

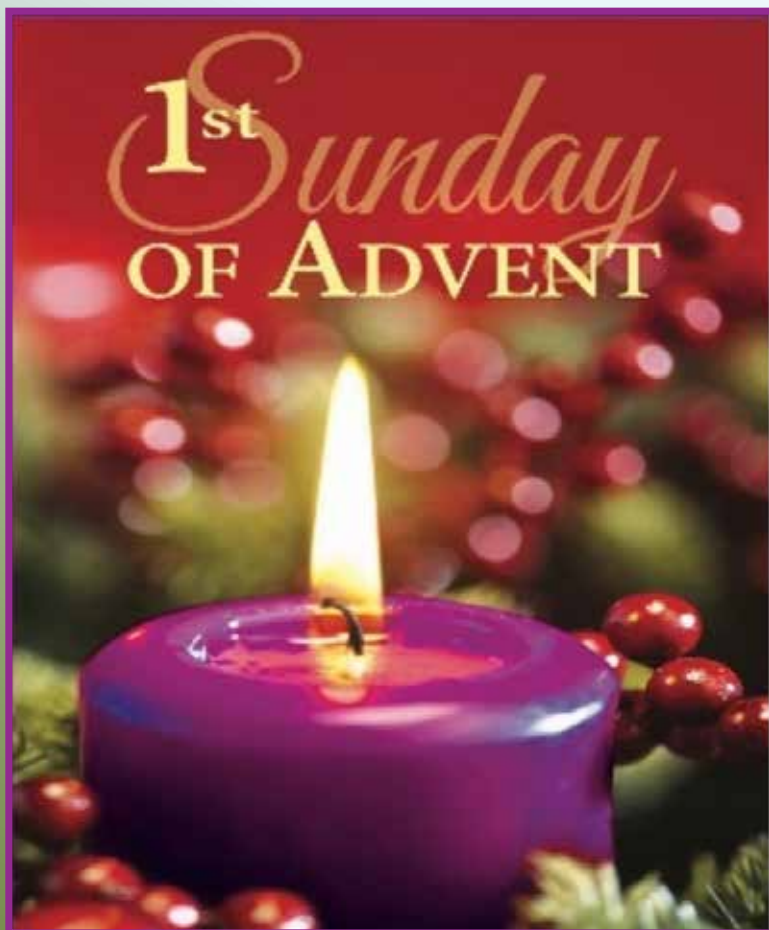


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First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022



Prayer for the Advent Wreath

Lord, our God, we praise You for Your Son, Jesus Christ, for He is Emmanuel, the Hope of all people. He is the Wisdom that teaches and guides us. He is the Savior of us all. O Lord, let your blessing come upon us as we light the first (purple) candle of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise of salvation. May He come quickly and not delay. May Christ our Saviour bring life into the darkness of this world, and to us, as we wait for His coming. We ask this in His holy name. Amen.

Waiting

We light a candle today, a small dim light against a world that often seems forbidding and dark. But we light it because we are a people of hope, a people whose faith is marked by an expectation that we should always be ready for the coming of the Master. The joy and anticipation of this season is captured beautifully in the antiphons of hope from the monastic liturgies:

See! The ruler of the earth shall come, the Lord who will take from us the heavy burden of our exile.

The Lord will come soon, will not delay. The Lord will make the darkest places bright.

We must capture that urgency today in the small flame of our candle. We light the candle because we know that the coming of Christ is tied to our building of the kingdom. Lighting the flame, feeding the hungry, comforting the sick, reconciling the divided, praying for the repentant, greeting the lonely and forgotten – doing all these works hastens His coming.

PASTORAL STAFF

Priests

Rev. Andrew Chan-A-Sue
Pastor
Rev. Pierre Listo Charles
Parochial Vicar

Deacons

Deacon Michel DuChaussée
Deacon David Bowen

Religious Education

Mrs. Mercedes Brown

School Principal

Mrs. Christine Gonzalez

School Counselor/

Licensed Clinical Social Worker

Mr. Gerard John, LCSW, CCTP

Music Ministry

Mrs. Betty Bunnell
Mrs. Monique Abraham
Mr. Rodolfo Gramcko
Mr. Michael Martinez
Mr. Silvije Vidovic

MATRIMONY

Please contact the Rectory at least six months prior to the proposed date.

