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# *St Patrick's Parish Bulletin*

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**Third Sunday of Advent  
December 14<sup>th</sup> & December 15<sup>st</sup>, 2019**

This passage is a reminder that the beginning of salvation is already mysteriously present to us, but also yet to be fulfilled. Salvation is already in our midst as manifest in the miraculous deeds of Jesus and in the Church. But salvation is also to be fulfilled in the coming reign of God. Even as we observe our world today, we can find glimpses of God's work among us. Even more, we help to prepare the way for God's kingdom by our words and our deeds. This message is indeed a cause for rejoicing.

*Advent*  
*A Season of Hope  
& Expectation*

*"Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another"*  
(Matthew 11: 2-11)

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	<b>Marriage:</b> Please contact the Pastor.
	<b>Confessions:</b> 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 December 14 <sup>th</sup> 16:00	Sunday December 15 <sup>h</sup> 10:00	Saturday December 21 <sup>th</sup> 16:00	Sunday December 22 <sup>th</sup> 10:00
READERS	Aileen Rose Ruane	Maria Di Giovanni	Steven Neatt	John Haberin
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SERVERS	Volunteers Needed	Gagnon family	Volunteers Needed	Gagnon family
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OFFERTORY COLLECTION	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
COFFEE ASSISTANCE	N/A	Volunteers Needed	N/A	Volunteers Needed



The collection total for the weekend of December 7<sup>rd</sup> and December 8<sup>th</sup>, including the collection from St. Brigid's Home, was \$762.50. We thank you for your continuing generosity.

Mass			Mass Intentions	
Day	Date	Liturgy	For	From
Saturday	December 14 <sup>th</sup> (16:00)	Third Sunday of Advent	Gertrude Edwards Grogan	C.W.L.
Sunday	December 15 <sup>th</sup> (10:00)	Third Sunday of Advent	Richard Dansereau (4 years) Angele Mazurat	Nicole & Daniel Dansereau Andrée Lemieux
Monday	December 16 <sup>th</sup> (11h30)			
Tuesday	December 17 <sup>th</sup> (11h30)			
Wednesday	December 18 <sup>th</sup> (11h30)		Gerard McCauley	Helen & Family
Thursday	December 19 <sup>th</sup>		No Mass	No Mass
Friday	December 20 <sup>th</sup> (11:30)		<i>Pro Populo</i>	
Saturday	December 21 <sup>th</sup> (16:00)	Fourth Sunday of Advent	Hamid Shakibajan John McGarrety	Maria Chalupa & Family McGarrety Family
Sunday	December 22 <sup>th</sup> (10:00)	Fourth Sunday of Advent	Gerry Kenny Theresa Kelly-Church	The Family Kelly and JenKins

### Christmas Masses



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



The St Patrick's Christmas Pageant is coming back this year. We are looking for a few children or teens to play the characters at the 16:00 Mass on December 24<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested please contact the Office or put your name on the registration sheet in the Foyer of the church.



On December 24<sup>th</sup>, there will be a **Christmas concert** at 19:30 before the mass at 20:00.



Save the date: Dec 22 Our Christmas soup event for all parishioners and the raffle draw!!! Our CWL shop features Christmas cards and items for reasonable prices after Sunday Mass. Annual dues of \$25 are being collected by Marie White or Maureen Martineau, also by Dec. 22nd. Visit [cwl.ca](http://cwl.ca) for information about upcoming conventions, our 100th anniversary in 2020 and communiques. For prayer requests, information, or to join, please contact Marie White at 418-254-0510 or [mariewhite.qc@gmail.com](mailto: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.

### «No one greater than John the Baptist has come forward among the sons of women»

Today, as in last Sunday, the Church familiarizes us with the figure of John the Baptist. He had many disciples and a clear and well-differentiated tenet: for the Publicans, for the soldiers, for the Pharisees and Sadducees... His desire was to prepare Messiah's public life. First he sent John and Andrew; today he sends others so they could know Him too. They ask him: «Are you the one who is to come or should we expect someone else?» (Mt 11:3). John certainly knew who Jesus was. He himself bears witness to that: «And I had no knowledge who He was, but He who sent me to give baptism with water said to me, 'The one on whom you see the Spirit coming down and resting, it is he who gives baptism with the Holy Spirit'» (Jn 1:33). And Jesus responds with facts: the blind see, the lame walk...

John had a firm disposition about his way of life and about sticking to the Truth, which, eventually, brought imprisonment and martyrdom to him. Even in his prison he expeditiously speaks to Herod. John teaches us how to combine a firm character with meekness: «The one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie» (Jn 1:27); «He must become greater; I must become less» (Jn 3:30); he exults at the fact Jesus baptizes more disciples than him, as he only considers himself as "the friend who attends the bridegroom" (cf. Jn 3:29).

In short: John teaches us to seriously consider our mission on earth: to be tenacious Christians knowing how to behave as sons of God. We should be asking us: —How did Mary and Joseph prepare themselves for Jesus Christ's birth? How did John prepare Jesus' teachings? How do we prepare ourselves to commemorate it and for the second advent of our Lord at the end of time? As Cyril of Jerusalem said: «We preach not one advent only of Christ, but a second also, far more glorious than the former. For the former gave a view of His patience; but the latter brings with it the crown of a Divine Kingdom».

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