

PAROISSE ST. JEAN BAPTISTE PARISH



*Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.
Marie, Mère de Dieu, priez pour nous.*



Mary, the Holy Mother of God Sainte Marie, Mère de Dieu



God sent the angel Gabriel to announce to the Blessed Virgin Mary that she had been chosen to be the mother of the Son of God. Ever faithful and obedient, Mary said “yes” to what God was asking her to do. With her words, *Let it be done to me as you say, (Lk 1:36)* Mary became the mother of God, as well as a model for us of what it means to be faithful and obedient to God.

The first reading recalls the blessing given by God to Moses, which Aaron and his sons were to use in blessing the Israelites, the second reading reminds us that God sent his Son to free us from the slavery of sin, so that we might live in the glorious freedom of God’s dearly beloved sons and daughters. Today’s Gospel tells how the shepherds, after making their way to Bethlehem and finding Jesus lying in a manger, related to Mary and Joseph all that had been told to them regarding the child, Jesus.

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January 1st - World Day of Peace

The World Day of Peace was established by Pope Paul VI in 1968 who asked that “every year, this commemoration be repeated as a hope and as a promise, at the beginning of the calendar which measures and outlines the path of human life in time, that Peace with its just and beneficent equilibrium may dominate the development of events to come.” each year has a specific theme, chosen by the Holy Father.

Epiphany - Épiphanie du Seigneur

The visit of the Magi is a dramatic event that symbolizes the universality of Christ’s saving mission on earth. In effect, this event tells us that Jesus opened the kingdom of God not only to the Jews, but to all humankind. It is up to each of us to walk in the light of Christ so that we might come to share eternal life in heaven.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK*



Day	Time	Mass Intention	Feast
Dec 31 Thurs-jeu	5:00pm	Deceased Meunier Family – George & Rachel	New Year's Eve
Jan 1 Fri - ven	10:00 am	Special Intention - Friend	New Year's Day
Jan 2 Sat - sam	5:00 pm	For Parishioners	Epiphany
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
Jan 5 Tues - mar	8:30 am	NO MASS	
Jan 6 Wed - mer	10:00 am 7:00 pm	(Lodge) RIP Florence Vranas - Family (Church) Deceased members of our Parish - Parishioner	
Jan 7 Thurs - jeu	10:00 am 1:00 pm	(Aspen) RIP Denise Champagne – Richard & Dorine Houle (Church) G H Primeau School Mass	St. André Bessette
Jan 8 Fri - ven	8:30 am	RIP Jean-Claude Cretes - Family	
Jan 9 Sat - sam	5:00 pm	For Parishioners	Baptism
Jan 10 Sun - dim	9:00 am	RIP Madeline Cornelis – August & Celina	of the
	11:00 am	RIP Henry Cote (5 th Anniv) – Sylvia Cote	Lord



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

2016 Calendars

There are some French calendars for 2016 from Connelly McKinley Funeral homes feel free to take one they are on the table at the back of the Church.

ReflectionBooks

There are some Word Among Us reflection books for January to February 9th. They are available on the table at the back of the church Please feel free to take a copy.

Envelopes for 2016

There are still some donation envelopes that have not been picked up. Please take time after Mass to pick your box up if you have not done so already. If you would like to have a box of envelopes please fill out the form that are at the back of the church and put the form in the collection basket and the envelopes will be ready by the next weekend for you to pick up.

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COLLECTIONS – QUÊTES Dec. 24 \$ 11,982.00
Restoration \$ 100.00

Dec. 27th \$ 3752.20 THANK YOU! MERCI!
Restoration \$ 6700.00



“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@gsacd.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 Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for purchasing the new outdoor crèche for the parish also a huge thank you to Yvon who helped assemble and put the crèche outside.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dust Angels - Jan. 4th , Monday 8:00 am - Church



Have a Blessed New Year 2016!

