

A Voice for Vocations

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 2020-2022

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OUR MISSION is to foster, affirm and promote vocations to the priesthood, religious life, deaconate and lay ministries and, through this, to deepen our members' personal faith. life.



Pray for someone you know w/DEC birthday!

DECEMBER

3rd Nancy Ivary
 11th Patty Baer
 27th Chic Ryan

PREZ SEZ

Patty Baer



THE BEAUTY OF THE SEASON!

December comes rushing in with the first week of Advent. Even with COVID, time keeps slipping by. I share here a humorous text I received from a friend: "FIRST TIME IN HISTORY We can save the human race by lying in front of the TV and doing nothing LET'S NOT SCREW THIS UP!" My first thought was, "Isn't that the truth... but how boring!" Yet, on second thought, Jim and I HAVE BEEN spending time there, but in a profitable way (most of the time): live stream Masses, rosaries, YouTube talks by various priests and other religious/inspirational sources. There is a silver lining in all our choices.

December 8th commemorates the Immaculate Conception, a Patronal Feast day of the USA. I include here a Prayer to the Immaculata: *"How beautiful you are, O Mary! The original stain is not in you. You are the glory of Jerusalem; you are the joy of Israel. You are the honor of our people. You are the advocate of sinners. O Mary! You are the wisest of virgins. You are the kindest of mothers. Pray for us. Intercede for us with our Lord Jesus Christ. Holy Virgin, you were spotless from the very moment of your conception. Because you bore His Son, pray to the Father for us. O Mary, conceived without sin, Patroness of the United States of America, pray for us who have recourse to you!"*

The 21st is the start of winter, the December solstice when Earth is tilted as far away from the sun, as it will be all year. From what I've read, the winter solstice holds a powerful energy for regeneration, renewal, and self-

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DISTRICT DOINGS

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 Governor, District #79



INSPIRATION FOR OUR SERRA MISSION

SERRA PLANS FOR 2021: During our pandemic time, our national Serra leaders have been hard at work making concrete plans for Serra Clubs in 2021. Please watch for our January 2021 newsletter publication where the highlights from the last leadership meeting will be explained more fully, in detail!

Praying for all of you and your families as I am so thankful to God that he helped us to find such a profound purpose in supporting and affirming vocations and those diligently serving our Church. What a blessing!

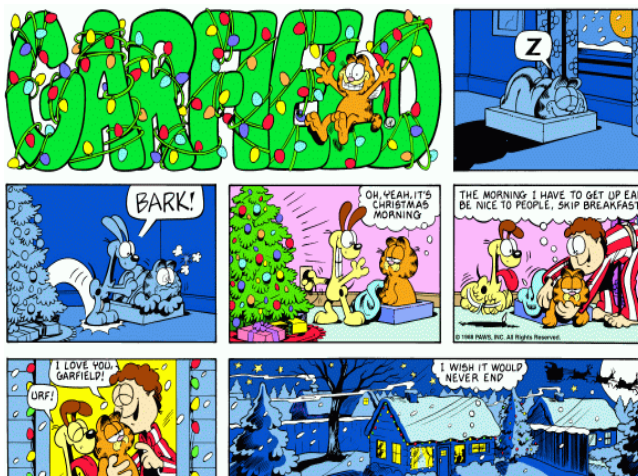


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reflection. It is tied to a personal awakening, where we get the opportunity to look within ourselves to set goals and intentions, to examine and let go of our past, and to make changes within ourselves. On that day, we can turn off lights and just light a candle or a fireplace and embrace the darkness for an hour. That sounds suspiciously like the Advent wreath, our Catholic way of preparation and transformation we undergo all through December. Are we not then more receptive to celebrating the spiritual meaning of our Christmas Holy Day and its octave, eight days later? May God guide you to His perfect light this Season. To all of you: Merry Christmas, Feliz Navidad, Giang sinh vui ve!

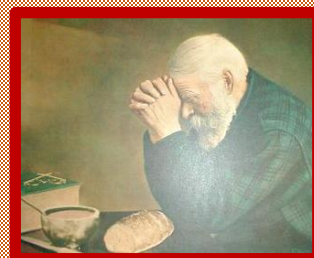
POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

"Dear Lord, we pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer."

**Christmas Blessings!****A Thanksgiving Prayer in A Time of Pandemic**

On this Thanksgiving Day like no other, even now, O God, your name is worthy to be praised. For in your mercy and kindness no thought of ours is left unguarded, no tear unheeded, and no joy unnoticed. Watch over your family, Lord, gathered here and at tables separated by miles, and bless those who work tirelessly to keep us all safe. Though we may be kept apart on this day that calls us together, we know your Spirit draws us close.

Lord, we ask you to ease the pain of empty chairs that bring to mind our beloved dead. Let our grieving find its rest in your Son, Jesus, in whose resurrection is our hope. Grant your Spirit to be present here that this meal may become a foretaste of your heavenly table where every tear shall be wiped away, every hunger fed, and no distance can separate us from your love. In Christ, from whom all good things come. Amen.

**City Club Newz****DECEMBER SPEAKER**

DEC 1 Fr. Norbert Wood, O.Praem
Loved Ones Drifting From Church



WHAT TO DO
WHEN
YOUR CHILD
BECOMES
A PRODIGAL





Memories of Serra Parties Past



**CAN YOU IDENTIFY
ALL OF THESE OLD
FRIENDS?**