## St Patrick's Parish Bulletin



#### **Mission Statement**

While honouring its Irish heritage, St. Patrick's Parish has a unique mission to live and share the teachings of Jesus Christ with Roman Catholics who worship in the English language in the Diocese.

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Second Sunday of Advent, December 5th, 2021

In today's Gospel we note that Luke shows that salvation is for all people and situated in world events. Also from this reading, John the Baptist's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus, we too are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives the coming of the Lord, as John did.



"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight ..., and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." (Luke 3, 1-6)

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<b>8</b>	Marriage: Please contact the Pastor.			
	<b>Confessions</b> : They are heard before Mass upon request.			

Ministers and Servers	Saturday December 4 <sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm	Sunday December 5 <sup>th</sup> 10:00 am	Saturday December 11 <sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm	Sunday December 12 <sup>th</sup> 10:00 am
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The amount for last week's collection for Mass on November 27<sup>th</sup> and on November 28<sup>th</sup> was \$580.50. Thank you for your continuing generosity.

Mass			Mass Intentions	
Day	Date	Liturgy	For	From
Saturday	December 4 <sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm	Second Sunday of Advent	Gaston & Doreen	Ann Perreault &
			Bechette	Sylvain Voyer
			Kenneth Wilson	Bob & Mamie Stewart
Sunday	December 5 <sup>th</sup> 10:00 am	Second Sunday of Advent	Cecile O'Doherty	Barbara Fleury
			Samuel McIntosh	Maureen Martineau
Monday	December 6 <sup>th</sup>		No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	December 7 <sup>th</sup> 11:30 am	Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (11:15)	Pro populo	
Wednesday	December 8 <sup>th</sup> 11:30 am			
Thursday	December 9 <sup>th</sup>		No Mass	No Mass
Friday	December 10 <sup>th</sup>		No Mass	No Mass
Saturday	December 11 <sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm	Third Sunday of Advent	Denyse Lachance- Labrecque	Françoise de Launière & Claude Gravel
Sunday	December 12 <sup>th</sup> 10:00 am	Third Sunday of Advent	David Walsh	Barbara Fleury

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation.

If you would like to go to confession and receive absolution from a Priest, next week Father Michel Grenier will be available. Next Saturday, December 11th, he will available starting at 3:30pm. Also, Father Grenier will be available next Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 9:15. Your pastor is also available anytime you wish.

Father Réjean Lussier

#### **CWL Christmas Crafts and Raffles Sale**

In our tradition of raising funds for charitable causes, St. Patrick's council is holding a virtual fundraising Christmas Crafts Sale and two Raffles: a 12-bottle Wine Basket Raffle and a handmade Stained Glass Night Lamp Raffle. Floral Bible frames are selling for \$10, handbeaded earrings range \$10 to \$25 and both raffle tickets cost \$2 or 3 for \$5. To purchase a craft please call Marie at 418-254-0510 or <a href="maintenance-mainten

#### **Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help**

Every Tuesday at 11:15 in our church, we have devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help followed by a Mass at 11:30. Our organist, Bruce Gaulin, adds a touch of solemnity and peace to our celebration with a special selection of music. All are encouraged and welcome to attend. Joan Millar parishioner.

#### **Sunday Gospel reflection**

In today's Gospel, we hear the words from the first reading quoted. We see the ultimate fulfillment of those words in John the Baptist and the person of Jesus Christ. God's full presence has come to dwell with His people through the Incarnation. John the Baptist was the precursor to Jesus, the Messiah. He prepared the way for His coming. In particular, we see Him announcing the coming of the Messiah and helping people prepare their hearts to meet Him by "proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins." What follows this passage is the baptism of Jesus by John, which began Jesus' public ministry. Thus, we see here John preparing the people to encounter the living God as He would walk among them and minister to them through His preaching and healing. So, too, we are called to prepare to encounter Jesus. We are to open our hearts every day to receive Him and let Him be the king of our lives. How do we do this? Just like in the Gospel, the first step is repentance of our sins so we can receive God's forgiveness.

#### Taking it Home:

- During Advent, in particular, we are called to prepare to encounter the Lord. Reflect on what you can do this Advent season to grow in "holiness and devotion."
- Take the opportunity this Advent to heed the call of today's readings to repentance by visiting the Sacrament of Reconciliation. God is waiting there to offer you His forgiveness.

#### **Community Christmas Hamper Campaign**

Thanks to your thoughtful generosity, families in need receive food at Christmas. To make a donation this year, please make out your cheque to St. Patrick's Church and at the bottom write: **Community Christmas Hamper Campaign** in order to receive a tax receipt. You may drop your cheques or money off at the rectory in the letter box. There will also be a special collection during the masses on December 4 and 5. Thank you!

#### MASS SCHEDULE DURING THE HOLIDAYS

Christmas Eve Masses on December 24th: 4pm and 8pm

Christmas Day Mass on December 25th: 10am

Sunday Mass on December 26th: 10 am

New Year's Eve Mass on December 31st: 4pm ---New Year's Day Mass on January 1st: 10 am

Sunday Mass on January 2nd: 10 am

#### IMPORTANT REMINDER

The government has changed the restrictions again. Masks are now required during the entire Mass.



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