



I want to share with you a longer quotation from the fascinating book *Wandering and Welcome: Mediations for Finding Peace* by Joseph Grant: [SL1]

Amid the tumult of these electrically charged, frenzied times, contemplative living does not propose an escape from our very real, practical, and sometimes intractable problems. On the contrary, it suggests a way of being still, while still being in the storms that rage all around and within us. Like sturdy trees that bend with the breeze, wisdom-inspired living offers a deeper mooring for our being and our doing, which allows for movement even as we are deeply rooted. Seasoned by tears of joy and lament, prayer-centered presence invites us to welcome the whole world by drawing it into our heart-center. Here theology mixes with theater and prophetic action with poetry, as walls come tumbling down, making way for wonder, woe, and well-being. And one way to do so is to ask questions, because the scope of every life is indeed defined by the questions we choose live into, and if we are blessed to live long enough, we will inevitably end up shaped like a question mark. Since quest is also the start of every question, it is questions, not answers, that are the surest guideposts for any journey of faith – which necessarily means moving into the unknowable. Always trust the open, heartfelt question that lays bare the soul to unknowing. Since all answers are partial and preliminary, be wary of them; the more definitive, the more dangerous. Whether they are simplistic or sophisticated, handle answers with care, for they often reflect and display, for all the world to see, the broad sweep of our ignorance. Perhaps, for this reason, wisdom teachers use stories, ballads, parables, or poems. Such lyrical musings open spaces for fresh appreciations and diverse perspectives. They foster fascination and expose imagination to wider fields of understanding, laced with mystery, which always leads us down and out to face yet another, more penetrating question.

I can add nothing to these reflective words except to encourage you to walk toward the horizon of faith and hope in order to make this Advent journey a moment of anticipation and grace so that no one would say to you this hopeless thing[SL2] : “*You have the reputation of being alive[SL3] , but you are dead.*” Let me conclude with this piece of advice from the Old Testament: “*Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil. It will be a healing for your flesh and a refreshment for your body*” ([Proverbs 3:7-8](#)).

Fr. Slawek

# DECEMBER 10, 2023

## ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS

### Reception of Holy Communion

It has come to my attention that some people, receiving on the hand, carry the Sacred Host back to their seats. This is forbidden. Please be sure to consume Jesus, truly present in the Sacred Host, right after you receive Him. You must consume the Host in the front of the church, right after receiving. There are people who wish to steal consecrated Hosts for the sake of rituals. If you see anyone walking away without having consumed the Sacred Host please alert one of the Ushers, the Sacristan—Anthony or Fr. Slawek.

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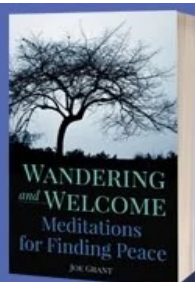
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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Tuesday, December 12

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of Timothy Hanly req. by Bridget Murphy.

### Wednesday, December 13

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of Chao Ying Lee req. by the Catequista family.

### Thursday, December 14

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of Barbara & Stanley Lobo req. by Marg. & Yvonne Lobo.

### Friday, December 15

9 a.m. Private Intention..

### Saturday, December 16

4:30 p.m. Repose of the soul of the Glynn family req. by Sharon DaCosta.

### Sunday, December 17

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of Alister Duncan McNeill req. by Gerry Nidoy.

11 a.m. Intentions of all Parishioners.

## COFFEE & TEA & SNACKS SOCIAL



### Wednesday, December 13, 2023

After the 9 a.m. Mass  
in the Parish Basement

### Sunday, December 17, 2023

After the 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. Mass  
in the Parish Basement

All parishioners welcome

## YOUR HEALTH

As cold and flu season approaches, to ensure the health of the entire community, parishioners are encouraged to stay home from Mass and parish functions if they are experiencing symptoms of the flu virus, colds, etc. Respect and concern for the common good takes precedence. Thank you for your cooperation! To minimize risks please use the hand sanitizers that are located at each entrance!