



Be watchful! Be alert!
You do not know when
the time will come.

MARK 13:33

How Has God Shaped You?

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Sometimes it seems as if life is a laboratory of designed experiments on how to become human, all of them allotted ten-year blocks.

Have you noticed how nine- and ten-year-olds can be easy to be around? Then about the time we've gotten being a kid down to a science, life begins to move us into adolescence. We want to be independent and responsible, but we don't yet have all the skills. We have sexual feelings, but we're expected not to act on them. About the time we reach adulthood and move into our twenties, it seems we can finally do what we want, but then we might drink too much, spend too much, drive too fast, and party too long. Once we begin to settle down around year thirty, we have to learn how to live with another person. One likes it warm, the other cool. One seeks to save, the other spends. One is a homebody, the other enjoys going out on the town. By the time we've gotten to our sixties and seventies, we may have figured out life, but by then we've used up most of our energy.

What's going on?

Faith suggests it's the hand of God shaping us into the sort of persons we're meant to be. "Lord, you are our father; we are the clay and you our potter: we are all the work of your hand" (Isaiah 64:7). Advent may be a time to figure out how God is acting in your life now and look back to see that God was shaping you all along. ●

Reflect

What did you learn in your last ten-year block of life?

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

1003 WYOMING ST, BLUEFIELD, WV 24701

DECEMBER 2 & 3, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 2- 6:00 PM

✠ People of the Parish

Sunday, December 3- 9:00 AM

✠ Fran Derenge by Barbara Lynch

Tuesday, December 5- Noon

✠ Inez Bellini by Tom Behrmann

Wednesday, December 6- 9:00 AM

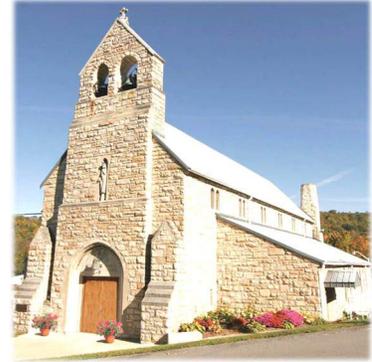
✠ Fr. Greg Lytle by Deborah Garton & Fred Butler

Saturday, December 9 - 6:00 PM

✠ Deceased Members of Sacred Heart

Sunday, December 10 - 9:00 AM

✠ Deceased Members of Sacred Heart



Office Hours: 304-327-5623

Monday- Thursday 9:00am-4:00pm

Friday 9:00am-12:00pm

Food Pantry Hours:

Wednesday 10:00am -2:00 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 3: First Sunday of Advent

December 3: Youth Service Event & Christmas Party 2 PM

December 6: Advent Penance Service 6 PM

December 7: Immaculate Mary Vigil Mass 6 PM

December 8: Immaculate Mary Mass 12 Noon

December 9-10: 2nd Collection for Retired Religious

December 10: 2nd Sunday of Advent

December 10: Cocoa & Cookies with St. Nicholas 10 AM

December 11: Knights of Columbus Meeting 7 PM

December 12: St. Anne's Altar Society Meeting 11 AM

December 24: Children's Christmas Mass 4:00 PM

December 24: Christmas Eve Mass 7:00 PM

December 25: Christmas Day Mass 9:00 AM

December 26-29: Office Closed for Holiday

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULE

Friday's from 6:00 to 7:00 PM

December 15 - Princeton December 29 -Bluefield

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First Sunday of Advent

Dear brothers and sisters,

As we begin this season of Advent, we are reminded of the great hope that comes with the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. This year, we are once again called to prepare our hearts and minds for His coming, to make room for him in our lives and our world.

As we look around us, we see a world that greatly needs hope and healing. From the ongoing wars to the many crises we face personally, and as a global community, it can be easy to feel overwhelmed and discouraged. But as Christians, we know that our hope is not in the things of this world but in our faith in Christ.

During this season of Advent, let us recommit ourselves to living out our faith in tangible ways. Let us be agents of hope and healing in our communities, reaching out to those struggling and in need. Let us be beacons of light in a dark and uncertain world.

