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Fourth Sunday Of Advent
December 22nd decembre
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Fourth Sunday in Advent

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.



God himself will give a sign: a virgin shall conceive and bear a son.

Today's readings remind us that God has been faithful to the covenant promises he made to this Chosen People, Israel. Christ is the long awaited *Emmanuel-God with us!*

Christmas Ministry Sign – Up

There is still some spots available for the sign-up sheet for the Christmas and New Year's Masses it is available on a table at the back of the church.

Prayer chain

It is always comforting knowing that someone is praying for you or a loved one during a difficult time in life. Our parish is starting a prayer chain. If you or someone you know needs prayers for a specific struggle in life, we would love to pray for you or with you. You can contact the parish office at 780-939-4412 or Christine at 780-939-5563 or 780-217-6804. If you are interested in joining the prayer team or would like more info, please contact Christine. (It's not our worthiness that matters, but God's grace and our willingness to answer his call).

A Sense of the Season

You probably know the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas." Even though a radio station once proclaimed the twelve days of Christmas as those before December 25, Christians have always kept Christmas as a season from December 25 until January 6 (the traditional Epiphany). The church calendar today even extends the celebration until the feast of the Baptism of the Lord—the Sunday after Epiphany.

Here is what the church says about the season of Christmas: "Next to the yearly celebration of the paschal mystery [meaning the Triduum and Easter season], the church holds most sacred the memorial of Christ's birth and early manifestations. This is the purpose of the Christmas season." (General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar, #32)

More than just "Jesus' birthday," the Christmas season is a time for remembering and reveling in the nativity of Christ, the revelation of Christ to the Jewish shepherds, the revelation of Christ to the Gentile magi (that's us!), Christ's baptism by John in the Jordan, and Christ changing water into wine at the wedding "on the third day" (John 2:1) in Cana of Galilee. In all these saving events, we know that "the Word is made flesh and dwells among us."

How can we keep Christmas not just as a day, but as a season? Keep the tree up (and watered!) and shining bright until the Baptism of the Lord. Sing carols and read the scriptures every day. Safely put candles around your creche: Use small glass votive candle holders, and place them away from the straw. You might also want to add a little water to the bottom of the glass before putting the candle in—an added precaution that will also help you clean the glass more easily. When you light the candles, sing or say the prayer of the angels: Glory in heaven and peace on earth, now and forever. Amen!

Masses For The Week

Day	Time	Mass Intention	Feast
Dec 21 Sat - sam	5:00 pm	Souls of Purgatory - Parishioner	4 th
Dec 22 Sun - dim	9:00 am	Living & Deceased members of the Brenneis & Boissonnault Family - Shirley	Sunday Of Advent
	11:00 am	For Parishioners	
Dec 24 Tues - mar	5:00 pm	RIP John Jr McDonnell – August & Celina	Christmas Eve
	7:30 pm	RIP Roger Champagne	
	10:00 pm	RIP All departed Bishops of St. Paul Diocese.	
Dec 25 Wed - mer	9:00 am	RIP Edward Kryskow – family & friends	Christmas Day Nativity of the Lord
	10:30 am	(Lodge – only for residence) RIP Jeanette Krauskopf – Art & family	
Dec 26 Thurs - jeu	10:00 am	(Aspen) Living & deceased members of Leduc & Labrie Families	St. Stephen, martyr
Dec 27 Fri - ven	8:30 am	NO MASS	St. John Ev.
Dec 28 Sat - sam	5:00 pm	RIP Tom Houle - Denise	Holy
Dec 29 Sun - dim	9:00 am	For Parishioners	Family
	11:00 am	RIP Therese Caron (1 st Anniv) - Family	Sunday

PLEASE PRAY FOR... Carol Jean, Kiah Courtney, Irene Dupuis, Eugene Scantland, Father Michael; all those who are sick or struggling; who are going through any medical procedures and treatments; expecting mothers; peace in our families, community and the world.



Please Pray for...

- ✚ Edward Kryskow, who passed away on December 16th at the age of 86. His funeral Mass was held at our Parish on Friday, Dec. 20th.
Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him.



Envelopes for 2014

The envelopes for 2014 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.

If your address on the box is not updated, please put the new one on the next few weeks on the envelope or notify the parish (preferably through email). Thank you.

DONATIONS for 2013

If you would like to make a donation for 2013 in order to have it included in the 2013 receipts please do that by December 31st. Donations after that date will be for 2014.

Parish office this week will be open on Tuesday only till Noon; closed on Wed-Fri, Dec 25-27.

COLLECTIONS – QUÊTES

Dec. 15th \$6,775.55 Restoration \$ 125.00
Poinsettias & Christmas tree donations \$249.45

THANK YOU! MERCI!

Join us for family fun night!

Thank you to all the families who have attended our family fun events thus far! I hope that everyone is having a great time! Our next event SKATING is planned for December 29th from 1:30 – 3:30 pm at Legal Arena. ALL AGES WELCOME!

Please RSVP at familyfun@sjbp.ca Donations are very welcome so that we can continue to offer these events to the parishes of Morinville and Legal!



The Faithful Revolution : Vatican II

This 5 one-hour video series recalls some of the tremendous impact of the Second Vatican Council on the Catholic Church. Our Holy Father Pope Francis has asked that we spend a little time discovering / rediscovering the content of the 16 documents produced as a result of the Second Vatican Council.

* **Our next session will be on Friday, January 10th at 7:00 pm – downstairs rectory.**

Open to everyone. Please come to learn about the Church more, appreciate, see and share in her mission.

CWL NEWS

The CWL 2014 memberships are currently due the membership fee is \$25.00 please put the envelope in the collection basket and **mark the envelope CWL** or you can drop the envelope off at the Parish office. If you have any questions about the CWL or you would like to become a new member please call Sandee Blackburn at 780-939-5199.

Catholic Calendars 2014

We ordered calendars for our parish that each family may have catholic calendar with liturgical feasts at home. If they arrive before Christmas, we will have them at the back of the church on a table. If not, they will be next Sunday. If you wish to donate to the cost of printing, there will be a box beside.

Blood Donor Clinic

Thank you for supporting Canadian Blood Services and the patients who need blood.

The clinic in on Tuesday, Dec. 31st from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm at Morinville Community Centre.

This is challenging time for blood collection and we are struggling to make sure we have enough units on hand to help hospital patients in need.

Thank you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dust Angels

- December 23rd, Monday 8:00 am

- Church

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK! ... “You become what you believe.”

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!

