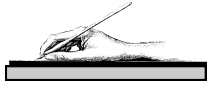


# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT—DECEMBER 1, 2024



## PASTOR'S CORNER

**Almost everyone struggles with this sneaky vice.** One of our human follies is that we have this strong propensity to be jealous and to envy others. People get jealous of others for getting a better deal than them, or better treatment than them, or simply just because they are better than them. Instead of rejoicing with them in their good fortune, they often become miserable because of this unhealthy emotion. But if you look at envy and jealousy clearly, then you will also see that you become jealous and envious simply because you are not looking at what you already have. This is why the grass seems to be greener on the other side, such as in this story:

At the entrance of a boutique, an impatient looking young man approached an attractive lady and said to her, “Would you mind talking to me for a few minutes?”

“Why?” the lady asked suspiciously.

The man explained, “My wife has been in this boutique for a long time. But I know that if she sees me talking to you, she will come out immediately!”

Jealousy, and envy are certainly signs of personal insecurity and they are often the product of resentment as well. Perhaps you often fail to remember that all the things that you might be jealous about have the staying power of morning dew, a puff of smoke or a passing cloud, for as someone once pointed out, *“Not everything can be cured or fixed, but at least it should be named properly in order to understand that the only cure for envy is wholehearted generosity reflected in your thoughts, words and deeds.”*

**P.S. My final suggestion is simple: Deal with it, or it will deal with you!**

*Fr. Slawek*



## MASS INTENTIONS

### Tuesday, December 3

9 a.m. Intentions of Deacon Eran Amarsingha req. by Adele Popeacu.

### Wednesday, December 4

9 a.m. Private Intentions.

### Thursday, December 5

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of David Emer req. by the Emer family.

### Friday, December 6

9 a.m. Private Intentions.

### Saturday, December 7

4:30p.m. Repose of the soul of Albert & Angelina Pereira req. by Rita Makwana.

### Sunday, December 8

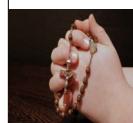
9 a.m. Intentions of all Parishioners.

11 a.m. Repose of the soul of Joseph Lee Nam Kwong req. by C. Anyoon.



## COFFEE & TEA & SNACKS SOCIAL

**Wednesday, December 4, 2023**  
After the 9 a.m. Mass  
in the Parish Basement



## Come pray the 10,000 Hail Mary

Date: Saturday, December 7  
Time: 6 a.m.—2 p.m.  
Place: Parish Hall

Everyone is welcome

Making a big life change  
is pretty scary.

But, know what's even  
scarier?

Regret.

# **CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE, 2024/2025**

## **HOLY SPIRIT PARISH**

**Our parish Advent retreat is coming soon.**

**Monday, December 9—Thursday, December 12**  
**More details to follow.....**

### **CHRISTMAS MASSES**

**( Arrive 1/2 hr. before First come First Seated)**

**Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

**NO MORNING MASS**

Mass 6 p.m.

Mass 8 p.m.

**Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

Mass 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

**Thursday, December 26<sup>th</sup>**

**NO MASS**

### **NEW YEAR'S MASSES**

**Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

**NO MORNING MASS**

Mass 6 p.m.

**Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Holy Day of Obligation**

Mass 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

**Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**NO MASS**

**HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS:** The Parish Office will close Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. and will reopen Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:30 a.m.

**Please keep this schedule** and refer to it during the season of Christmas, thus cutting down on calls to the Parish Office.