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3rd Sunday of Advent

December 13th, 2015

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Welcoming New Parishioners:

We warmly welcome all new members to our parish family. We would like to get to know and serve you. In order to do so please fill out a registration form available in the church foyer or contact the parish office.

Sunday Masses:

Sat. 5:00 pm English

Sun. 9:00 am English

11:00 am Bilingual

Weekday Liturgies:

Please refer to a recent bulletin for updates for the current week.

Sacrament of

Reconciliation:

Sat. 4:30 - 4:50 pm

Sun. 8:30 - 8:50 am

10:30 - 10:50 am

or upon appointment

Baptism:

1st Full weekend of the month. Except during Lent and Advent.

Call the parish office for more info and registration.

Marriage/Wedding:

Please call the parish office At least SIX months in advance of your chosen date and before any other arrangement is made.

Sacrament of the Sick:

Please contact the Parish Office. In urgent cases please call a priest.

God's love for us is self-giving and unconditional, surpassing human love.

Jesus uses words that are analogous to human relationships to describe God's relationship to us: he calls him "Father" and us "sons and daughters." When Jesus uses such words and images, it is important to remember that God's love surpasses all love found in human relationships. God loves us unconditionally, with total giving of self, and desires nothing more than for us to be in love with him and to love others as a sign of that love.

The first reading from Zephaniah reminds the Israelites not to be discouraged, for the Lord will rejoice over them and renew them in his love. The second reading reminds us to rejoice in the Lord always. In the Gospel, John the Baptist prepares the way for Jesus as he teaches that one mightier than him who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire – is coming.

OUR JOURNEY TOWARDS CHRISTMAS

ADVENT SEASON



CHRISTMAS EVE - Thursday , Dec. 24th - 5:00 pm 7:30 pm 10:00 pm

CHRISTMAS DAY - Friday , Dec. 25th - 10:00 am

FEAST OF HOLY FAMILY - Saturday, Dec. 26th - 5:00 pm
- Sunday, Dec. 27th - 9:00 am 11:00 am



NEW YEAR'S EVE - Thursday, Dec.31st - 5:00 pm

NEW YEAR'S DAY - Friday, Jan.1st - 10:00 am

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - Saturday, Jan. 2nd 2016 - 5:00 pm
- Sunday, Jan 3rd 2016 - 9:00 am 11:00 am

Fundraising for the Future

Our Parish is getting an early start on fundraising for our future parish hall. In this time of transition and planning, the Hall Future Committee that is working towards our goals now puts forth some fundraising ideas. Our first fundraising is the sale of **grocery gift cards** available at all the Masses twice a month, and at the Parish Office. You are invited to buy these cards to use them to pay for your groceries to help our parish – you still get your Airmiles, etc. All the proceeds will go towards our new parish hall as that project advances. Thank you for your consideration , and yes, they make great stocking stuffers!



Knights of Columbus Christmas Hampers

The Knights of Columbus, St. Anne Council, on behalf of St. Jean Baptiste Parish and the Morinville Food Bank, are pleased to announce that they will be coordinating the “Christmas Hamper Project” for Morinville and district. Last year 103 hampers containing food and numerous children’s toys and gifts were distributed to needy families in our community as well as the Mearns and RQB areas. The success of this project relies on the generosity and co-operation of the churches, service groups, businesses, and countless individuals in our communities.

The Knights of Columbus welcome your support through donations of food and children’s toys and gifts to the following drop off sites: Bumper to Bumper/Home Hardware, Our Place (FCSS Town of Morinville), Sobeys, Scotia Bank, Royal Bank, Servus Credit Union and the No Frills Store. Resident’s are reminded to donate foods that are nutritious and children’s gifts that are new or in excellent condition (unwrapped please). Financial contributions may be directed to the office at the St. Jean Baptiste Parish or Bumper to Bumper to Bumper Cheques are to be made to St. Jean Baptiste Parish (receipts will be issued) and the moneys will be used to purchase potatoes, meat, fresh fruit and other staples for the hampers. Individuals and families who are eligible to receive Christmas hampers are contacted by Social Services. Anyone who requires assistance should phone 939-3953 (Mid-Stream Thrift Store) or 939-4361 (Town of Morinville). Residents of Morinville who are aware of individuals or families in need of assistance should not hesitate to phone on their behalf. Those who are eligible to receive Christmas Hampers and/or gifts should phone one of the numbers listed above **NO LATER THAN Friday December 18th**. The distribution of the hampers is planned for Monday, December 21, 2015 at the Rendezvous Centre between 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm.



