

PAROISSE ST. JEAN BAPTISTE PARISH BULLETIN



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Fourth 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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Happy 4th week of Advent!



Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good Morning!

This Sunday just before Christmas, we listen to the Gospel of the Annunciation (cf. Lk 1:26-38). In this Gospel passage, we notice a contrast between the promises of the angel and Mary's response. This contrast is manifested in the *dimension* and *content* of the expressions of the two protagonists. The angel says to Mary: "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever" (vv. 30-33). It is a *long* revelation which opens unprecedented possibilities. The Child that will be born to this humble girl from Nazareth will be called Son of the Most High. It is not possible to conceive of a higher dignity than this. And after Mary's question in which she asks for an explanation, the angel's revelation becomes even more detailed and surprising.

On the other hand, Mary's reply is a *short* sentence that does not speak of glory. It does not speak of privilege but only of willingness and service: "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word" (v. 38). The *content* is also different. Mary does not exalt herself before the prospect of becoming the mother of the Messiah, but rather remains modest and expresses her acceptance of the Lord's plan. Mary does not boast. She is humble and modest. She always remains the same. This contrast is meaningful. It makes us understand that Mary is truly humble and does not try to be noticed. She recognizes that she is small before God and she is happy to be so. At the same time, she is aware that the fulfilment of God's plan depends on her response, and that therefore she is called to accept it with her whole being.

In this circumstance, Mary's behaviour corresponds perfectly to that of the Son of God when he comes into the world. He wants to become the Servant of the Lord, to put himself at the service of humanity to fulfil the Father's plan. Mary says: "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord"; and the Son of God upon entering the world says: "Lo, I have come to do thy will, O God" (Heb 10:7). Mary's attitude fully mirrors this statement by the Son of God who also becomes the son of Mary. Thus Our Lady shows that she is in perfect accord with God's plan. Furthermore she reveals herself as a disciple of his Son, and in the *Magnificat*, she will be able to proclaim that God has "exalted those of low degree" (Lk 1:52) because with her humble and generous response, she has obtained great joy and also great glory.

As we admire our Mother for this response to God's call to mission, we ask her to help each of us to welcome God's plan into our lives with sincere humility and brave generosity. (Pope Francis)

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	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
	20-Dec	11:00 AM	For Parishioners
TUESDAY	22-Dec	8:30 AM	RIP John Bulger—Irma and Family
WEDNESDAY	23-Dec	5:00 PM	Thanksgiving for answered prayers—J. M
THURSDAY	24-Dec	5:00 PM	RIP Roger Champagne—Lorette
FRIDAY	25-Dec	10:00 AM	RIP Paul Boissonnault—Shirley
SATURDAY	26-Dec	5:00 PM	Special Intention for Gary Freitas
SUNDAY	27-Dec	9:00 AM	RIP Michael (Shakey) Sinclair
SUNDAY	27-Dec	11:00 AM	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 the registration for the **Midnight mass** and **Christmas Day** is almost full. We are only allowed to have 15% of the capacity of the Church and that is 88 people. The mass for **5:00 PM, 7:30 PM, 9:00 PM** are of capacity already. **11:30 PM, Christmas Day MASS at 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM** can still accommodate please register ahead if you want to attend. The doors of the Church will also be locked when mass starts. We also ask that if your not registered to just watch the service online.

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

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% (88)of the capacity of the Church. Doors will be closed once liturgical celebrations starts already. If you're not registered just watch the celebration online or in your Television.

RECONCILIATION /CONFESSION

This coming Monday **December 21, 2020** there will be Penitential Service from **4:00 to 5:30 PM** priests will be available for confession

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 **Sophia Barry** to our Church who was baptized last December 20, 2020

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

THANK YOU !