

# PAROISSE ST. JEAN BAPTISTE PARISH BULLETIN



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December 13, 2020

Third 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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*Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!*

Today we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent, which is characterized by Saint Paul's invitation: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.... The Lord is at hand" (Phil 4:4-5). It is not a superficial or purely emotional cheerfulness that the Apostle exhorts, nor is it the cheerfulness of worldliness or of consumerism. No, it is not that, but rather, it entails a more authentic joy, the taste of which we are called to rediscover. The taste of true joy. It is a joy that touches our innermost being, as we await Jesus, who has already come to bring salvation to the world, the promised Messiah, born in Bethlehem of the Virgin Mary. The liturgy of the Word offers us the appropriate context for understanding and living out this joy. Isaiah speaks of wilderness, of dry land, of plains (cf. 35:1); the Prophet has before him weak hands, feeble knees, fearful hearts, people who are blind, deaf and dumb (cf. vv. 3-6). The context of this situation is desolation, an inexorable fate without God.

But finally salvation is proclaimed: "Be strong, fear not!" — the Prophet says — "Behold, your God.... He will come and save you" (cf. Is 35:4). And straight away everything is transformed: the desert blooms, comfort and joy permeate hearts (cf. vv. 5-6). These signs proclaimed by Isaiah as signs of salvation which is already present; they are fulfilled in Jesus. He himself affirms it by responding to the messengers sent by John the Baptist — what does Jesus say to these messengers? "The blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up" (Mt 11:5). They are not words, but are facts which demonstrate how salvation, brought by Jesus, seizes the human being and regenerates him. God has entered history in order to free us from the slavery of sin; he set his tent in our midst in order to share our existence, to heal our lesions, to bind our wounds and to give us new life. Joy is the fruit of this intervention of God's salvation and love.

We are called to let ourselves be drawn in by the feeling of exultation. This exultation, this joy.... But a Christian who isn't joyful is a Christian who is lacking something, or else is not a Christian! It is heartfelt joy, the joy within which leads us forth and gives us courage. The Lord comes, he comes into our life as a liberator; he comes to free us from all forms of interior and exterior slavery. It is he who shows us the path of faithfulness, of patience and of perseverance because, upon his return, our joy will be overflowing. Christmas is near, the signs of his approach are evident along our streets and in our houses; here too, in Saint Peter's Square, the Nativity scene has been placed with the tree beside it. These outward signs invite us to welcome the Lord who always comes and knocks at our door, knocks at our heart, in order to draw near to us; he invites us to recognize his footsteps among the brothers and sisters who pass beside us, especially the weakest and most needy.

Today we are called to rejoice for the imminent coming of our Redeemer; and we are called to share this joy with others, giving comfort and hope to the poor, the sick, and to people who are lonely and unhappy. May the Virgin Mary, the "handmaid of the Lord", help us to hear God's voice in prayer and to serve him with compassion in our brothers, so as to be prepared for the Christmas appointment, preparing our hearts to welcome Jesus. ([http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2016/documents/papa-francesco\\_angelus\\_20161211.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2016/documents/papa-francesco_angelus_20161211.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

## 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month

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

| MASSES FOR THE WEEK |        |          |   |
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| SATURDAY            | 12-Dec | 5:00 PM  | For Parishioners  |
| SUNDAY              | 13-Dec | 9:00 AM  | RIP Roger Van Hecke - Judy and Family                     |
|                     | 13-Dec | 11:00 AM | RIP Cloud Hout — Irene and Family                         |
| TUESDAY             | 15-Dec | 8:30 AM  | Deceased MacMillan Family—JM                              |
| WEDNESDAY           | 16-Dec | 5:00 PM  | Deceased Clergy of the diocese of Catarman                |
| THURSDAY            | 17-Dec | 5:00 PM  | Deceased Clergy of the Diocese of St. Paul                |
| FRIDAY              | 18-Dec | 8:30 AM  | Deceased Boissonault and Brennies Family—Shirley          |
| SATURDAY            | 19-Dec | 5:00 PM  | Deceased Bulger Family—Rachel and Family                  |
| SUNDAY              | 20-Dec | 9:00 AM  | RIP Oscar and Katherine Hittinger—Jerry, Carol and Family |
| SUNDAY              | 20-Dec | 11:00 AM | For Parishioners  |

**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 only allowed to have 15% of the capacity of the Church. 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 and 12:00 noon**

**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. We are only allowed to have 15% of the capacity of the Church.

**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 **Isabella Scott** to our Church who was baptized last December 9, 2020

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| 11-Oct-20 | COLLECTION             | \$ 9,319 |
|           | RESTORATION            | \$ 3,710 |
|           | KofC CHRISTMAS HAMPERS | \$ 2,940 |

THANK YOU !