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3rd Sunday Of Advent

December 14th 2014 decembre

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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.

Focus of the Sunday Readings

The Spirit of God helps us build up the kingdom of God on earth.

We come to Mass to encounter the living God and then are dismissed to live out our daily lives in a way that brings Christ to others. How should we rejoice, pray and give thanks? How should we answer the question: Who am I and what does God desire for me? Let us remember, he who calls us is faithful and will not abandon us.

In the first reading, Isaiah lists many of the qualities of the promised Messiah: his coming will lead to righteousness and praise among the nations. In Saint Paul's letter to the Thessalonians, he lists ways we can continually live in the Spirit. In Saint John's Gospel, John the Baptist clearly saw his mission as making straight the way of the Lord with his baptism of repentance.

OUR JOURNEY TOWARDS CHRISTMAS

ADVENT SEASON

Parish Confession	- Wednesday, Dec. 17 th	- 7:00 pm	
			
CHRISTMAS EVE	- Wednesday, Dec. 24 th	- 5:00 pm	7:30 pm 10:00 pm
CHRISTMAS DAY	- Thursday, Dec. 25 th	- 10:00 am	- 10:30 am <i>(at Lodge, only for residence)</i>
FEAST OF HOLY FAMILY	- Saturday, Dec. 27 th	- 5:00 pm	
	- Sunday, Dec. 28 th	- 9:00 am	
NEW YEAR'S EVE	- Wednesday, Dec. 31 st	- 5:00 pm	
NEW YEAR'S DAY	- Thursday, Jan. 1 st	- 10:00 am	- 10:30 am <i>(at Lodge, only for residence)</i>
EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	- Saturday, Jan. 3 rd 2015	- 5:00 pm	
	- Sunday, Jan 4 th 2015	- 9:00 am	11:00 am

Please note that there is a new Mass time for Christmas Day and New Year's Day the new Mass time is now 10:00 am.

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 17th at 7 pm at the church.





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 once again the “Christmas Hamper Project” for Morinville and district. Last year 103 hampers containing food and numerous children’s toys and gifts were distributed to needy families in our community as well as the Mearns and RQB areas. The success of this project relies on the generosity and co-operation of the churches, service groups, businesses, and countless individuals in our communities.

The Knights of Columbus welcome your support through donations of food and children’s toys and gifts to the following drop off sites: Bumper to Bumper/Home Hardware, Our Place (FCSS Town of Morinville), Sobeys, Scotia Bank, Royal Bank, Servus Credit Union and the No Frills Store. Resident’s are reminded to donate foods that are nutritious and children’s gifts that are new or in excellent condition (unwrapped please). Financial contributions may be directed to the office at the St. Jean Baptiste Parish or Sobeys’s Service Counter. Cheques can to be made to **St. Jean Baptiste Parish and tax receipts will be issued.** And the money will be used to purchase potatoes, meat, fresh fruit and other staples for the hampers.

Individuals and families who are eligible to receive Christmas hampers are contacted by Social Services. Anyone who requires assistance should phone 939-3953 (Mid-Stream Thrift Store) or 939-4361 (Town of Morinville).

Residents of Morinville who are aware of individuals or families in need of assistance should not hesitate to phone on their behalf. Those who are eligible to receive Christmas Hampers and/or gifts should phone one of the numbers listed above **NO LATER THAN MONDAY DECEMBER 15th.** The distribution of the hampers is planned for Friday, December 19th, 2014 at the Rendezvous Centre between 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm.

Envelopes for 2015

The envelopes for 2015 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.

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 2014

If you would like to make a donation for 2014 in order to have it included in the 2014 receipts please do that by December 31st. Donations after that date will be for 2015.

Advent Reflection


There are some Advent reflection booklets at the back of the church. Please feel free to take one home and use it to journey through this Advent season.

Christmas Ministry Sign – Up

The sign-up sheet for the Christmas and New Year’s Masses is available on a table at the back of the church.

Masses For The Week

Day	Time	Mass Intention	Feast
Dec 13 Sat - sam	5:00 pm	RIP Tom Houle – Denise & Family	3 rd
Dec 14 Sun - dim	9:00 am	Deceased Members of our Parish - Parishioner	Sunday Of
	11:00 am	RIP Lucien Sasseville – Gilberte & Family	Advent
Dec 16 Tues - mar	8:30 am	RIP Albert & Family - Elizabeth	
Dec 17 Wed - mer	10:00 am	(Lodge) Souls of Purgatory – Mark & Kerry (Church) Parish Confessions	
	7:00 pm		
Dec 18 Thurs - jeu	10:00 am	(Aspen) RIP Edward Kryskow – Family & Friends	
Dec 19 Fri - ven	8:30 am	RIP John Bulger - Irma	
Dec 20 Sat - sam	5:00 pm	Deceased Bulger Family – George & Rachel	4 th
Dec 21 Sun - dim	9:00 am	RIP Herman & Germaine Bauwens – Paulette, Darlene & Elaine	Sunday Of
	11:00 am	For Parishioners	Advent

PLEASE PRAY FOR... Carol Jean, Kiah Courtney, Irene Dupuis, Link Byfield, Louise B, 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...

✚ **Pauline Kolesar**, who passed away on December 7th, 2014.

She was the Mother to Marlene Vranas from our Parish.

A private family service will be at a later date.

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

Readers The 2015 Workbook for Lectors is now available for purchase for any readers who wish to buy this book. The cost is \$10.00.

Automatic Bank Bank Withdrawal The Finance Committee would like to thank those who completed and returned the pre-authorized donation forms, however at this time there is not enough interest shown for us to proceed with this option. All forms received will be destroyed. Please continue to complete your donations with regular envelopes provided annually.

Community Christmas Concert

It will be taking place at our Parish on **Thursday, December 18th at 7:30 pm**



COLLECTIONS – QUÊTES December 7th – \$ 5090.00

Restoration \$ 1625.00 THANK YOU! MERCI!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dust Angels - Dec 15th, Monday 8:00 am - Church

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK!

No one is in charge of your happiness except you.”

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!