As we journey through this season of Advent, may we be reminded of God's great love for each of us. May we open our hearts to receive this love anew and share it with others. May we always remember that no matter our challenges, we are never alone, for God is always with us.

Let us pray:

God of hope, who brought love into this world,
be the love that dwells between us.

God of hope, who brought peace into this world,
be the peace that dwells between us.

God of hope, who brought joy into this world,
be the joy that dwells between us.

God of hope, the rock we stand upon,
be the center, the focus of our lives
always, and particularly this Advent time.

Amen

In joyful hope,

Father Sebastian

FAITH FORMATION



Faith Formation 2023 - 2024

Theme for 2023

Come to Me, all you who labor and are burdened and I will refresh you."

Matthew 11:28

The schedule through January 2024:

December 3 ~ Regular Session

December 10 ~ Faith Formation in the parish lounge – lesson on St. Nicholas

December 17 ~ Practice for Christmas Eve Children's Mass in the Church

December 24 ~ Children to participate at 4pm Christmas Eve Mass

December 31 ~ **NO** Faith Formation for Holiday

January 7 ~ **NO** Faith Formation for Holiday

January 14, 21, 28 ~ Faith Formation Regular Sessions

RCIA



The next RCIA meeting will be December 6 at 5pm in the school. To learn more, please contact Barbara Musolin at 304-922-1934 or Julia at the parish office.

CRUSADERS YOUTH

Upcoming Events:

December 3rd - Youth Service Project and Christmas party

2pm - Meet at Walmart in Bluefield, Va. to purchase gifts for the Angel Tree Ministry.

We will walk over to Casa de Familia after we are done for food and fellowship.



December 24th - Christmas Eve mass will be a Youth Mass please let me know if you are able to participate.

Parents:

Please check your email for information regarding the MOUNT 2000 retreat. Please contact Wendi ASAP if your child is interested in attending.

THANK YOU'S

A big Thank You to all those who helped serve Thanksgiving Dinner at the WO Manor. We are very grateful for all the ministries that made this event a success: the Knights of Columbus, the Youth Ministry, and the Food Pantry Volunteers. We are so proud of our Church for coming together on Thanksgiving to help those less fortunate.





Handbell Choir

Handbell Choir Rehearsal is
Sunday, December 3 at 4pm

Cocoa & Cookies with St. Nicholas

December 10th following Mass



Sacred Heart Catholic Church's very own Saint Nicholas is inviting ALL of our children and their parents for Cocoa and Cookies in the church lounge on Sunday, December 10, 2023 following 9am Mass.

Saint Nicholas will share his story and watch the children complete a Christmas Craft. Saint Nicholas would also like for the children to bring their Christmas letter for him.



Angel Season has officially begun! Thank you to all who have participated in angel tree by taking an angel off the tree. All of them have been distributed. Just a gentle reminder we need the wrapped gifts back by **December 9th** with the angel tree card attached to them.

If you have any questions, please contact the parish office or Barbara Musolin at 304-922-1934.

First Sunday of Advent

Begin your Advent journey by blessing your Advent wreath. Light the first violet candle and sing "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"



O come, desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of humankind; bid ev'ry sad division cease and be thyself our Prince of peace. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.



SACRED HEART ORNAMENTS

Perfect for Christmas to hang on the tree! Buy one for yourself or as a gift to family members and friends! These beautiful ornaments are an exact replica of our Sanctuary Altar at Sacred Heart!



The ornaments will be selling for \$20.00 each.

We will be selling them at Mass or you may call Ann Robinson at (304) 887-2421, Theresa Bales at (304) 920-8104, or the parish office to place your order.

