



December Newsletter

The Things that matter ...

I was pondering on what to write for the upcoming Advent Season, which gives us the quiet preparation for the Christmas celebration. Then in an instance ... literally an instance my life for the moment was changed.

Still, only one thing matters ... Him! Of course, in a moment there are great thanks to give for the beautiful family He has gifted me, and for the team of people and friends who are surrounding me with their love and kindness. I am more certain now that every moment, every breath is a true gift of Him. We cannot do anything without Him. Thus, my great thanksgiving for even the tiniest and simplest moment (joy, sorrow, suffering) of the day. I think it is fair to say, none of us want the unexpected change of course or the tragic sorrow, but He does. Not because He is a harsh God, but because He is a loving God and He needs to perfect our souls to a complete dependence on Him.

Like Lent, I pray that your Advent will be a time of purification and preparation for the soul. It is a time to grow deeper in our relationship with our Blessed Mother. Amid our busyness, Our Blessed Mother is waiting to lead us to Him. (Need a guide for confession, we have many to select from ... the little purple booklet "The Short Catechism on Confession" is a beautiful booklet to prepare your heart and give you the courage to return to the confessional if it has been a while). Know that I am praying for each of you. Again, thank you for choosing Silver Cross Catholic Store as your authentic Catholic store. The little Silver Cross team is working hard to take care of your Catholic needs for you and your family. Please continue to offer prayers of thanksgiving and healing graces for my recovery, for the team, and for the work of Silver Cross. We are not meant to journey alone!

Note: Jim and Missy were in a car collision that totaled both vehicles on the first Sunday of Advent. The accident left Missy with a compressed fracture at the L1 and a fractured sternum. By His Grace and a beautiful team of people, the store is open for all of your needs this Advent and Christmas season.

CALENDAR:

Dec 23 OPEN 10-3

Dec 24 Sunday | Closed

Dec 25 Monday | **Merry Christmas** | Closed

Dec 29-30 Closed for Inventory

Jan 1 - Holy Day of Obligation

Jan 2 - Closed for Inventory and New Year Updates & Happy Birthday dear Saint Therese!

Jan 3 - Re-open for New Year! 10-7

Jan 11 - Wine Women & Jesus with Julia Monnin at Lehman Catholic High School 7 More Catholic Girl Talk

Jan 13 - Storytime with the Sisters at 11 AM (New Saturday and New Time)