

PAROISSE ST. JEAN BAPTISTE PARISH



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Christmas


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CHRISTMAS - NOËL



Christ entered the world to bring us peace and salvation.

Tonight, we celebrate the birth of our Savior. The prophecies concerning his birth have been fulfilled. He brings us the peace that allows us to share in the graces of God, to live our lives free of sin and to grow in holiness. So let us open our hearts that we may receive the healing and peace that Jesus came to give.



Luke relates the birth of Christ, who is greater than even the great kings David and Solomon. In the first reading, Isaiah prophesies the birth of a Son, whose name shall be *Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace*. In the second reading from Titus, Paul says that the grace of God trains us to renounce worldly passions and await the blessed hope of the coming of Christ. The Gospel tells the story of the nativity and the angels appearing to the shepherds.

For unto is born a savior – Christ the Lord.

On this day, we celebrate in a particular way that God is truly with us. Through a mighty act of love, in Christ's incarnation, the Word takes flesh. "God sent his only son into the world so that we might live through him."

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah assures Israel that the Lord comforts his people and will redeem them. The reading from Hebrews conveys that *in times past* God spoke to Israel through prophets. Now *in these last days he speaks through a Son whom he made heir of all things*. The Gospel proclaims that the *Word became flesh*. Through him all those who believe in his name are made children of God.



HOLY FAMILY - SAINTE FAMILLE

Family life is holy.

Members of a family are called to honor and respect each other. It's in our family where we first learn this way of holiness. Pope Saint John Paul II once reminded us that Holy Family is "the prototype and example for all Christian families."



In the first reading from Sirach, the prophet speaks of the blessing for those who honor their parents. In Colossians, Paul urges that all be done in the name of Jesus, with love and thanksgiving, and that the word of Christ may dwell in us richly. Luke tells the story of Jesus being lost and then found by his parents in the Temple.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

| Day | Time | Mass Intention | Feast |
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| Dec 24 Thurs - jeu | 5:00 pm | RIP Isabelle Lemieux – Dan, Elaine & Family | <i>Christmas Eve</i> |
| | 7:30 pm | RIP Roger Champagne - Lorette | |
| | 10:00 pm | For Parishioners | |
| Dec 25 Fri - ven | 10:00 am | Special Intention - Friend | <i>Christmas Day</i> |
| | 10:00 am | (Lodge – only for residence) RIP Mary Hittinger - Family | <i>Nativity of the Lord</i> |
| Dec 26 Sat - sam | 5:00 pm | For Parishioners | <i>Holy Family Sunday</i> |
| Dec 27 Sun - dim | 9:00 am | RIP Venetta Bazian & Simone Bauwens – Jeannette & Zane | |
| | 11:00 am | RIP Lucien Sassevelle – Gilberte & Children | |
| Dec 29 Tue - mar | 8:30am | NO MASS | |
| Dec 30 Wed - mer | 10:30 am | (Lodge) NO MASS | |
| Dec 31 Thurs – jeu | 5:00 pm | Deceased Meunier Family – George & Rachel | <i>New Year's Eve</i> |
| Jan 1 Fri - ven | 10:00 am | Special Intention - Friend | <i>New Year's Day</i> |
| Jan 2 Sat - sam | 5:00 pm | For Parishioners | <i>Epiphany</i> |
| Jan 3 Sun - dim | 9:00 am | RIP Alex Hryniw – Maurice & Denise | of the |
| | 11:00 am | RIP Priscilla Houle (5 th Anniv) - Adrien | Lord |

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.

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.

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COLLECTIONS - QUÊTES Dec. 20th \$ 4248.00

Restoration \$ 240.00 THANK YOU! MERCI!

Parish office this week will be open on Tuesday and Wednesday; closed on Thurs-Fri, Dec 31-Jan 1.



“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.

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 proceeds will go towards our new parish hall as that project advances. Thank you for your consideration, **Gift cards will be on sale again the weekend of Jan 9&10.**

Thank You

To all those who help with decorations, music, singing, serving during liturgies, ‘dust angels’, sacristians, 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!