BAPTISMS

Please contact the Rectory at least three months before anticipated date to make arrangements. Baptisms in English are on the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 11:30 AM.

HOLY EUCHARIST (MASS)

**Saturday: 5:00 PM (English)
6:30 PM (Spanish)**
Sunday: 7:30, 10:00 AM & 5:00 PM
French/Créole 1:00 PM

Weekday: 7:00, 8:30 AM
(7 PM - during Lent only)
Saturday: 8:30 AM
First Friday: French/Créole - 7:30 PM

RECONCILIATION (Confessions)

Saturday: 11:00 - 11:30 AM
4:30 - 5:00 PM
Weekdays: When priests are available.
Anytime by appointment

ROSARY

Weekdays at 8:10 AM
(before 8:30 AM Mass)

CHARISMATIC PRAYER

English

Wednesday, 7:30 PM, Church

French/Créole

Friday, 7:30 PM, School Rm B

Spanish

Wednesday, 7:30 PM, **On Hold** Heart Center

LEGION OF MARY

Sunday 11:30 AM, School Rm A (English)



PARISH REGISTRATION

We welcome new parishioners to our parish family. Pick up a registration form at the rectory or print one from the website; later you will be invited to learn more about our parish and our many ministries.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

(In the Rectory Chapel)

**Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday, Friday:
9:30 AM to 7:30 PM**



RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Saturday - 9 AM to 5:00 PM
Sunday - CLOSED

Pastoral Hispana

Misa en Español - Los Sabados - 6:30 PM
El Santo Rosario los Sabados a las 6:00 PM

Confesiones - Los Sábados, 11-11:30 AM; 4:30-5 PM

Bautismos - Para el curso pre-bautismal, llame con TRES MESES de anticipación a la Rectoría. Los Bautismos en Español son los 4º Domingos del mes.

Matrimonio - Llame a la Rectoría lo menos seis meses antes de la fecha propuesta.

Circulo de Oración Carismática

Los Miércoles, **On Hold** 7:00 PM, Sacred Heart Center

Legión De María - Se reúnen en Salón B en la escuela los sábados a las 4:30 PM.
Julia Cisneros 305-928-9097

Coro Hispano - Ensayo los Sabados a las 4:00 PM en la escuela (salón de música) con el Director Mr. Rodolfo Gramcko
305-505-1451



AVIS pour les Membres de la Communauté Haitienne

Messe en Créole / Français

1:00 PM chaque dimanche
7:30 PM chaque 1er vendredi du mois
avec Bénédiction du Très Saint Sacrement

Confession: Samedi 11-11:30 AM, 4:30-5 PM

Visite des malades: Appelez le Père Charles au presbytère de l'église.

Baptême: 2è dimanche du mois à 11:30 AM.
Contactez le Père Charles trois mois avant la date prévue.

Mariage: Contactez le Père Charles, six mois avant la date prévue.

Prière Charismatique:

Vendredi de 7:30 à 10:00 PM (salle B de l'école)

Légion De Marie: Jeudi, de 6:00 à 7:00 PM (à l'école)
Samedi à partir de 4:00 PM (à l'école)

Répétition de Chorale: Samedi de 5:30 à 7:00 PM (salle B de l'école)

La Sainte Famille: Lundi à 7:00 PM (à l'école)



