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**1st and 2nd Sunday
in Advent
December 3rd & 10th , 2017**



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:

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..

Focus of the Sunday Readings

Stay awake and watch for the Lord.

The ancient spiritual tradition of *memento mari* is one of calling to mind our own eventual death in order to focus on eternity and live a better life. How easy it is to be lulled into sleep of the world and to forget that there is a limit to our earthly time. Advent is a time to prepare ourselves for Christ's return in glory. When the Lord comes, will he find us awake?

The first reading is Isaiah's poetic plea to God to remain with his people and continue to bless them despite their worldliness and their propensity toward sin. In the second reading, Saint Paul reminds the Corinthians that God is faithful, and will continue to sustain them until the day of salvation. The Gospel rouses us from worldly sheep with the exhortation to *Watch*, for we do not know the day or the hour when the Lord will call upon us.

As John the Baptist prepared the way of the Lord, so we, too, must prepare for his coming by being Jesus' disciples – his witnesses in the world.

Our readings today give us hope that Jesus is coming, but also offer a challenge to prepare the way before him. John the Baptist's words in today's Gospel point us to Jesus while challenging us to repent. In order to prepare the way and make *straight his paths*, we must be willing to sometimes go out on a limb and be that voice crying in the wilderness, proclaiming the mightiness of our Savior.

In the first reading from Isaiah, we hear a voice that cries out: *In the desert prepare the way of the Lord*. In the second reading, we are reminded that we will not know the day or the hour of Jesus' return, so we must be ready. Today's Gospel talks of John the Baptist proclaiming a baptism of repentance.

Parish Confession - **Tuesday, Dec. 5th** - **7:00 pm**

Fourth Sunday of Advent – Saturday December 23rd **5:00 pm**

- **Sunday December 24th** **10:30 am**

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

CHRISTMAS DAY - **Monday, Dec. 25th** - **10:30 am**

FEAST OF HOLY FAMILY - **Saturday, Dec. 26th** - **5:00 pm**

- **Sunday, Dec. 27th** - **10:30 am**



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

NEW YEAR'S DAY - **Monday, Jan. 1st** - **10:30 am**

Development and peace 2017 campaign

This fall, let's pay tribute to women who build peace! Across the world, brave women are coming together to struggle, to resist and build a more peaceful world. This fall, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada will introduce you to three of these women enclosed in this weeks bulletin .



The Knights of Columbus St. Anne Council, on behalf of St. Jean Baptiste Catholic Parish, the Midstream Support Society and the Morinville Food Bank, are pleased to announce that they will be coordinating the Christmas Hamper Project for Morinville and District once again this year. Last year 106 hampers containing food and numerous children's toys and gifts were distributed to needy families in the 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, Town of Morinville FCSS (cultural centre), Morinville Sobey's, Scotia Bank, Royal Bank, Servus Credit Union, and the No Frills store. Residents 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 of St. Jean Baptiste Church or Bumper-to-Bumper. Cheques are to be made to St. Jean Baptiste Parish (Income tax receipts will be issued), and the monies 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 780-939-3953 (midstream society) or 780-939-4361 (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 15th.

The distribution of hampers is planned for Thursday December 21st, 2017, at the Rendez-Vous Centre between 4 pm. and 7 p.m.

Morinville Community Christmas Celebration

Join us in the joyous spirit of Christmas at Morinville's 39th Annual Community Christmas Celebration on Thursday 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!

Advent Reflection

There are some Advent reflection booklets at the back of the church for this Advent season. Please feel free to take one home and use it to journey through this Advent season.

Readers

The 2018 Workbook for Lectors is now available for purchase for any readers who wish to buy this book. The cost is \$10.00.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Day		Time	Mass Intention	Feast
Dec 2	Saturday	5:00 pm	RIP Norm Chalifoux – Jeannine & Girls	First Sunday of Advent
Dec 3	Sunday	9:00 am	For Parishioners	
		11:00 am	RIP Lucien Sasseville & Deceased Family - Gilberte	
Dec 5	Tuesday	8:30 am	RIP Laretta Schmidtiester - Family	
Dec 6	Wed	10:00 am	(Lodge) RIP Maurice VanBrabant - Lyle & Doreen Desmond	
Dec 7	Thursday	10:00 am	(Aspen) RIP Pauline Kolesar – Ron, Eileen & Marlene & Families	
Dec 8	Friday	8:30 am	Special Intention - Parishioner	
Dec 9	Saturday	5:00 pm	For Parishioners	Second Sunday in Advent
Dec 10	Sunday	9:00 am	Special Intention - Parishioner	
		11:00 am	RIP Margaret, Don & Kieran Earles – Earles Family	
Dec 12	Tuesday	8:30 am	Special Intention - Friend	
Dec 13	Wed	10:00 am	(Lodge) RIP Maurice VanBrabant – Marlene & Dave Andrews	
Dec 14	Thursday	10:00 am	(Aspen) RIP Lucien Beaupre – Angie Gibeault	St. John the Cross
Dec 15	Friday	8:30 am	Deceased Boissonnault & Brenneis Fmily - Shirley	
Dec 16	Saturday	5:00 pm	Deceased Bulger Family – George & Rachel	Third Sunday in Advent
Dec 17	Sunday	9:00 am 11:00 am	RIP Linda (Dupuis) Tessier – Jean Family For Parishioners	

PLEASE PRAY FOR... Irene Dupuis, Emilienne Dostie All those who are sick or struggling; who are going through any medical procedures and treatments.



COLLECTIONS – QUÊTES November 19th – \$2823.00 Restoration \$ 360.00
 November 26th - \$ 3443.00 Restoration \$ 100.00 **THANK YOU! MERCI**

*The Parish office will be closed December 12th.
 Gift Cards will be on sale during the weekend of December 9th & 10th.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dust Angels

- December 4th & 11th Monday 8:00 am - Church