“Ladies Dinner Meeting”

We would love for you to join us at the “Bistro di Madre Piccola” downtown Morinville on Thursday Jan 7/16 at 6:00 to kick off 2016 together. There will be **NO MEETING ON Dec 3/15** so we look forward to reconvening in the New Year with a ‘Ladies Dinner Meeting’ to share some ideas, hear some points of view and have some laughs! Please RSVP to sblackburn@gsacrd.ab.ca

“CWL Memberships”

If you have a friend, daughter, neighbor, niece or sister that might be interested in finding out what our CWL is all about, please invite them to our Ladies Dinner Meeting on Jan 7/16. We are always looking for new members, new ideas, new friendships!

2016 Memberships are now due. Please put your \$25.00 membership in the collection basket at church or give it to one of the executive members of the CWL. If you have any questions please call Sandee Blackburn 780-863-5199.

Christmas Ministry Sign – Up

The sign-up sheet for the Christmas and New Year’s Masses is available on the bulletin board at the back of the church.

There are some Catholic Art 2016 calendars from Connelly McKinley Funeral homes. They are available at the back of the church.

There are some Sunday Missals available to purchase for those who would like to have their own copy the missal price is \$5.00 there is an envelope beside the Missals at the back of the church.

Masses For The Week

Day	Time	Mass Intention	Feast
Dec 12 Sat - sam	5:00 pm	RIP Cyril & Lorraine Pittman – Cyril & Anne Pittman	3 rd
Dec 13 Sun - dim	9:00 am	RIP Herman & Germaine Bauwens – Paulette, Elaine & Darlene	Sunday of Advent
	11:00 am	Deceased Members of our Parish	
Dec 15 Tues - mar	8:30 am	RIP E. Comeau - Angie	
Dec 16 Wed - mer	10:00 am 7:00 pm	(Lodge) For Parishioners (Church) NO MASS	
Dec 17 Thurs - jeu	10:00 am	(Aspen) RIP Auguste Champagne - Family	
Dec 18 Fri - ven	8:30 am	RIP Cecile Demers - Angie	
Dec 19 Sat - sam	5:00 pm	Deceased Bulger Family – George & Rachel	4 th
Dec 20 Sun - dim	9:00 am	RIP Noel Vansevenandt - Family	Sunday of Advent
	11:00 am	RIP Ted – Marge & Family	

PLEASE PRAY FOR... Kiah Courtney, Irene Dupuis, Louise Dubois, Leo Brochu, Florence Vranas. All those who are sick or struggling; who are going through any medical procedures and treatments.

Community Christmas Concert at our Parish on **Thursday, December 17th at 7:30 pm**

Envelopes for 2016 are ready and thank you for picking them up. If you are not registered to the parish or do not have envelopes, and would like to receive a new box, please fill out the Registration Form available where the envelopes are located. You can also ask the hospitality members that are handing out the envelopes. Please use the 2016 envelopes starting in 2016.

Donations for 2015 If you would like to make a donation for 2015 in order to have it included in the 2015 receipts please do that by December 29th. Donations after that date will be for 2016.

Readers There are still some 2016 Workbook for Lectors available for purchase for any readers who wish to buy this book. The cost is \$10.00.

COLLECTIONS – QUÊTES

December 6th \$ 3833.00
Restoration \$ 465.00

THANK YOU! MERCI!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dust Angels

December 14th , Monday 8:00 am

- Church