EUCCHARIST



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- (Sat) 5:00 PM + Daniel Raymond
+ Claudia Clarence Ferguson
+ Franklin Ward
- 6:30 PM + Dcsd Mbrs of Morales family
- (Sun) 7:30 AM Marly Zephirin (T)
+ Levancia Jerome
+ Perseus Jacildo
- 10:00 AM Levasseur Pierre (L)
Carole Marzouka (L)
Marie Therese Rigaud (T)
- 1:00 PM Rosette Pluviose (T)
Stephan Montes (T)
James Daniel (T)
+ Frantz Benson Sr.
- 5:00 PM Marie Maud Noel (T)
Herold & Magalie Placide (T)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday 11/27:** Is 2: 1-5/ Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Rom 13: 11-14/ Mt 24: 37-44
- Monday:** Is 4: 2-6/ Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-9
Mt 8: 5-11
- Tuesday:** Is 11: 1-10/ Ps 72: 1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
Lk 10: 21-24
- Wednesday:** Rom 10: 9-18/ Ps 19: 8, 9, 10, 11
Mt 4: 18-22
- Thursday:** Is 26: 1-6/ Ps 118: 1 and 8-9, 19-21,
25-27a/ Mt 7: 21, 24-27
- Friday:** Is 29: 17-24/ Ps 27: 1, 4, 13-14
Mt 9: 27-31
- Saturday:** Is 30: 19-21, 23-26/ Ps 147: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6
Mt 9: 35 10: 1, 5a, 6-8
- Sunday 12/4:** Is 11: 1-10/ Ps 72: 1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
Rom 15: 4-9/ Mt 3: 1-12

Monday, November 28 - Advent Weekday

- 7:00 AM Holden Placide (T)
+ Lorna Etavillo
- 8:30 AM + Christopher Andrew Brown
+ Jose Cekig Salichs

Tuesday, November 29 - Advent Weekday

- 7:00 AM + Therese Letang
- 8:30 AM + Clemente Esguerra Jr.

Wednesday, November 30 - Weekday

- 7:00 AM Anne Kelly Poisson (L)
- 8:30 AM + Saintanise & Rodney Latortue
+ Dr. Joachim Benoit

Thursday, December 1 - Advent Weekday

- 7:00 AM St Bart Ministers and Volunteers (T)
- 8:30 AM + Jose Ramon Espinoza
+ Simerine Ogé

Friday, December 2 - Advent Weekday

- 7:00 AM Ashley Baker (L)
- 8:30 AM + Isabel R. Agaton
+ Nassim St Hubert
+ Simerine Ogé
- 8:00 PM + Helene St Hilaire

Saturday, December 3 - Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

- 8:30 AM + Marie Pierre-Louis
+ Simerine Ogé

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- (Sat) 5:00 PM M/M Junior Demus (T)
+ Felicia Lumas
- 6:30 PM St Bart Ministers & Volunteers (T)
- (Sun) 7:30 AM Marilou Esguerra (L)
+ Perseus Jacildo
- 10:00 AM Wilber Roney (T)
+ Lucien & Catina Lambert
+ Benjamin Lagazon
+ Joseph Guirand
+ Simerine Ogé
- 1:00 PM + Rose Anne & Antoine Lambert
+ Circée & Lucie Laguerre
+ Philomène & Paul Laguerre
+ Claudelle & Nadèle Voight
+ Pascale & Marie Claude Lambert
+ Paul Emile & Lunie Laguerre
- 5:00 PM Ashley Baker (L)



Christmas Poinsettias

Remember your family, a loved one or a friend during the Christmas season by ordering a poinsettia in their name.

The plants would be included as part of the church decorations during this joyous and blessed holiday season.

The cost is \$12.00 per plant and can be dedicated to a family, a couple, or an individual. You can place your order at the rectory. All orders must be prepaid.

The deadline for ordering is
**Monday,
December 19th**



REMEMBER THE DEPARTED

*Therese Donata Letang
Marie Paraison Nerette*

Victims of hatred and violence, of War, of abortion and of the recent hurricane and natural disasters.



Please use your envelopes or donate online at our website. Our parish needs your support.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading -- They shall beat their swords into plowshares. Isaiah 2:1–5
Responsorial Psalm -- “Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.” Psalm 122
Second Reading -- Now is the hour to awake from sleep. Romans 13:11–14
Gospel Reading -- The Son of Man will come at an hour you least expect. Matthew 24:37–44

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

Already we are bombarded with urgent reminders to get ready for Christmas. But we gather here today to begin a different kind of preparation. Over the next four weeks (and it's a full four weeks this Advent), we will recall how Jesus comes to us. He has come as an infant lying in a manger. One day he will come like a thief in the night, as our judge at the end of time. But today and every day he comes to us as Emmanuel, “God with us.” Amid all the Christmas planning and holiday shopping, let us welcome God’s most wonderful gift into our world, our homes, and our hearts.

