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**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Of Advent**  
**December 16<sup>th</sup>, decembre**  
**2012**  
**3e dimanche de l'Avent**



## **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.

## **Sunday Masses:**

Sat. 5:00 pm English  
Sun. 9:00 am English  
11:00 am Bilingual

## **Weekday Liturgies:**

Please refer to a recent bulletin for updates for the current week.

## **Sacrament of**

### **Reconciliation:**

Sat. 4:30 - 4:50 pm  
Sun. 8:30 - 8:50 am  
10:30 - 10:50 am  
or upon appointment

## **Baptism:**

Usually any Sunday of the month at mass.

Call the parish office for more info and registration.

## **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. In urgent cases please call a priest.

Let us rejoice in *Gaudete Sunday*, half way to Christmas. Its color rose is a sign of hope.



When excitement builds, as it certainly does for children at Christmastime, there is often a temptation to jump right into the event without having properly prepared for it. We do this too often. Such things take away from the joy of the actual feast. We still have time to properly prepare our souls and our hearts for the true meaning of Christmas.

## Locusts and Honey

John the Baptist bridges the era of the prophets and the coming age of the Messiah. He is both the last of the great prophets before Christ and the first herald of the gospel. The Eastern churches have deep reverence for John, and they call him the Great Forerunner of Christ. The early church, too, had high respect for him, and his story is intertwined with the story of Jesus in the beginning of the gospel of Luke.

John's message is fire and his manner chills like the winter wind. He is a man of vast contrasts, eating locusts and wild honey, living in the desert and baptizing in water. He speaks truth to power, defying King Herod to his face. He stands up for what is right and he pays with his life. We recalled the beheading of John the Baptist on August 29. And we celebrated his birth on June 24 — an important holiday in Quebec! Soon, we will celebrate the birth of Jesus on December 25. There's a connection between John and Jesus even in our calendar.

In the fourth gospel, John the Baptist says of Jesus, "I must decrease and he must increase." In times past, June 24 was thought to be the first day of summer, the longest day of the year. (We now know that to be June 21.) After this date, the days start to become shorter, second by second, until December 21, the first day of winter and the shortest day of the year. In times past, people thought that December 24 was the shortest day of the year, and that on December 25, the days began to grow longer, second by second. So what John says happens every year: On his birthday, the sun is at its most glorious. But then it diminishes until the birth of the Son of God, when it gathers strength and glory again. Jesus himself said it: "There is no man born of woman greater than John the Baptist."



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## Knights of Columbus Christmas Hampers



The Knights of Columbus, St. Anne Council, on behalf of St. Jean Baptiste Parish and the Morinville Food Bank, are coordinating the "Christmas hamper Project" for Morinville and district. Last year 100 hampers were distributed to needy families. Financial contributions may be directed to the Parish Office. Cheques are to be made to the Knights of Columbus, receipts will be issued,. Anyone who requires assistance should phone 939-4361 (Town of Morinville) or 939-3953 (Drop in Centre). Residents of Morinville who are aware of families in need of assistance should not hesitate to phone on their behalf. **No Later Than Monday December 17<sup>th</sup>**. Any questions regarding the hampers you can call Henry Lamoureux at 780-939-4729.

## The Advent Penance Service

To give us all an opportunity to prepare for Christmas spiritually, there will be an occasion to celebrate a Sacrament of Reconciliation in our parish. **It will be held on Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at the church.**



# MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Day	Time	Mass Intention	Feast
Dec 15 Sat - sam	5:00 pm	Deceased Bulger Family – George & Rachel	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent
Dec 16 Sun - dim	9:00 am	For Parishioners	
	11:00 am	RIP Albert & Family - Elizabeth	
Dec 18 Tues - mar	8:30 am	RIP John Bulger – Irma and Family	
Dec 19 Wed - mer	10:00 am 7:00 pm	(Lodge) Special intention – Shirley Parish Confession	
Dec 20 Thurs - jeu	10:00 am	(Aspen) RIP Lucienne Pelletier - Tony	
Dec 21 Fri - ven	8:30 am	RIP Alice McDonald – Paulette, Ray and Family	
Dec 22 Sat - sam	5:00 pm	RIP Marie Vansevenandt – Richard and Family	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent
Dec 23 Sun - dim	9:00 am	RIP Jeanette Krauskopf (4 <sup>th</sup> anniv.) – Art & Family	
	11:00 am	For Parishioners	



## PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Ben VanDeWalle, Paul Krauskopf, Andrew Tailleux, Carol Jean; expecting mothers; peace in our families, community and the world; those who are going through any medical procedures and treatments. Also, for our new Bishop Paul Terrio and the Diocese of St. Paul.



## *We welcome to God's family*

**Foxten Constant Jack**

son of Sean & Brandy, baptized on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012



**Please Pray for...** + Gertrude Morris who passed away December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
Her funeral was in our church on Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>.

*Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon her.*



## + DONATIONS for 2012

If you would like to make a donation for 2012 in order to have it included in the 2012 receipts please do that by December 31<sup>st</sup>. Donations after that date will be for 2013.

## Envelopes for 2013

The envelopes for 2013 are ready and thank you for picking them up. If you are not registered to the parish or do not have envelopes, and would like to receive a new box, please fill out the Registration Form available at the back or contact the Parish office.

**Christmas Ministry Sign – Up** The sign-up sheet for the Christmas and New Years Masses is available on a table at the back of the church.

COLLECTIONS – QUÊTES

December 9<sup>th</sup> \$ 4,375.00

THANK YOU! MERCI!

**CHRISTMAS EVE.** - Monday, Dec.24<sup>th</sup> - 5:00 pm 7:30 pm 10:00 pm



**CHRISTMAS DAY** - Tuesday, Dec.25<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 am

**FEAST OF HOLY FAMILY** - Saturday, Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> - 5:00 pm  
- Sunday, Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 am 11:00 am



**NEW YEAR'S EVE.** - Monday, Dec.31<sup>st</sup> - 5:00 pm  
**NEW YEAR'S DAY** - Tuesday, Jan.1<sup>st</sup> - 9:00 am

**EPIPHANY OF THE LORD** - Sunday, Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 am 11:00 am



## A *Quick* Journey Through the Bible

AN 8-PART INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE TIMELINE

*A Quick Journey Through the Bible* is part of *The Great Adventure* Catholic Bible study system. This parish-based study provides an excellent introduction and overview of the Bible from a Catholic perspective.

Presented by Jeff Cavins, the *Quick Journey* study briefly covers salvation history in a series of eight, half-hour talks that are complemented by group discussion questions, useful maps and charts, and brief assignments for home study. This study makes the complexity of the Bible simple through an easy-to-follow narrative approach and an ingenious color-coded Bible timeline. This is a great way to "get your feet wet" and learn how to begin authentic Catholic Bible study.

\* *We will begin this journey in early January. If you are interested, please contact parish office.*

### UPCOMING EVENTS

* Dust Angels	- December 17 <sup>th</sup> , Monday 8:00 am	- Church
* KofC Mtg	- December 17 <sup>th</sup> , Monday 7:00 pm	- KofC Room Parish Hall
* Finance Committee Meeting	- December 13 <sup>th</sup> , Thursday 6:30 pm	- Office Boardroom

### Community Christmas Concert



It will be taking place at our Parish on **Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm**

**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK!** "The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at

*Have a nice week!*



the right time, but also to leave unsaid the wrong thing

at the tempting moment."