
St Patrick's Parish Bulletin



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**Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 21st & December 22nd, 2019**

This is the last Sunday of our preparation for Christmas, the anniversary of Christ's birth. Like Joseph, we can all feel unworthy of the honor of welcoming him into our hearts and our homes. Let us try to imitate Joseph and Mary, the humblest of the humble, the kindest of the kindly, and the greatest-ever believers in God's goodness and mercy. We can never hope to equal them, but we can follow them humbly, from afar.

Advent
A Season of Hope
& Expectation

"Jesus was born of Mary, who was engaged to Joseph, son of David"
(Matthew 1: 18-24)

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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 December 21 st 16:00	Sunday December 22 nd 10:00	Saturday December 28 th 16:00	Sunday December 29 th 10:00
READERS	Steven Neatt	John Haberin	Steve Kack	Denise Turcot
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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 14th and December 15th, including the collection from St. Brigid's Home, was \$672.50. We thank you for your continuing generosity.

Mass			Mass Intentions	
Day	Date	Liturgy	For	From
Saturday	December 21 st (16:00)	Fourth Sunday of Advent	Hamd Shakibajan John McGarretty	Maria Chalupa & Family McGarretty Family
Sunday	December 22 nd (10:00)	Fourth Sunday of Advent	Gerry Kenny Theresa Kelly-Church	The Family Kelly and Jenkins Family
Monday	December 23 rd (11h30)		Myles Furlong & Gilberte Fournier	
Tuesday	December 24 th (16h00) (20h00)		Evelyn Luckman (1 st A.) Pleasant Family	Diane Pleasant
Wednesday	December 25 th (10h00)		Edward & Gemma (Louise) Walsh	Ellen Walsh
Thursday	December 26 th		No Mass	No Mass
Friday	December 27 th (11:30)		No Mass	No Mass
Saturday	December 28 th (16:00)	Holy family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	Irène Hallessey (1 st A.) Denis Vandry (1 st A.)	
Sunday	December 29 th (10:00)	Holy family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	Maureen Rooney Laviolette Family & relatives	Catherine McKenna & Dale F. Thistle Kim & Ben



New Year Mass	Time	Liturgy
December 31 st	16:00	Holy Mother of God
January 1 st	10:00	Holy Mother of God



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Please notice that there will be **no Adoration** in front of the Blessed Sacrament Saturday **December 28th**. The church will be opened at 15:00. Father Lussier will be available to hear **Confessions** or for private consultations.



On December 24th, there will be a **Christmas concert** by the Parish Choir 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 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 ♥ 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.

«When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had told him»

Today, the liturgy of the Word invites us to consider and admire St. Joseph's figure, a truly good man. About Mary, God's Mother, it has been said that she was blessed among women (cf. Lk 1:42). About Joseph it has been written he was a just man (cf. Mt 1:19).

As persons made after God's image and semblance, we all owe our individual identity to God the Father, Creator of Heaven and Earth, with actual and radical freedom. And as a response to that freedom we can glorify God, as He deserves, or we can also make, out of ourselves, something quite unpleasant to God's eyes.

We have no doubt that Joseph, through his job and personal commitment to his familial and social surroundings, sort of won our Creator's "Heart", by considering him a man to be trusted in the collaboration of human Redemption through his Son, made a man as we are.

Let us therefore learn from St. Joseph his allegiance —already proven from the very beginning— and his good behavior during the rest of his life —closely— correlated to Jesus and Mary.

We make him patron and mediator of all fathers, whether biological or not, that in our world must help their sons to provide a similar response to his. We make him patron of the Church, as an entity intimately linked to his Son, and we keep on hearing Mary's words when she finds that the Child Jesus was "lost" in the Temple: «Your father and I...» (Lk 2:48).

Therefore, with Mary, our Mother, we find Joseph as the father. St. Teresa of Avila wrote: «I took for my advocate and comforter the glorious Saint Joseph, and commended myself fervently to him (...). I do not remember at any time having asked him for anything which he did not grant».

Exceptional father for those of us who have heard the call of our Lord to fill up, through the priestly ministry, the place Jesus Christ has handed over to us to carry on with his Church. —O glorious St. Joseph! do protect our families, our communities, all those hearing the call to vocational priesthood... and let us hope many of us.

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