

PAROISSE ST. JEAN BAPTISTE PARISH



Merry  Christmas


Joyeux Noël



CHRISTMAS - NOËL



God is with us.

In Celtic tradition, “thin places” are places of magnificence and wonder where the veil that separates heaven and earth is lifted; we are able to receive a glimpse of the glory of God. Tonight we celebrate one such moment Emmanuel is born. God is with us. Through Jesus Christ, God reveals himself. Tonight is indeed filled with magnificence and wonder. We pause, and with heightened awareness, bow our heads in reverence.



The first reading proclaims that God will bestow many blessings on the people of Israel. In a synagogue in Antioch, Saint Paul proclaims that God’s promise of a savior from the House of David has been fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. The Gospel demonstrates Jesus’ Davidic lineage and recounts the details of his birth.

Today, we celebrate the good news of our salvation: the birth of Jesus Christ as one of us, a human being.

God has always shown his love for us in numerous ways: through the beauty of creation and the love of our families and friends. Today, he shows that love in a very special way: in the birth of his beloved Son into our world- God’s gift to all of us.



Mary, The Holy Mother Of God - SAINTE Marie De Dieu

The Blessed Virgin Mary is the holy Mother of God.

Today, the Church honors the Blessed Virgin Mary, who was chosen by God the Father to be the mother of his Son. As Jesus was both fully human and divine, the Church confesses that Mary is truly “Mother of God” (ccc 495). So may we join together this day in adoring Mary, who is the Mother of God and our spiritual mother.



In the reading from Numbers, God gives Moses the blessing that Aaron and his sons are to be used in blessing the Israelites. The reading from Galatians reveals how God sent his Son to be born of a woman so that we might all be children of God. In the Gospel, shepherds arrive in Bethlehem after being told by an angel that a Savior has been born.

World Day of Peace Jan 1

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.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Day	Time	Mass Intention	Feast
Dec 24 Sat - sam	5:00 pm	For Parishioners	Christmas Eve
	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) – Gilberte & Family	Christmas Day
	8:30 am	NO MASS	<i>St. John, Apostle</i>
Dec 27 Tues - mar	10:00 am	(Lodge) RIP August Kieser – Simone Riopel	<i>The Holy Innocents</i>
	7:00 pm	(Church) NO MASS	
Dec 28 Wed - mer	10:00 am	(Aspen) RIP Rosina & Anton Rustemeier - Family	
	8:30 am	Special Intention	
Dec 29 Thurs - jeu	10:00 am		<i>The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i>
Dec 30 Fri - ven	8:30 am	Special Intention	
Dec 31 Sat - sam	5:00 pm	Deceased Meunier Family – George & Rachel	New Years Eve
Jan 1 Sun - dim	10:00 am	Special Intention - Friend	New Years Day
Jan 3 Tues - mar	8:30 am	NO MASS	
	10:00 am	(Lodge) RIP Raymonde Riopel – Roger & Laurette Blackburn	
Jan 4 Wed - mer	7:00 pm	(Church) NO MASS	
	10:00 am	(Aspen) RIP Michelle Goulet – Mom & Dad	
Jan 5 Thurs - jeu	10:00 am		<i>First Friday</i>
Jan 6 Fri - ven	8:30 am	RIP Nick Wojtkiw – Leo Arbour	
Jan 7 Sat - sam	5:00 pm	For Parishioners	Baptism of the Lord
	9:00 am	Special Intention for Veonica Short – Janet & Esther	
Jan 8 Sun - dim	11:00 am	RIP Maurice & Armand Tailleux - Family	

PLEASE PRAY FOR.... 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.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Dust Angels

- Dec 27th Tuesday 8:00 am
- Jan 2nd Monday 8:00 am

- Church

Next Gift Cards sale the weekends of Jan 14th & 15th and Jan 28th and 29th.

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Parish office this week will be closed on

Dec 27th and 28th and Jan 3rd and 4th.

**Knights of Columbus Christmas Hamper Program**

The Knights of Columbus, St. Anne Council, would like to thank all for your support of our annual Christmas Hamper program. Your generosity has helped make Christmas more special for over 100 families in the Morinville area. The smiles on the faces of the children at the sight of the hampers have left a lasting impression on those who delivered them. Your support is very much appreciated. The Knights of Columbus recognize your commitment to this worthy endeavor with ensures the ongoing success of the Christmas Hamper project. Therefore it is with sincere gratitude that we wish you the peace, love and joy of the Christ Child in the coming year.

First Friday Adoration

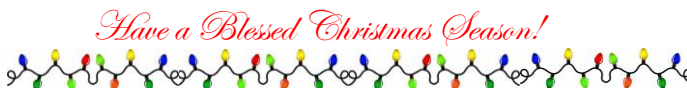
On the **First Friday of January** we will have a day of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The church will be open between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm and everyone will be able to come for longer or shorter period of time to spend with Eucharistic Jesus. We begin with Mass at 8:30 am, then the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Adoration and prayer till 12:00 pm. There is a **sign up sheet at the back** of the church so that at least 2 people sign for each hour to make sure there is always someone present in the church with Blessed Sacrament exposed.

Envelopes for 2017

There are still some envelopes at the back of the church that have not been picked up yet please pick up your boxes after Mass today as these are to be used for 2017. Thank you!

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, to us in the parish office, we say big Thank You! We appreciate all your support, especially your prayers.



Have a Blessed Christmas Season!

