

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

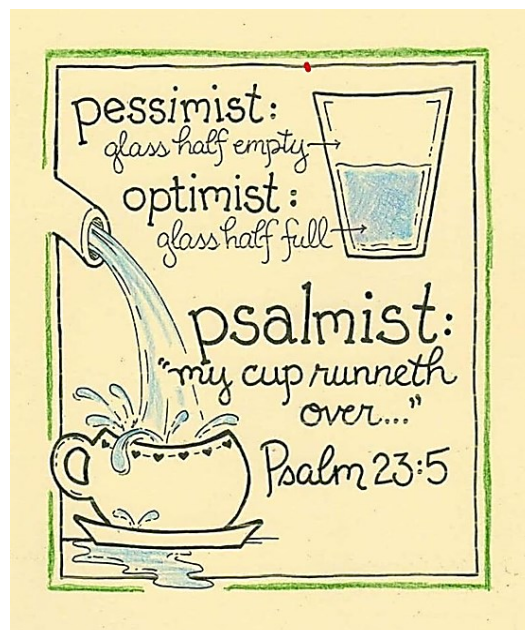


PASTOR'S CORNER



It is said that criticism and fault-finding are two ugly acts that often dampen and damage the spirit of creativity. Ugly acts as they are, we often give in to the tendency of criticizing the shortcomings rather than appreciating and affirming the good and the beautiful. It seems that some people are always pessimistic, particularly when you listen to them, because there is always something wrong no matter what you may say or do: it is too sparse or too gaudy, too dull or too showy, too much or too little, and so on. As Christians, we need to do what Jesus did in these cases: He always looked out for the good in others and appreciated the beauty in things. Yes, it can be hard to start this job, so to speak, but once you get underway the work has its own momentum, and you will carry it through. But when it becomes a burden at times, you will need to die to yourself and try to do it again. By this I mean don't be afraid to go that extra mile, first in your heart and then in life itself. And when the going gets really tough – as it may – you die a little more, turn to God and let Him help you, for as someone wrote, *“To live a spiritual life I can pay a little more attention to people around me. I can turn down the toilet seat, or turn it up, as the occasion requires. I can put these dishes in the dishwasher or take them out and put them away. I can patiently listen without offering my own opinion. I can slow down, relax and do fewer things but do them well. In this way, I can find God not only in the things around me, but also in the little things I do well.”*

P.S. If you struggle with this issue, ask yourself this question: Are you a “glass half-full” person or a “glass half-empty” one?



Fr. Slawek

DECEMBER 22, 2024

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.

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in January 2025 & support the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service.

Call Liturgical Publications at 905-624-4422



ARE YOU MOVING? OR HAVE YOU ALREADY MOVED?

Please contact the parish office so your records can be updated. Thank you.

2025 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Assigned envelopes are available for pick up at the back table in the church. New envelope can be pick up from the Parish office during office hours.

Please use 2025 envelopes starting Jan. 1. Print your full name, address, phone number and donation clearly on the envelope for the month so the Parish office can record the number to your name.

If you have a change of address please list it on your envelope or notify the office.

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!

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, December 24

9 a.m. NO MORNING MASS.
6 p.m. Christmas Eve
7 p.m. Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December 25

9 a.m. Christmas—Nativity Of Our Lord
11 a.m. Christmas—Nativity Of Our Lord

Thursday, December 26

9 a.m. NO MORNING MASS.

Friday, December 27

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

Saturday, December 28

4:30p.m Intentions of Anthony & Chandi Amarasingha on their Wedding Anniversary.

Sunday, December 29

9 a.m. Intentions of all Parishioners.
11 a.m. Silvestro De Laurentis req. by the De Laurentis family.



COFFEE & TEA & SNACKS SOCIAL Resumes

Wednesday, January 8, 2025
After the 9 a.m. Mass
in the Parish Basement

SUNDAY MISSAL

Are available for purchase from the parish office.
Cost \$ 6.00

Monday -Thursday
8:30 a.m.—1 p.m.

Limited quantity available