**Immaculate Conception of Mary
Mass Schedule**



Thursday, December 7:
6pm ~ Bluefield

Friday, December 8:
12 Noon ~ Bluefield

Friday, December 8:
6pm ~ Princeton

Advent Penance Service

Tuesday, December 5:

6 pm ~ Princeton

Wednesday, December 6:

6pm ~ Bluefield



Janice Barber 1
 Kathryn Bourne 1
 Frances Cutlip 3
 Jimmy Froy 4
 Shane Neal 4
 Anthony Peretti 4
 Charles Blaydes 5
 Steven Peebles 5
 Scott Meade 6
 Joseph Seigafuse 6
 Thomas Buzzo 7
 Carole Mamone 7
 Bob McGraw 10
 Ida Pascasio 10



December
 BIRTHDAYS

Angela Meade 11
 Jacob Smith 11
 John Keczan 12
 Mary Ann Bourne 13
 Ashley Brown 13
 Jazzlee Molineaux 13
 Michele Smith 13
 Sophia Tran 13
 Michael Patton 14
 Mary McGonagle 15
 Katie Goodwin 16
 Krystin Austin 17
 Kristan Bhazsar 17
 Susan Maupin 17
 Theresa Soulis 18
 Patricia Zande 18
 Charles Lynch 19
 Michael Pellillo 19
 Matthew Peretti 19
 Declan Ott 20
 Maria Pochick 20
 Cairre Powe 20

Katherine Hahn 21
 Ted Marchal 21
 Kara Zande 21
 Natalie Lijoi 25
 Frank Ball 26
 Aalannah McPeak 29
 Chris Overbaugh 29
 Patty Peretti 29
 Patty Bolen 31
 Ainsley Miller 31
 Bella Rust 31



Michael & Kim Patton December 11
 Ernesto & Ida Pascasio December 17
 Dennis & Marietta Tumbokon December 17
 Monty & Deborah Ramella December 18
 Ray & Susan Maupin December 27
 George & Wendi Aiello December 30
 Fred & Deborah Butler December 31

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
 Princeton, WV

Sunday, December 3, 2023
 6:00 pm

ADVENT
 TAIZÉ
 PRAYER SERVICE



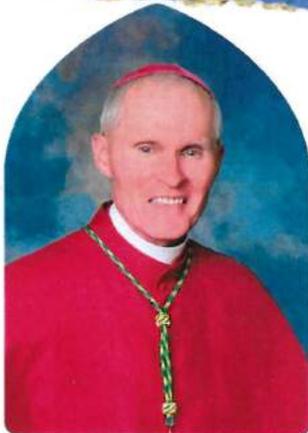
OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO
 BARBARA (CHARLES) LYNCH
 AND HARRY (TERESA) DERENGE
 ON THE LOSS OF THEIR MOTHER
 FRAN DERENGE
 WHO PASSED AWAY
 NOVEMBER 14, 2023.

ETERNAL REST GRANT
 UNTO HER, O LORD,
 AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT
 SHINE UPON HER. MAY HER
 SOUL AND THE SOULS OF ALL
 THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
 THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD
 REST IN PEACE. AMEN.

Pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress

**INDIANAPOLIS
JULY 17 - 21, 2024**

with Bishop Mark Brennan and
the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston



Participate in this pivotal moment in the Church and draw into a deeper intimacy with our Lord. Join our diocese by registering today! Scan the QR code or click Book Now to attend this historic event.



[BOOK NOW!](#)



WISE

511 Commerce Street
Bluefield, WV 24701

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2023 Baskets & Backpacks of Hope Campaign

What's a Basket of Hope?

Every Christmas season, WISE remembers the women who struggle to find a better way of life, fleeing domestic violence, homelessness or other challenges, who will have nothing for Christmas but this Basket of Hope. Each basket represents compassion and comfort gathered up and given to a woman at a local shelter during the holiday season. Please drop off either your basket/backpack/tote by December 15th.

WISE is about Hope for all those women and girls that we serve each day and helping to brighten their Christmas and New Year.

Who can make a difference by making baskets?

You! It could also be a group working together from an office, church, family, civic organization, college, fraternal order, or a group of friends. Everyone brings one item to include and signs a Christmas card. The items are tucked into a travel tote or laundry basket. Often these are their only possessions and they may have to move quickly, so it's helpful if things are portable. If you don't have time to shop, feel free to make a cash donation. CONTACT US AT 304-324-5809.

