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4th Sunday of Advent
December 20th 2015
4er 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:

1st Full weekend of the month. Except during Lent and Advent.

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's ways are not our ways.

The readings today demonstrate that conventional wisdom is not true: a mighty Savior comes from a lowly place, death on a cross brings life, and an old woman feels her child leap in her womb as a young pregnant virgin greets her. In the final days of Advent, let us put conventional wisdom aside and be attentive to the mystery and wonder of God's ways.

In the first reading, Micah prophesies that the *one who is to be the ruler* in Israel will come from the lowly clan of Bethlehem-Ephrathah. The Letter to the Hebrews recounts that through the sacrifice of Christ's body, we have consecrated. In the Gospel, Mary, who is pregnant with Jesus, goes to visit her cousin Elizabeth. Elizabeth tells Mary she is blessed among women.

OUR JOURNEY TOWARDS CHRISTMAS

ADVENT SEASON



CHRISTMAS EVE	- Thursday , Dec. 24 th	- 5:00 pm	7:30 pm	10:00 pm
CHRISTMAS DAY	- Friday , Dec. 25 th	- 10:00 am		
FEAST OF HOLY FAMILY	- Saturday, Dec. 26 th	- 5:00 pm		
	- Sunday, Dec. 27 th	- 9:00 am	11:00 am	
NEW YEAR'S EVE	- Thursday, Dec.31 st	- 5:00 pm		
NEW YEAR'S DAY	- Friday, Jan.1 st	- 10:00 am		
EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	- Saturday, Jan. 2 nd 2016	- 5:00 pm		
	- Sunday, Jan 3 rd 2016	- 9:00 am	11:00 am	

Fundraising for the Future

Our Parish is getting an early start on fundraising for our future parish hall. In this time of transition and planning, the Hall Future Committee that is working towards our goals now puts forth some fundraising ideas. Our first fundraising is the sale of **grocery gift cards** available at all the Masses twice a month, and at the Parish Office. You are invited to buy these cards to use them to pay for your groceries to help our parish – you still get your Airmiles, etc. All the proceeds will go towards our new parish hall as that project advances. Thank you for your consideration , and yes, they make great stocking stuffers!

Gift cards are on sale after all the Masses this weekend!



“Ladies Dinner Meeting”

We would love for you to join us at the “Bistro di Madre Piccola” downtown Morinville on Thursday Jan 7/16 at 6:00 to kick off 2016 together. There will be NO MEETING ON Dec 3/15 so we look forward to reconvening in the New Year with a ‘Ladies Dinner Meeting’ to share some ideas, hear some points of view and have some laughs! Please RSVP to sblackburn@gsacrd.ab.ca

“CWL Memberships”

If you have a friend, daughter, neighbor, niece or sister that might be interested in finding out what our CWL is all about, please invite them to our Ladies Dinner Meeting on Jan 7/16. We are always looking for new members, new ideas, new friendships! 2016 Memberships are now due. Please put your \$25.00 membership in the collection basket at church or give it to one of the executive members of the CWL. If you have any questions please call Sandee Blackburn 780-863-5199.

Christmas Ministry Sign – Up

There is still lots of spots to be filled for the sign-up sheet for the Christmas and New Year’s Masses the sheet is available on the bulletin board at the back of the church.

Calendars

There are some French 2016 calendars from Connelly McKinley Funeral homes. They are available at the back of the church.

Sunday Missals

There are some Sunday Missals available to purchase for those who would like to have their own copy the missal price is \$5.00 there is an envelope beside the Missals at the back of the church.

Readers

There are still some 2016 Workbook for Lectors available for purchase for any readers who wish to buy this book. The cost is \$10.00.

Donations for 2015

If you would like to make a donation for 2015 in order to have it included in the 2015 receipts please do that by December 29th. Donations after that date will be for 2016.

Envelopes for 2016

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 where the envelopes are located. You can also ask the hospitality members that are handing out the envelopes. Please use the 2016 envelopes starting in 2016.

First Friday

There will be no First Friday for the month of January the next First Friday will be on February 5th, 2016

Masses For The Week

Day	Time	Mass Intention	Feast
Dec 19 Sat - sam	5:00 pm	Deceased Bulger Family – George & Rachel	4 th
Dec 20 Sun - dim	9:00 am	RIP Noel Vansevenandt - Family	Sunday of Advent
	11:00 am	RIP Ted – Marge & Family	
Dec 22 Tues - mar	8:30 am	RIP John Bulger – Irma & Family	
Dec 23 Wed - mer	10:00 am 7:00 pm	(Lodge) Deceased Brenneis & Boissonnault Family - Shirley (Church) NO MASS	
Dec 24 Thurs - jeu	5:00 pm 7:30 pm 10:00 pm	RIP Isabelle Lemieux – Dan, Elaine & Family RIP Roger Champagne - Lorette For Parishioners	Christmas Eve
Dec 25 Fri - ven	10:00 am 10:00 am	(Lodge) – RIP Mary Hittinger _ Family (Church) - Special Intention - Friend	Christmas Day
Dec 26 Sat - sam	5:00 pm	For Parishioners	The Holy Family
Dec 27 Sun - dim	9:00 am	RIP Venetta Bazian & Simone Bauwens – Jeannette & Zane	Of Jesus
	11:00 am	RIP Lucien Sassevelle – Gilberte & Children	

PLEASE PRAY FOR... Kiah Courtney, Irene Dupuis, Louise Dubois, Leo Brochu, Florence Vranas. All those who are sick or struggling; who are going through any medical procedures and treatments.



Please Pray for...

+ **Mary Dhoedt**, who passed away on December 15th, 2015
Her Funeral Mass was held here at our parish on Saturday December 19th.
Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon her.

Parish office this week will be open on Tuesday and Wednesday
and closed on Thurs & Fri Dec 24-25.

COLLECTIONS – QUÊTES

December 13th \$ 6850.00
Restoration \$ 1345.00

THANK YOU! MERCI!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dust Angels

December 21st , Monday 8:00 am

- Church