



Dear Folks,

Hear ye, hear ye! I have important information regarding dynamics soon to play out this Advent. First, starting tonight we will have nightly confessions each weeknight through December 20th. Please take note of the ever-increasing number of folks standing in the Confession lines before each of the Sunday Masses. God bless them every one! That being said, it behooves everyone to focus on the weeknight confessions rather than Sunday confessions. The Sunday schedules cannot handle the volume of penitents found during the Advent season. Please come one and all and may the angels watch over you and protect all the members of your family.

Second, the construction project for the new Pre-School project has usurped twenty-eight parking spaces behind the construction fences. Everyone needs to carpool this Christmas because we are short on parking spaces. The Knights of Columbus are working out a special parking program where cars will park in rows, one after the other, to make more space available for the hundreds of cars that are expected. More information on the parking changes will be announced at a later date. Above all, please be polite to our neighbors. It doesn't help when the hordes shows up and block their driveways, so they can't get out to go to their own churches or return to their own driveways after services.

THIS IS THE YEAR TO CARPOOL!!!

Third, please come early. Why?, because we have been getting calls from folks outside the parish asking about our "kids" mass time. In the age of entitlement some folks can be downright nasty. Right now, the kids Mass for the parish will take place at 4:00 PM on Christmas Eve. In case you are wondering, we are going to hand out parish registration forms for our frequent out of parish visitors. Yes, please come very early.

Fourth, this is a message to all the high school students. The 5:30 PM Mass on Christmas night is what we call, "The Orphan Mass. Please invite your non-Catholic friends who have no Church affiliations. They are orphans too and might enjoy being with us. We have ordered fifty of those little manger scenes in a glass globes, with snowflakes. They have been ordered to be offered as gifts to the non-Catholic high school students. It will be nice to have them. Come one come all. Let us all pray for one another.

Collegiate Answer: The Holy Father, Pope Francis, recently returned from the country of Myanmar. The population of religious groups is: Buddhism 88%, Catholics 6.2%, and Islamic are 4.2. %.

Collegian Question: Which Pope, considered a mystic, would caution the West of an Islamic invasion of Europe?

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