What might be included in a Basket of Hope?

- One size fits all pajamas or sleep shirts, leisure clothing, socks, undergarments, hat, gloves
- Personal needs such as toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo, conditioner, comb, brush, deodorant, lotion, feminine products, soap or bodywash
- A journal and pen to write down her dreams and plans for the future
- Chocolate, of course! Other comfort items, like a lap blanket
- A generic toy, for the child they have with them (all ages, birth to age 14-15)
- Inspirational reading about positive thoughts on life
- A great laundry basket, backpack, or tote she can store and carry her things.

Drop Off Your
Baskets of Hope to
one of our Drop Off
Locations
by December 10

WISE Office
511 Commerce St
Bluefield, WV
304-324-5809
Hours 10-2 pm

Saunders Staffing
400 North St
Bluefield, WV
304-920-1051
Hours 10-4 pm

Our Knights of Columbus have recently purchased a LifeVac for our parish. LifeVac is a rescue suction device that can remove food or objects from the airway of choking victims. It is easy to use, safe, and effective. Here are the instructions on how to use it. Instructions are also with the device that is located in the back of the church.



LIFEVAC

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

FOLLOW CURRENT CHOKING PROTOCOL AND DIAL 911



Insert mask into the unit with a firm twisting motion while applying pressure. **Make sure that you check mask to ensure it's attached to the unit. The stem of the mask DOES NOT need to be completely inserted into the unit.**



Place mask over nose and mouth, holding chin upwards. **MASK MUST BE HELD FIRMLY OVER NOSE AND MOUTH WITH HAND.**



Holding mask in place with one hand and chin held upwards, push handle down with other hand to compress unit.



Once handle is depressed, pull handle upward with a short, SWIFT tug while holding mask firmly in place.



Roll person on side and sweep the mouth to clear any debris. **Also check unit for debris. Repeat steps as necessary. If LifeVac is used refer to the Information Page Literature (Indications For Use) section for additional action.**



IF NO SPONTANEOUS RESPIRATION IS NOTED, THEN RETURN TO CURRENT CHOKING PROTOCOL AND START CPR.

December Ministry Schedule

Mass Date & Time	Sacristan	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Hospitality	Collection Counters
12/2 Sat. 6 pm	Theresia Lowery	Deborah Garton	Feleesha Moran	Valerie Hager	1.T. Hager 2.D. Garton 3.J. McCloud	The Pascasio's	TBA
12/3 Sun. 9 am	Terry Lampert	M. Malamisura	T. Brown	R. Ciccolini	1.A. Robinson 2.T. Lampert 3.S. Copolo	TBA	
			A. Froy	T. Bales			
12/7 6pm Immaculate Mary		No Rosary	A. Peretti E. Peretti		1.P. Peretti 2.TBA 3.TBA		Counted with Weekend
12/8 Noon Immaculate Mary	Mary Malamisura	No Rosary	M.Malamisura P. Buenafe				Counted with Weekend
12/9 Sat. 6 pm		Maria Zalduondo	David Kelley Davey Kelley	M. Zalduondo	1.P. Peretti 2.C. Saunders	J. Monaco	David Duritza
12/10 Sun 9 am	Greg & Callie Winfree	Anthony Torrez	K. Oaks R. West	R. Albert G. Abromitis	1.A. Robinson 2.M. Romeo 3.S. Romeo	B. Buzzo	Rocky Malamisura
12/16 Sat. 6 pm	Theresia Lowery	Theresia Lowery	Feleesha Moran	D. Garton	1.C. Stacy 2.J. Stacy 3.A. Peretti	The Pascaio's	Ann Robinson
12/17 Sun. 9 am	Terry Lampert	Cherie Mulkey	S. Copolo M. Copolo	T. Lampert C. Ott	1.A. Robinson 2.C. Havens 3. TBA	S. Copolo	David Duritza
12/23 Sat. 6 pm		Maria Zalduondo		M. Zalduondo F. Moran	1.V. Hager 2.T. Hager	J. Monaco	The Aiello's
12/24 Sun Regular 9 am	Mary Malamisura		Mary Malamisura	A. Torrez	1.K. Kirk 2.M. Romeo 3.S. Romeo	R. Malamisura	
12/24 4 pm Children's	Patty Peretti	??	Christine Tran TBA	Madison Rebuck Sophia Tran	1.A. Robinson 2.P. Peretti 3.TBA	J. Monaco	Counted after Christmas
12/24 7 pm Christmas Eve	Jean McCloud	??		F. Moran	1.J. McCloud 2.D. Garton 3.TBA		Counted After Christmas
12/25 9am Christmas Day	Mary Malamisura	??	S. Copolo M. Copolo	R. Ciccolini E. Abromitis	1.T. Lampert 2.M. Malamisura 3.S. Copolo	R. Malamisura	Ron Ciccolini Rocky Malamisura

