

PAROISSE ST. JEAN BAPTISTE PARISH



Merry 
Christmas


Joyeux Noël



CHRISTMAS - NOËL



Recognizing our need for a savior, we rejoice that God has saved us through his son, Jesus.

As a Church, we celebrate Jesus Christ. He comes as savior of the world, promised by God and proclaimed by the prophets. Recognizing our personal need for salvation and seeing in Jesus our savior moves us to deep rejoicing. We unite ourselves to the Lord who saves us, and we give thanks.



Isaiah heralds the coming of salvation as light penetrating the darkness, which brings great rejoicing. In the second reading, Saint Paul proclaims Jesus as the grace of God that saved us, trained us and called us onto the path of holiness. Saint Luke's account of the birth of Jesus, the savior, is received and proclaimed with great joy by angels and shepherds alike.

Today we celebrate the birth of Christ.

In the darkness of this night, God's pure light appears in time, offering humanity a share in God's promise of eternal life through this newborn child who is Emmanuel, God is with us.

The Prophet Isaiah proclaims God's promise of vindication for Israel. In the light of fulfillment, Israel will shine and rejoice once more. In the Acts of the Apostles, Saint Paul recalls for the early Church at Antioch how Jesus is the fulfillment of the Davidic promises. By recalling the genealogy of Joseph, Matthew places the new-born Jesus in direct succession to the Davidic covenant and its promise of redemption and vindication.

HOLY FAMILY - SAINTE FAMILLE

Christian families are to imitate the example of the Holy Family by striving to live in love and unity with God and one another.



Joseph and Mary loved God and did their best to be obedient to all God asked them to do. They lovingly cared for the child Jesus, brought him up to walk in the ways of the Lord, and lived in love and unity with God and one another. Their life together as a family was marked by holiness

and love, and it is the example after which all Christian families are to pattern their lives.

The first reading from the Book of Sirach highlights the importance of loving and honoring one's parents, and the blessings that flow from it. The second reading exhorts us, as brothers and sisters in the Lord, to lovingly bear with and forgive one another. In Saint Luke's Gospel, Joseph and Mary take the child Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem to be presented and consecrated to the Lord.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

| Day | Time | Mass Intention | Feast |
|-------------------------|-----------------|--|-----------------------------|
| Dec 24 Wed-mer | 5:00 pm | For Parishioners | <i>Christmas Eve</i> |
| | 7:30 pm | RIP Roger Champagne - Lorette | |
| | 10:00 pm | RIP Norm Boissonneault - Louise | |
| Dec 25 Thurs-jeu | 10:00 am | Special Intention for Louise B. - Family | <i>Christmas Day</i> |
| | 10:30 am | (Lodge – only for residence) RIP Auguste Champagne – Family & Friends | <i>Nativity of the Lord</i> |
| Dec 26 Fri - ven | 8:30 am | NO MASS | St. Stephen |
| Dec 27 Sat - sam | 5:00 pm | Special Intention - Parishioner | <i>Holy Family Sunday</i> |
| Dec 28 Sun - dim | 9:00 am | RIP Pauline Kolesar – Ron, Eileen, Marlene & Family | |
| | 11:00 am | For Parishioners | |
| Dec 30 Tue - mar | 8:30am | NO MASS | |
| Dec 31 Wed – mer | 5:00 pm | Deceased Meunier Family – George & Rachel | <i>New Year's Eve</i> |
| Jan 1 Thurs-jeu | 10:00 am | RIP Ted – Marge & Family | <i>New Year's Day</i> |
| | 10:30 am | (Lodge) For Parishioners | |
| Jan 2 Fri – ven | 8:30 am | RIP Cecile Demers – Family & Friends | |
| Jan 3 Sat - sam | 5:00 pm | RIP Stella Tassone – Marge & Family | <i>Epiphany</i> |
| Jan 4 Sun - dim | 9:00 am | RIP Steven & Mary Nahulak - Family | of the |
| | 11:00 am | For Parishioners | Lord |

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.

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COLLECTIONS - QUÊTES Dec. 21st \$ 6730.00

Restoration \$ 125.00 THANK YOU! MERCI!

Parish office this week will be open on Tuesday only till Noon; closed on Wed-Fri, Dec31-Jan2.

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 or contact the Parish office.

Mary's Veil Mary's Veil is a moving, musical production that explores and chronicles the life of Mary, the mother of Jesus. Through the 23 musical numbers of this original production, the audience connects with Mary as she grows from child, to wife, and mother. Songs are performed by the St. Peter's parish choir from Villeneuve. Mary's Veil will show at the Arden Theatre, St. Albert, on January 30 and 31 and February 1, 2015. General Admission \$25. Tickets available by calling the Arden (780-459-1542). Discounts for groups of 20 or more available by calling Ryan

(780-419-2500). For more information see www.sandrabrenneis.com.



CWL NEWS

The CWL 2015 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

Thank You

We want to say 'Thank You' to all 'people of good will' who have shown gratitude and support to us over this busy but rewarding time of preparation for Christmas season.

To all those who help with decorations, music, singing, serving during liturgies, 'dust angels', sarcristians, and many others. Also, to everyone who sent wishes, gifts, and meals to us in the parish office, we say big Thank You! We appreciate all your support, especially your prayers.



Have a Blessed Christmas Season!