“Let us then throw off the works of darkness,” Saint Paul exhorts us today. It is time to prepare for the coming of the light. We don’t want to be caught unaware when the Lord comes. Though we naturally look forward to Christmas Day, today’s readings remind us that Jesus will also come to judge us at the end of time. Unlike Christmas Day, which always falls on December 25, the end of the world will come at a time we cannot know. Therefore, let us live in the light of Christ, “the armor of light” as Paul calls it, ever prepared for his coming.

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Pray for those affected by the Coronavirus, the ungodly division in our country, also pray for...



Carol Smith	Jared Def-Moreau
Gloria Beason	Valarie De Freitas
Busgith Vida	Jasmine Springer
Adriana Rodriguez	Joyce Desiato
Candy Larsen	Jeffrey
Marie Georges Louis	Patrice Legagneur
Abiah Tiday	Natasha Retana
Jennifer Evans	Jessi Menendez
Lorraine Fuller	Micheline Piquion
Marjorie Minott	Ursula Rodriguez
Ashley Baker	Vida Busgith
Patricia Khlon	Robert Stewart
Johnston family	Marie Françoise Baptiste
Camal Mohammed	Marjorie Minott
Cynthia Horvath	Enrique Alfonso
Andy Fortune	Gabriel Torres
Ryan Rodriguez	Michael Torres
Pierre St Vil	Kay Henry
Kaitlyn Lottie	Frederick Nelson
Erin Bacon	Alex & Joy Oguneymi
Paulette Scuotto	John Paul Fernandez
Rain Pierre	James Pierre
Jean-Robert Bijoux	Sabina Oghinan
Kathleen Def-Moreau	Andrew Oghinan

If you are new...



Stop by the Rectory Office to fill out a registration form if you are new to the area or the parish. It only takes a few minutes, then use your parishioner number when making a donation to support your parish community. Remember your donations are tax deductible and will be fully credited to your account. You can also donate online at our website: stbartholomew.com or by texting your amount to (954) 280-0901



Collection on: 11/20/2022
Solemnity of Christ the King

Mass	Attendance	Collection
Sat. 5:00 PM	47	\$814.00
Sat. 6:30 PM	50	\$439.00
Sun. 7:30 AM	98	\$685.00
Sun. 10:00 AM	156	\$2,890.00
Sun. 1:00 PM	122	\$671.00
Sun. 5:00 PM	12	\$805.00
Loose Coins		\$20.00
Office	12	\$1,430.00
Online	22	\$959.00
Maintenance		\$125.00
Main Collection	519	\$8,838.00
CHD collection		\$409.00
Candles		\$263.00
Special Collection		\$330.00
Total		\$9,510.00

REPENTANCE AND PREPARATION

"I had gone a-begging from door to door in a village path, when thy golden chariot appeared in the distance like a gorgeous dream, and I wondered who was this King of all Kings! My hopes rose high and me-thought my evil days were at an end, and I stood waiting for alms to be given unasked and for wealth scattered on all sides in the dust. The chariot stopped where I stood. Thy glance fell on me and thou camest down with a smile. I felt that the luck of my life had come at last! Then, of a sudden, thou didst hold out thy right hand and say, "What hast thou to give to me?" Ah, what a kingly jest it was to open thy palm to a beggar to beg! I was confused, and stood undecided, and then from my wallet I slowly took out the least little grain of corn and gave to thee. But how great my surprise when at the day's end, I emptied my bag on the floor to find the least little gram of gold among the poor heap. I bitterly wept and wished that I had the heart to give thee my all."

— Rabindranath Tagore

Tagore's poem about a beggar might seem "nice" at first glance, the story of an unlikely exchange with a traveling king and a village beggar, which left the latter in tears at his home. But this story can help us understand today's Gospel during Advent.