Please Pray For:

Parishioners: George Aiello Sr, Jeanne Ameli, Peggy Austin, John Babbitt, Mary Jo Babbitt, Stephanie Blevins, Richard Canterbury, Loretta Carrigan, Sherry Ciccolini, Ron Ciccolini, Tony Colobro, Donella Crigger, Victoria Crofcheck, Teresa Derenge, Alex and Joanne Ercoline, Debbie Ameli Froy, Angie Genovesi, Katie & Ron Goodwin, James (Tom) Hager, Mary Claire Keenan, Susan Kerr, Daniel Kirk, Claire Lampert, Tracy Lyon, Harold Mabardy, Sue Mazol, Mary McGonagle, Aalannah McPeak, Feleesha & Patrick Moran, Shane Neal, Jacob Nester, Patricia Nester, Ernesto Pascasio, Barbara Pickett, Nancy Pochick, Nancy & Dr. Anthony Rasi, Jerry Rasi, Kathy Richards, Rosalie Rocchetti, Sharon Rothausen, Rodney & Jami Rust, Mariam Salaita, Virginia Shumate, Wayne Shumate, Ann Switch, Laura Zande Taylor, Stella Mae Taylor, Joe Thomas, Jason and Clay Thomason, Theresa Thomason, Larry Zande Jr., Patricia & Larry Zande Sr., Kara Zande and Analeigh Dawn, Joan Zingale

Homebound Parishioners: Linda Angelelli, Joy Formica, Patsy Malamisura, Dolores Pritchett, Mitzi Romeo, Theresa Soulis

Friends & Family: Betty Akers, Andrew Arczynski, Sandy Arczynski, Jim Archer, Jeffery Arkland, Tim Arnold, Jack Asbury, Jonathon Bays, Robert Below, Maggie Blankenship, Cara Blankenship, Amanda Bolton, Vanessa Boyer, Teddy Bradshaw, Melissa Carnett, Sandy Cassidy, Michelle Coker, Chuck Comer, Harold Cutlip, Lisa Dalton, Barry Dinger, Kim Duesing, Christina Easton, Mike Farmer, Cathy Feather, Tina Fitzgerald, Phil Gesotti, Larry Gilliam, Mary and Colin Gillespie, Vincent Godfrey, Dr. James Godwin, DDS, Skip Harless, Becky Harris, Gary Haynes, Owen Hime, Claire Holt, Alpha Jean Holly, Shannon Honaker, Madilyn Humphreys, Josh Husband, Trish Johnson, Cyndi Jones, Joseph Justin, Sherry Khatib, Sandy Kegley, Melonie Koch, Charlotte Kohlmeier, Zoe Kotsko, Eddie Lanter, Dawn Lawless, Stan Lawson, Elaine Lilly, James & Pam Linkous, John Paul Lovell, Jaysen Marshall, Jacob and Tara Matney, Andy McKoy, Brandon McKoy, Linda Meadows, Chase Miller, Kim & Doug Miller, Scott Morris, Jacob Morton, Helen Mullins, Jane Murphy, Ane Montarroyos, Bobby Neal, Shane Neal, Steven Nelcher, Jonny Phillips, Annette Pike, Barbara Polatz, Thomas Presley Sr., Mason Rasi, William Ray, Brian Richard, Roy Rogers, Keving Roland, Mayra Rolon, Charles Rose, Barbara Sadler, Rick Saunders, Brittany Scott, Courtney Shade, Devin Shamro, Raymond Shumate, Leanna Smith, Bryan Staten, Adam Stuart, Laurie Stuart, Robert Shade, Ellie Spencer, Teresa Taylor, Jim Thompson, Evelyn Turnbough, Sarah Turner, Cathleen Underwood, Debby VanBlaricom, Jane Walthall, Charlotte Woolwine

