
St Patrick's Parish Bulletin



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**First Sunday of Advent
November 30th & December 1st, 2019**

"Blessed be the True One Who came from the Father of the Truth and fulfilled the true seers' words, which were accomplished in their truth. From your treasure-house put forth, Lord, from the coffer of Your Scriptures, names of righteous men of old, who looked to see Your coming!"

(St Ephrem the Syrian, Deacon,
Doctor of the Church)

Advent
*A Season of Hope
& Expectation*

"Your redemption is drawing near."
(Luke 21: 25-28.34-36)

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	Confessions: They are heard before Mass upon request. The Pastor is also available to hear you every Saturday from 14:30-15:30.

Ministers and servers	Saturday November 30 th 16:00	Sunday December 1 st 10:00	Saturday December 7 th 16:00	Sunday December 8 th 10:00
READERS	Aileen Rose Ruane	Steve Kack	Steven Neatt	Pierre Gagnon
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER		Ron Charest		Steve Kack
SERVERS	Volunteers Needed	Gagnon family	Volunteers Needed	Gagnon family
USHERS	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
OFFERTORY COLLECTION	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
COFFEE ASSISTANCE	N/A	Volunteers Needed	N/A	Volunteers Needed



The Collections for the weekend of November 23rd and 24th, including the collection from St. Brigid's Home was \$633.40. We thank you for your continuing generosity.

Mass			Mass Intentions	
Day	Date	Liturgy	For	From
Saturday	November 30 th (16:00)	First Sunday of advent	Murphy family living and deceased	Mary Lou and Ed
Sunday	December 1 st (10:00)	First Sunday of advent	John C. Kane Maria Palladino	J. Kane Her granddaughter
Monday	December 2 nd (11h30)	Advent Weekday		
Tuesday	December 3 rd (11h30)	Saint Francis Xavier		
Wednesday	December 4 th (11h30)	Saint John Damsacene		
Thursday	December 5 th	No Mass	No Mass	No Mass
Friday	December 6 th (11:30)	Saint Nicolas	<i>Pro Populo</i>	
Saturday	December 7 th (16:00)	Second Sunday of Advent	Michael L. Gomez Brian Thomas Holton	Anne Doré Jean Margaret Saville
Sunday	December 8 th (10:00)	Second Sunday of Advent	Maurice Enright Gertrude Edwards Grogan	Paul Enright Helen Pichard

Christmas Masses



Date	Time	Liturgy
December 24 th	16:00 Christmas pageant	Christmas Eve
December 24 th	20:00	Christmas Eve
December 25 th	10:00	Christmas Day
December 31 st	16:00	Holy Mother of God
January 1 st	10:00	Holy Mother of God



We have the **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** before the Saturday Mass. Between 14:30 and 15:30, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed and Father Lussier will be available to hear **Confessions** or for private consultations. **Confessions** are also heard before each Mass upon request. Our families and our Congregation are in great need of prayer; please come and join our Pastor for Adoration.



If you are a young adult and would like to meditate upon the Gospel once a month, I invite you to contact me by phone or by email. Father Lussier



On Sunday December 8th, a Dominican Priest will be here if some of you would like to live the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Christmas. He will be available at 9:30 in the confessional booth.



Ladies, please join us for our annual Membership Tea after Mass in the hall on Dec. 1st. Annual dues of \$25 are being collected by Marie White or Maureen Martineau, by Dec. 22nd. Visit cwl.ca for information about upcoming conventions, our 100th anniversary in 2020 and communiques. Our CWL shop features Christmas cards and items for reasonable prices after Sunday Mass. All Parishioners are invited to our Christmas Tea and Wine Raffle draw Dec. 22. For prayer requests, information or to join, please contact Marie White at 418-254-0510 or mariewhite.qc@gmail.com. ♥ Blessings to all.



Don't forget to get your tickets for the CWL Wine Basket Raffle Dec. 1-22. We appreciate your support. \$2 for one ticket and \$5 for three available after Mass.



Calling on all generous spirits: there is a special Christmas Hamper Collection during mass on Nov 30 and Dec 1. We hope to brighten the celebration for many needy families.

«Stay awake, then, for you do not know on what day your Lord will come»

Today, «just as it was in the time of Noah», people eats, drinks, marry and give in marriage, with the aggravating factor that man takes man, and woman takes woman (cf. Mt 24:37-38). But there are also, as in patriarch Noah's day, saints in the same office and in the same place than the others. And one of them will be taken and the other left, because the Just Judge will come.

We must be awake for «only those who are alert are not taken by surprise» (Benedict XVI). We must be prepared with our love enkindled in our heart, as the torch of the wise virgins. This is precisely what it is all about: there will come the time when we will hear: «Behold, the Bridegroom is here!» (Mt 25:6), Jesus Christ!

His arrival is always causing joy to those who carry the torch fastened in their heart. His coming is something like the parent who lives in a faraway country and writes his family: —when you less expect it, I will be there. From that day on, all is joy in that home: Our Dad is coming! Our model, the Saints, lived like this, “waiting for the Lord to come”.

The Advent is meant to learn to await with peace and love, the Lord who is coming. Nothing of the despair and eagerness typifying the nowadays man. Saint Augustine gives us a good recipe to await: «live your life as you would like your death to be». If we await with love, God will satiate our heart and our hopes.

Stay awake, for you do not know on what day our Lord will come (cf. Mt 24:42). Clean home, pure heart, thoughts and sentiments in Jesus' style. Benedict XVI explains: «To watch means to follow the Lord, to choose what He has chosen, to love what He has loved, to conform one's own life to His». Then the Son of Man will come... and the Father will embrace us for resembling his Son.

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