The story of John the Baptist is familiar to all of us: the cousin of Jesus, dressed rather haggardly, preaching and baptizing before the Messiah. But we might have glossed over one simple line in today's text which might be likened to the proverbial record-scratch at a poignant moment, "Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance" (v. 8). How, during the merriment of the 'most wonderful time of the year,' do we do this? The word "repentance" is rendered *μετάνοια* (*metanoia*) in Greek and means "a change of mind." Many of us might not realize that the liturgical season of Advent is also a penitential season. In our monastic community, we liken Advent to Lent, but with some sugar sprinkled on top!! It is certainly difficult to sense a penitential liturgical season amidst the rampant consumerism during the season. Precisely for this reason do the Church's penitential seasons prepare us for a solemn celebration of our faith. Advent prepares us for Christmas, just like Lent prepares us for Easter. The preparations involve repentance of some kind.



The prophet's words that stung the hearts of his listeners should also sting our hearts today. What is the good fruit that can evidence our repentance – a sign of our effort making preparations – during Advent so that we can experience a deeper immersion into the mystery of Jesus' incarnation that we will celebrate on December 25 and throughout the Christmas liturgical season? We know that the real merriment of Christmas is not in receiving gifts, but in giving them, and watching our loved ones delight in our present. And yes, we know about the ultimate gift that Jesus gives to us in becoming human ... hence, the reason for the season ... he who is the only gateway for us to become who we really are meant to be. So, if Jesus himself is his gift to us – and we do indeed delight in that gift of himself – what gift will we give to Jesus in return this Christmas? And will it delight him?

Would it be a mere "little grain of corn" – the meager response of miserly beggar – to a divine request for alms, who, even in his poverty, thought it generous to give from the insignificance of his pocket rather than from wealth of his heart? We know that nine months before Jesus' birth, the Blessed Mother gave her fiat in response to the angel's invitation, a gift of total surrender to the divine will. We also read that a few days after Jesus' birth, three wise men and their entourage come from the East, having traveled many miles for quite some time, bearing gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. All of these are costly gifts, indeed. Perhaps, our experience of preparations (i.e., *metanoia*, or repentance) this Advent could produce a good fruit that will indeed delight the Baby Jesus. I don't think Baby Jesus wants some gift that can be bought online or from a store, but rather, a comfortable space in the manger of your heart where he can rest his head this season. What interior preparations will you undertake – as costly as they may be – to prepare a suitable place for the Christ Child to lay his sweet head?

— Br. John-Marmion Villa



**St Bartholomew Church
invites You to our
CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**December 10th, 2022
7:00 PM to 11:00 PM
in the Parish Hall**

**\$25 Donation
Dinner/Dancing/Music
Caribbean Sounds of Angela & Mike**

There will be a Cash Bar

Sponsored by
Knights of Columbus
Holy Spirit 6032
Proceeds go to various charities

How did the celebration of Advent come about?



The liturgical season of Advent marks the time of spiritual preparation by the faithful before Christmas. Advent begins on the Sunday closest to the Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle (Nov. 30). It spans four Sundays and four weeks of preparation, although the last week of Advent is usually truncated because of when Christmas falls. (For instance, this year, the fourth Sunday of Advent is obviously on Sunday, and then that evening is Christmas Eve.)

The celebration of Advent has evolved in the spiritual life of the Church. The historical origins of Advent are hard to determine with great precision. In its earliest form, beginning in France, Advent was a period of preparation for the Feast of the Epiphany, a day when converts were baptized; so the Advent preparation was very similar to Lent with an emphasis on prayer and fasting which lasted three weeks and later was expanded to 40 days. In 380, the local Council of Saragossa, Spain, established a three-week fast before Epiphany. Inspired by the Lenten regulations, the local Council of Macon, France, in 581 designated that from Nov. 11 (the Feast of St. Martin of Tours) until Christmas fasting would be required on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Eventually, similar practices spread to England. In Rome, the Advent preparation did not appear until the sixth century, and was viewed as a preparation for Christmas with less of a penitential bent.

The Church gradually more formalized the celebration of Advent. The Gelasian Sacramentary, traditionally attributed to Pope St. Gelasius I (d. 496), was the first to provide Advent liturgies for five Sundays. Later, Pope St. Gregory I (d. 604) enhanced these liturgies composing prayers, antiphons, readings, and responses. Pope St. Gregory VII (d. 1095) later reduced the number of Sundays in Advent to four. Finally, about the ninth century, the Church designated the first Sunday of Advent as the beginning of the Church year.

