

Westwood Updates

December 8th is extra special

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is the day Sister Maria Nativity chose to come to Westwood, much to our grateful hearts. You will find evidence in our pics of Sister Naty's ability to decorate with whatever she finds, bringing us endless joy.



The Kings' Candidate

Chris Siu-Ling Lee, originally from Hong Kong, is embraced by Sr. Clare Frances, Abbess, and Sr. Mary Veronica, Formation Directress. Chris studied here for 12 years and is an American citizen. Chris entered our community to begin her postulancy on the Solemnity of Epiphany.



Chinese New Year

Now we have a special reason to celebrate Chinese New Year big. Karen, our wonderful cook, presented an appropriate Chinese dinner and desserts for the occasion. A Happy start to 2025 for all of us.



Oh! What a gift, what a wonderful gift!

Montana's closing was a heartbreaker, but Oh! what a gift! Our hearts sang as Sister Judith Ann Crosby from the Montana Monastery came to join our community.



Vestments in Demand!

Sister Mary is kept busy making vestments with new customers as well as our JP regulars. Sister is also our bird lady – scattering crumbs outside our refectory windows, much to our delight in seeing the birds enjoy their spread while we have ours.



And we wait . . .

We have been well received here. Phones are busy and people enjoy our beautiful grounds and gift shop. The mound for our St. Francis statue from JP is ready. We are short on rooms now, but by the time you read this, construction should have begun for the addition of 12 rooms needed for the sisters joining us. A new larger chapel will follow. We can only pray that there are no further delays. Anyone who hopes to build anything these days has to brush up on the spirituality of waiting.

[*The Stature of Waiting*, by H.W. Vanstone. Morehouse Publishing, 1882.]



We wish you all -

JOY in OUR RISEN JESUS!

Poor Clares of Westwood