

PAROISSE ST. JEAN BAPTISTE PARISH BULLETIN



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First Sunday of Advent

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.

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What is Advent and why is it very important to us as Catholics?

Happy New Year! No, it is not January 1! The liturgical year does not match New Year's Day, the beginning of the calendar year, nor July 1, the beginning of the fiscal year for many organizations. The Church year is distinctive. It always begins on the first Sunday of Advent, and with it comes a shift in the cycle of readings. The feast of Christ the King signaled the end of Ordinary Time.

Advent is the four-week liturgical season that precedes Christmas. The term "Advent" is derived from the Latin word *adventus* which means "coming," and it focuses not only on the past coming of Jesus on the first Christmas; but also on the present coming of Jesus in the gospels, the sacraments, other people, prayer, love, truth, and personal experience; and the future coming of Jesus at the Second or Final Coming at the end of the world, the Parousia or the Last Judgment.

Advent is not Lent or a miniature version of Lent. In fact, the two seasons are extremely different. Advent stresses hope and joy, Lent stresses penance and sorrow; Advent emphasizes what we need to add to our lives (e.g., grace, light, joy), while Lent emphasizes what we need to remove (i.e., sin); Advent lasts for four Sundays and 28 days, Lent lasts for six Sundays and forty days; Advent is a liturgical season, Lent is an ascetical season (i.e., fasting, almsgiving, prayer, acts of charity); Advent stresses preparation with festivity, Lent stresses preparation with sackcloth and ashes; Advent features the prophet Isaiah, Lent features the prophet Jeremiah.

The main saint of Advent is John the Baptist. He is "the prophet of the Most High" (Lk 1:76), the immediate forerunner of Jesus, and the link between the Old Testament prophets and Jesus himself. His story is recounted on the Second and Third Sundays of Advent. The Baptist was the voice crying out in the desert, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths" (Is 40:3; Mt 3:3), which is what we are called to do during this holy season. He also directed peoples' attention from himself to Jesus and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God" (Jn 1:29,36), and made one of the momentous statements in the gospels as he declared, "He [Jesus] must increase; I must decrease" (Jn 3:30). If we hope to have a spiritually profitable Advent, we, like the Baptist, must diminish, while Jesus increases in power and brilliance in our lives.(catholicspirit.com)

Sacraments

Baptism:

Last Sunday of the month at mass. Please the parish office for more info and registration.

Reconciliation:

Sat. 4:30 - 4:50 pm

Sun. 8:30 - 8:50 am

10:30 - 10:50 am

or upon appointment

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. After Hours for Emergencies Only

780-645-9749.

Sunday Masses

Sat 05:00 PM English

Sun 09:00 AM English

11:00 AM Bilingual

Weekday Masses

Tue 8:30 AM Church

Wed 10:00 AM Heritage Place

Wed 5:00 PM Church

Thu 5:00 PM Church

Fri 8:30 AM Church

1st Friday of the Month

9:00-10:00AM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY	28-Nov	5:00 PM	RIP Linda Charest Fawcett—Yvette Cote
SUNDAY	29-Nov	9:00 AM	For Parishioners
	29-Nov	11:00 AM	RIP Margaret, Donald and Kieran Earles—Pat and Kim
TUESDAY	1-Dec	8:30 AM	RIP Henry Chalifoux—Maxine and Family
WEDNESDAY	2-Dec	5:00 PM	Special Intention for Richard Patterson
THURSDAY	3-Dec	5:00 PM	RIP Hormidas Houle—Irma and Family
FRIDAY	4-Dec	8:30 AM	Deceased Devolder Family—J.M

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE PRAY FOR... Emilienne Dostie, Braden Rowland. Those that are infected by Covid –19 and all those who are sick or struggling and who are going through any medical procedures and treatments.

MIDNIGHT MASS and CHRISTMAS DAY MASS Schedule

Due to Covid-19 we will be putting on the registration for the Midnight mass and Christmas Day early. We will be asking you to please register ahead so that we can plan well the celebration. We are also appealing volunteers that will help us in the cleaning and sanitation, ushers and greeters. The schedule of the mass are the following: **5:00 PM, 7:30 PM, 9:00 PM and 11:30 PM**

SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES

The Sunday offering envelopes is ready to be ready for pick this weekend. Those that are registered for the weekend masses your envelopes will be given to you at the Church. All other envelope holders your boxes will be available for pick up at the office. **Please do not use these envelopes till 2021.** If you do not currently have envelopes and would like one please call the parish office.

“We are Ordering Perpetual Care Scrolls “

January 5 2021, St Jean Baptiste will afford the parishioners the opportunity to ensure your legacy with a **Perpetual Care Scroll**, in your name , or in memory of a loved one. It will be mounted on the Wall of Perpetual Care located in the St Jean Baptiste Cemetery. Cost for each Scroll is \$500.00 , receipts will be issued. Make cheque’s payable to **St Jean Baptiste Parish Perpetual Care**. For More Information: Call Lil Boddez 780 939 3259 or email glboddez@shaw.ca

Sunday Missal for 2020-2021

We have received the New Missal for the Year 2020-2021! We ordered less than half we normally order as we cannot put them in the pews. If you would like to have a copy they will only be available at the Parish Office. The cost is \$5.00

First Eucharist 2020

Just an update in regards to the First Eucharist after having the catechetical formation of our children, we will have a celebration of the Holy Eucharist this coming **December 6, 2020 at 12:15** where they will receive the Holy Eucharist for the very First time. We would like to express our gratitude to these children, their parents and to Marlene Pelletier for their time and their effort.

COVID 19 Protocol

To follow new COVID 19 protocols of our town please ensure that you wear **mask at all times, sanitize hands upon entry and exit and observe social distancing** in our liturgical celebrations.

Knights of Columbus Christmas Hampers

Now more than ever because of this unprecedented time we are living the members of the Knights of Columbus is appealing to your generous hearts for Christmas Hampers that will be given to our less fortunate and in need members of our community. Our sincere gratitude for your continuous support in this endeavour.



11-Oct-20	COLLECTION	\$ 4,165
	RESTORATION	\$ 400
	KofC CHRISTMAS HAMPERS	\$ 750

THANK YOU !