(Excerpt from The Liturgical Season of Advent by Fr. William Saunders)

11 Days Fatima, Lourdes & Santiago Pilgrimage with Fr Andrew September 19 - 29, 2023

There has been a great interest
in our upcoming pilgrimage.
We ask that you please secure your place.
By filling out the necessary form and
making your deposit of \$500,
you will reserve your spot on the trip.
Do it today!!!



Radical Humility

This moment is spiritually demanding. Our eyes tell us that we are only looking at a simple piece of unleavened bread. Yet through the Church, the Holy Spirit tells us that there is something far more powerful here—Someone powerful is here. Pilate and the soldiers see in Jesus only a wounded criminal; accordingly, they go about their grim duties. How wrong they are!



This is the Eternal King, who comes among us as a humble carpenter. The judge of all is judged and condemned. God is so humble! He becomes the Bread of Life; bread and wine are transformed into his Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity at every Mass as he offers himself in the Eucharist. For Pilate, Christ's humility was an indication that he was not God.

For us, his humility shows the depth of his divine love for us.

"I'm talking to the Body of Christ, the Church, as I behold the Body of Christ, the Eucharist. I'm holding Christ in my hands, lifting Jesus so that all may behold him."

Oh Come, Let Us Adore Him

Soon we will begin the season of Advent. We celebrate the mystery of God becoming man for us, taking flesh in the womb of our Mother Mary. Here, too, God was often overlooked, ignored, and rejected. The innkeeper offered no room to the Christ Child. Herod tried to kill this newborn king, seeing him as a rival and enemy. But Mary welcomed him with an open heart. Joseph accepted him as his adopted Son. The shepherds honored him. The three kings adored him. Children and beggars rejoiced at his coming.

Behold our King. With Mother Mary, we look upon him with love. We see Jesus truly present in the Eucharist. We behold him and adore him.

Fr. Joe Laramie, SJ is the national director of the Apostleship of Prayer (the Pope's Prayer Network). He is also a National Eucharistic Preacher for the Eucharistic Revival and the author of the new book, *Love Him Ever More: a 9-Day Personal Retreat with the Sacred Heart of Jesus* [Ave Maria Press, 2022].



Funeral Planning

A representative from Fred Hunter's funeral home will offer a seminar not only on how to plan a funeral but also telling your family about important documents and how to access them.

**Thursday, December 1st
at 1PM in the church**

*Talking about and planning
for death is a part of life.*



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my Bottle**

Charismatic Prayer Meeting

Do you desire to:

Learn more about the Gifts of the Holy Spirit as listed in 1 Corinthians 12?

Receive healing prayer for yourself or loved ones?

Experience joyous music and song and reading of God's Word?

***Grow in a deep relationship with Jesus Christ and understanding
of why we should read the Bible every day?***

Pray for the many great and terrible problems of this World?

***Come and join us to Praise and Worship the Lord. Psalm 95.
God encourages us to express freely our praise,
thanksgiving and worship to Him.***

**Wednesday evenings at
7:30 PM in the church**

ETERNAL REST: The Art of Dying Well is now available on FORMED!

We are excited to announce a new series that we can all watch throughout the month of November as we remember our loved ones and think of our own mortality.



We all have very real questions about death. What happens when we die? What does Scripture teach about death? How do we prepare for the life to come? Watch *Eternal Rest*, a four-part film series exploring the mystery of death and the promise of everlasting life—the latest offering of the Augustine Institute.

Each of the four 30-minute episodes approaches the subject from a Catholic perspective, leading viewers from the origin of death to Jesus Christ's final victory at the Cross and Resurrection. In addition to watching the film series, available in both English and Spanish, viewers can explore EternalRest.org for practical resources, including 60+ videos of experts answering common questions about end-of-life medical care, funerals, legal documents, grief, and more.

https://watch.formed.org/eternal-rest/season:1/videos/the-story-of-death-eternal-rest-episode-1?utm_source=cio&utm_medium=broadcast&utm_campaign=eternalrest-promo&utm_content=body_button_watch

