soda water or fresh-pressed fruit or vegetable juice at social gatherings.

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SHUT-INS IN OUR PARISH COMMUNITY:

Limo Grant, Ann Bishop, Thelma Joseph, Michael Philbert, Dean Andrew, Clarissa Bain, Arnold Joseph, Ambrose Noel, Andrea Jessica, Veronica Thomas, Emma Joseph, Joseph Ross, Finley Gill.

Parish Pastoral Team: **FR. CARL HAYNES** (Cathedral Administrator)
DEACON RAPHAEL JOHNSON (Parish Deacon)
THE PRESENTATION BROTHERS

Catechesis Corner

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS CONT...
THE SIXTH COMMANDMENT CONT...

III. The gift of a child

Sacred Scripture and the Church's traditional practice see in large families a sign of God's blessing and the parents' generosity. (cf. GS 50 # 2). Couples who discover that they are sterile suffer greatly. "What will you give me," asks Abraham of God, "for I continue childless?" (Gen 15:2) and Rachel cries to her husband Jacob, "Give me children, or I shall die!" (Gen 30:1)

Research aimed at reducing human sterility is to be encouraged, on condition that it is placed "at the service of the human person, of his inalienable rights, and his true and integral good according to the design and will of God." (CDF, Donum vitae intro., 2)

Techniques that entail the dissociation of husband and wife, by the intrusion of a person other than the couple (donation of sperm or ovum, surrogate uterus), are gravely immoral. These techniques (heterologous artificial insemination and fertilization) infringe the child's right to be born of a father and mother known to him and bound to each other by marriage. They betray the spouses' "right to become a father and a mother only through each other." (CDF, Donum vitae II, 1).

Techniques involving only the married couple (homologous artificial insemination and fertilization) are perhaps less reprehensible, yet remain morally unacceptable. They dissociate the sexual act from the procreative act. the act which brings the child into existence is no longer an act by which two persons give themselves to one another, but one that "entrusts the life and identity of the embryo into the power of doctors and biologists and establishes the domination of technology over the origin and destiny of the human person. Such a relationship of domination is in itself contrary to the dignity and equality that must be common to parents and children." (CDF, Donum vitae II, 5) "Under the moral aspect procreation is deprived of its proper perfection when it is not willed as the fruit of the conjugal act, that is to say, of the specific act of the spouses' union Only respect for the link between the meanings of the conjugal act and respect for the unity of the human being make possible procreation in conformity with the dignity of the person." (CDF, Donum vitae II, 4)

A child is not something owed to one, but is a gift. the "supreme gift of marriage" is a human person. A child may not be considered a piece of property, an idea to which an alleged "right to a child" would lead. In this area, only the child possesses genuine rights: the right "to be the fruit of the specific act of the conjugal love of his parents," and "the right to be respected as a person from the moment of his conception." (CDF, Donum vitae II, 8)

The Gospel shows that physical sterility is not an absolute evil. Spouses who still suffer from infertility after exhausting legitimate medical procedures should unite themselves with the Lord's Cross, the source of all spiritual fecundity. They can give expression to their generosity by adopting abandoned children or performing demanding services for others.

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COLLECTIONS:

Solemnity of Christ the Universal King - 23rd November, 2025

Cathedral 6.00 p.m.	\$ 1031.20	Belmont	\$ 172.00
Cathedral 8.00 a.m.	\$ 1331.34	Fontenoy	\$ 165.85
Happy Hill	\$ 1307.50	Brizan	\$ 112.00
Tempe	\$ 494.75		

Total: \$ 4,614.64
Hurricane Melissa Relief for Jamaica: \$ 8,628.62
Thank you for your generosity,
May God continue to bless you!

Prayer for the Discernment of A New Bishop

O God, Eternal Shepherd, who govern your flock with unchanging care, grant to your Church in St. George's-in-Grenada a shepherd who will faithfully follow in the footsteps of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Give us a Bishop filled with wisdom and understanding so that, guided by your Holy Spirit, he may be a faithful pastor, a prudent teacher, wise in discerning the needs of our diocese and region. Strengthen him to uphold the gospel of truth, to lead your flock with humility and courage and to build up the Body of Christ in love and holiness. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Immaculate Mary, Mother of the Church, pray with us and for us. Amen.

Pope's prayer intention for November 2025

For the prevention of suicide
Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



Our Lady Queen of Peace, BELMONT/SPRINGS
Saints Joachim & Anne, BRIZAN;
Blessed Trinity, FONTENOY;
Church of the Uganda Martyrs, HAPPY HILL;
Our Lady Queen of the Universe, MT. MORITZ;
St. Benedict the Moor, RIVER ROAD/DARBEAU
Our Lady Lily of the Valley, TEMPE.

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1st Sunday of Advent /A - November 30th, 2025

Sunday Mass Schedules:

Cathedral Saturday: 6:00 p.m. Belmont Saturday: 6:00 p.m. Brizan Sunday: 6:30 a.m. Cathedral Sunday: 8:00 a.m.	Happy Hill Sunday: 8:00 a.m. Tempe Sunday: 8:00 a.m. Fontenoy Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Mt. Moritz Sunday: 10:00 a.m.
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Weekday Masses:

Cathedral: 6:15 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.
Happy Hill - Wednesday - 6 pm

CONFESION:

Cathedral: Saturdays: 7.00 a.m. - 8.00 a.m.
(Priests available at request)

Welcome to the season of Advent!

Today, as we begin a new liturgical year, the liturgy invites us to come to the house of God, so that God may teach us his ways and help us to walk in his light. As we gather in this house of God, let us reflect on how much we need God's guidance and help.

First Reading: From the Prophet Isaiah chapter 2 verses 1 to 5. This vision of a world at peace under God challenges Christians to work for this new world which was inaugurated by Christ.

Second Reading: This contains a wake-up call, and urges us to turn away from the darkness of evil and to walk in the light of Christ. From St. Paul's letter to the Romans chapter 13 verses 11 to 14.

Gospel: According to Matthew chapter 24 verses 37 to 44. This Gospel urges us to stay awake because we do not know the day or the hour when Christ Jesus will return.