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

AND A PRIEST IS NEEDED,

PLEASE CALL:

Parish Office (304) 327-5623
Princeton Office (304) 425-3664

In case of serious or life-threatening sickness or the actively dying:

{Please consider, with Fr. Sebastian out of town, it will take longer to contact a priest. Please call the church office as soon as you can} The church should be contacted as soon as possible. People deserve the opportunity to confess their sins, profess their faith, be anointed, and receive Holy Communion – the foretaste and pledge of eternal life. PLEASE don't wait until after the person is unconscious or so sedated that he or she cannot communicate. It is imperative with current situations, that there be enough time for Fr. to go through the appropriate protocol to visit the actively dying.

In case of Illness: Please call the parish office to let us know if you, a family member, or a parishioner is sick. We can place your name on the prayer list. If requested, Fr Sebastian will arrange for distributing Holy Communion in the home.

Nursing homes & Hospitals: are not permitted to contact the church. If someone you know is in the hospital, please call the parish office.

Catholic Sharing Appeal

Goal: \$25,340

of Donations: 51

Amount Raised: \$67,984

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Weekly Donations	weekend Nov 25-26	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	2,458.00	203,537.90	223,000.00
Maintenance	5.00	2,440.00	7,500.00
Loose Offertory	265.00	19,909.60	17,500.00
Total Contributions	\$ 2,728.00	\$ 225,887.50	\$ 248,000.00
Benefits (Fund Raisers)	40.00	3,624.00	0.00
Food Pantry	750.00	37,088.35	0.00
Attendance:	6pm: 74	9am: 69	

Dear Padre,

Why are the Gospels Matthew and Mark so alike? Why did the Church keep both Gospels when so much of Mark seems to be a mirror image of Matthew?

The Gospels were written over time and used by the faithful when they gathered for worship. They read the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament) and accounts of the life and ministry of Jesus collected by Matthew, Mark, and Luke.

The Christian communities were often great distances from one another. A community may have had access to only one of these accounts. There is considerable similarity because the Gospel writers depended on one another. All three Gospels include some of the same incidents. Each also has incidents or details unique to that Gospel.

These were not the only accounts written about the life and ministry of Jesus. At some point, the Church had to decide which should be considered the inspired word of God. There were four accounts that were widely used: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. With their similarities and differences, the Church accepted these four accounts as Gospel—the Good News. ●

This first page of the Gospel of Mark is from a fourteenth-century Armenian illuminated manuscript painting by Sargis Pitsak.



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
December 4	December 5	December 6	December 7	December 8	December 9	December 10
<i>Advent Weekday</i>	<i>Advent Weekday</i>	<i>Advent Weekday</i>	<i>St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>	<i>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	<i>Advent Weekday</i>	<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>
Is 2:1-5 Mt 8:5-11	Is 11:1-10 Lk 10:21-24	Is 25:6-10a Mt 15:29-37	Is 26:1-6 Mt 7:21, 24-27	Gn 3:9-15, 20 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38	Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8	Is 40:1-5, 9-11 2 Pt 3:8-14 Mk 1:1-8

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[Jesus] ...is at the door to our heart. He knocks. Do you know how to listen to the Lord...who has come today to visit you...? He came to Bethlehem, he will come at the end of the world, but every day he comes to us. Be attentive, look at what you feel in your heart when the Lord knocks.

ANGELUS, ROME, NOVEMBER 29, 2020



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