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3rd & 4th Sunday of Advent

December 11th & 18th , 2016

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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:

First 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.



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.

Focus of the Sunday Readings

Rejoice in the Lord always; for indeed, the Lord is near.

As we wait for the coming of the Lord, we prepare our hearts and homes to receive him. As Saint Paul instructs, we prepare with patience and a firm heart. We will know he has come into our hearts and homes when we model true discipleship and work to bring the Good News to those around us.

In the first reading, the prophet proclaims the joyful news that God saves his people and gives them great reason for rejoicing. Saint Paul, in the second reading, exhorts the faithful to prepare for the coming of the Lord with patience and a firm heart. In the Gospel, John the Baptist asks if Jesus is really the Messiah, or should they seek another?

God is with us, and we are called to live in his presence and take that joy out into the world.

God promised to send a Savior to the world, and Jesus came among us. In return, we are all called to serve Christ and proclaim him to all. This is easily overlooked as we get caught up in our own pride, or focus on worldly matters. As we look to the Nativity of the Lord, let us shake off distractions and strive to serve Jesus and share him with others.

The first reading reminds us that the promised Messiah was to be born of a virgin, and was to be named Emmanuel. The second reading exhorts us, as followers of Jesus, to lead lives which are holy and pleasing to God. Today's Gospel tells of Joseph being faithful to the command he received from the angel of the Lord to take Mary into his home as his wife.

OUR JOURNEY TOWARDS CHRISTMAS

ADVENT SEASON

Parish Confession - Wednesday, Dec. 14th - 7:00 pm



CHRISTMAS EVE - Saturday, Dec. 24th - 5:00 pm 7:30 pm 10:00 pm



CHRISTMAS DAY - Sunday, Dec. 25th - 10:00 am

NEW YEAR'S EVE - Saturday, Dec. 31st - 5:00 pm



NEW YEAR'S DAY - Sunday, Jan. 1st - 10:00 am

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - Saturday, Jan. 7th 2017 - 5:00 pm
- Sunday, Jan 8th 2017 - 9:00 am 11:00 am

Readers The 2017 Workbook for Lectors is now available for purchase for any readers who wish to buy this book. The cost is \$10.00. Please put the cash or cheque in the envelope provided next to the books.



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 pleased to announce that they will be coordinating 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 Bumper to Bumper to Bumper Cheques are to be made to **St. Jean Baptiste Parish** (receipts will be issued) and the moneys 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 Friday December 16th**. The distribution of the hampers is planned for December 20th, 2016 at the Rendezvous Centre between 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm.



From the CWL

2017 Memberships are due Simonne Chevalier will be collecting memberships at the Bake Sale or you can throw your labeled envelope into the collection basket on Sunday please label the envelope “CWL Membership”. Memberships are \$25.00

Raffle for a beautiful handmade quilt. All proceeds will be going to the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation. Draw will be held on December 11th, 2016 at the St. Jean Baptiste Church after the 9:00 am Mass. Tickets can be purchased from any of the CWL executive or at the Parish office. Ticket prices are 3 for \$5.00 or 1 for \$2.00.

Envelopes for 2017 The envelopes for 2017 are available this weekend.

Morinville Community Christmas Celebration

Join us in the joyous spirit of Christmas at Morinville’s 38th Annual Community Christmas Celebration on Wednesday December 21st at 7:30 pm at St. Jean Baptiste Church. This Yuletide tradition is an inter-denominational celebration of readings, music and song featuring the gifts and talents of local churches and schools. Celebrate and share the peace, love and joy of the Christmas season with others from our community! Donations to the food bank are welcomed!


Christmas Ministry Sign – Up

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

Gift cards are on sale after all masses until the weekend of December 17th & 18th. After that weekend the Gift Cards will be on sale every 2 weeks.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Day	Time	Mass Intention	Feast
Dec 10 Sat - sam	5:00 pm	For Parishioners	Third Sunday Of Advent
Dec 11 Sun - dim	9:00 am	Special Intention - Friend	
	11:00 am	RIP Monique Lamoureux - Angie	
Dec 13 Tues - mar	8:30 am	RIP August Kieser – Isabel Vansevenandt	
Dec 14 Wed - mer	10:00 am	(Lodge) NO MASS	
	7:00 pm	(Church) Parish Confessions	
Dec 15 Thurs - jeu	10:00 am	(Aspen) RIP Clothilda Bouvier – Henry & Lorraine Lamoureux	
Dec 16 Fri - ven	8:30 am	RIP Grace Hamer - CWL	
Dec 17 Sat - sam	5:00 pm	Deceased Bulger Family – George & Rachel	Fourth Sunday Of Advent
Dec 18 Sun - dim	9:00 am	RIP Ted – Marge & Family	
	11:00 am	For Parishioners	
Dec 20 Tues - mar	8:30 am	RIP John Bulger – Irma & Family	
Dec 21 Wed - mer	10:00 am	(Lodge) RIP Nick Wojkiw – Larry Comeau	
	7:00 pm	(Church) RIP August Kieser – Veronica Short	
Dec 22 Thurs - jeu	10:00 am	(Aspen) RIP Linda Bokenfohr – Bob & Elaine Craig	
Dec 23 Fri - ven	8:30 am	Special Intention - Friend	
Dec 24 Sat - sam	5:00 pm	For Parishioners	Third Sunday of Advent
	7:30 pm	RIP Roger Champagne – Lorette	
	10:00 pm	Deceased Boissonnault & Brenneis Family - Shirley	
Dec 25 Sun - dim	10:00 am	RIP Lucien Sasseville (3 rd Anniv)	

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

The Parish Office will be closed at 11:00am on Friday December 23rd. Office will reopen Wednesday December 28th.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dust Angels

- Dec 12th Monday– 8:00 am
 - Dec 22nd Thursday 8:00 am
 - Dec 27 – Tuesday 8:00 am

- Church