

PAROISSE ST. JEAN BAPTISTE PARISH BULLETIN



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Second 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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Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!

Last Sunday we began Advent with the call to be vigilant; today, the Second Sunday of this season of preparation for Christmas, the liturgy indicates to us its proper content: it is a time to recognize the *shortcomings* in our life, to *smooth out the roughness* of pride and to make room for Jesus who comes.

The Prophet Isaiah addresses the people, proclaiming the end of the Exile in Babylon and the return to Jerusalem. He prophesies: *"A voice cries: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord... Every valley shall be lifted up'"* (40:3-4). The valleys to be lifted up represent all the shortcomings of our behaviour before God, all our sins of omission. One shortcoming in our life could be the fact that we do not pray or that we pray little. Advent is thus a favourable time to pray with greater intensity, to reserve to the spiritual life the important place it deserves. Another shortcoming could be a lack of charity for our neighbour, above all toward people most in need of help, not only material, but also spiritual. We are called to be more attentive, closer, to the needs of others. Like John the Baptist, in this way we can open the ways of hope in the desert of the barren hearts of many people.

"Every mountain and hill shall be made low" (cf. v. 4), Isaiah again exhorts. The mountains and hills that must be made low are pride, arrogance, insolence. Where there is pride, where there is insolence, where there is arrogance, the Lord cannot enter because that heart is full of pride, of insolence, of arrogance. For this reason, we must allay this pride. We must take on attitudes of meekness and humility, without reproach, to listen, to speak with meekness and thus to prepare for the coming of our Saviour, He who is meek and humble of heart (cf. Mt 11:29). Then we are asked to eliminate all obstacles that we set against our union with the Lord: *"the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed"* — says Isaiah — *"and all flesh shall see it together"* (40:4-5). These actions, however, must be performed with joy, because they are designed in preparation for the coming of Jesus. At home, when we await the visit of a dear person, we prepare everything with care and gladness. In the same way, we want to prepare ourselves for the coming of the Lord: to await him each day attentively, so as to be filled by his grace when he comes. The Saviour whom we await is able to transform our life with his grace, with the power of the Holy Spirit, with the power of love. The Holy Spirit, in fact, infuses our hearts with God's love, the inexhaustible source of purification, of new life and freedom. The Virgin Mary fully lived this reality, allowing herself to be 'baptized' by the Holy Spirit who inundated her with his power. May she, who prepared for the coming of Christ with the totality of her existence, help us to follow her example and may she guide our steps to the coming Lord.

SOURCE: http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2017/documents/papa-francesco_angelus_20171210.html

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	5-Dec	5:00 PM	For Parishioners
SUNDAY	6-Dec	9:00 AM	RIP Pauline Kolesar - Ron, Eileen, Marlene and Family
	6-Dec	11:00 AM	RIP Eugene Cassie—Family
TUESDAY	8-Dec	8:30 AM	Special Intention—Friend
WEDNESDAY	9-Dec	5:00 PM	Deceased Houle Family—J.M
THURSDAY	10-Dec	5:00 PM	Deceased Clergy of the Diocese of St. Paul
FRIDAY	11-Dec	8:30 AM	Special Intention—Friend
SATURDAY	12-Dec	5:00 PM	Thanksgiving Most Rev Paul Terrio Episcopal Anniversary
SUNDAY	13-Dec	9:00 AM	RIP Roger Van Hecke—Judy and Family
SUNDAY	13-Dec	11:00 AM	RIP Claude Huot—Irene and Family

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 the Christmas Day MASS will be at 10:00 AM**

SIMBANG GABI (NOVENA MASS for CHRISTMAS)

In preparation for Christmas we will have the traditional **SIMBANG GABI (Novena MASS for Christmas)** starting this **December 15, 2020 until December 23, 2020** the Novena Mass will be at **6:00 PM**, except for **Saturday(s)** it will be at **5:00 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.

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.



We welcome **Colt Blanchette** to our Church who will be baptized this coming December 6, 2020

Congratulation to the Children receiving their **First Communion** this coming December 6, 2020

11-Oct-20	COLLECTION	\$ 3,045
	RESTORATION	\$ 100
	KofC CHRISTMAS HAMPERS	\$ 550

THANK YOU !