

# PAROISSE ST. JEAN BAPTISTE PARISH

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2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday  
in Advent  
December 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> , 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

*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.

*Rejoice in your God, the God of hope and light.*

The world literally grows darker each day this time of the year. But as dark as the world grows, the darkness will not overcome the light. Jesus is the light of the world. He illumines our darkness with his love and truth. We are able to sit in the darkness with confidence that the Lord is with us. Today's readings are readings of hope for a future that is bright with promise. Isaiah announces a year of favor from the Lord in which all manner of suffering is soothed. Saint Paul reminds us to rejoice, to pray always and to give thanks in all circumstances. In John's Gospel, we hear that the Light has come into the world, and it cannot be extinguished.

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**Fourth Sunday of Advent – Saturday December 23<sup>rd</sup> 5:00 pm**  
**- Sunday December 24<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am**

**CHRISTMAS EVE - Sunday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> - 5:00 pm 7:30 pm 9:00 pm (New Time)**

**CHRISTMAS DAY - Monday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> - 10:30 am**

**FEAST OF HOLY FAMILY - Saturday, Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> - 5:00 pm**  
**- Sunday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> - 10:30 am**



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

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

## Envelopes

The envelopes for 2018 are ready to be picked up this weekend. **Please do not use them till 2018 everyone has been assigned new envelope numbers so it is very important that you do not use them for this year and do not use your old envelope numbers at all next year.** If you would like to receive envelopes please fill out the registration form by the envelopes and the envelopes will be available to you next weekend.



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 of 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 15<sup>th</sup>.

The distribution of hampers is planned for Thursday December 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Christmas Celebration on Thursday December 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

# MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Day	Time	Mass Intention	Feast
Dec 9 Saturday	5:00 pm	For Parishioners	Second Sunday of 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	
Dec 15 Friday	8:30 am	Deceased Boissonnault & Brenneis Family - Shirley	
Dec 16 Saturday	5:00 pm	Deceased Bulger Family – George & Rachel	Third Sunday in Advent
Dec 17 Sunday	9:00 am	RIP Linda (Dupuis) Tessier – Jean Family	
	11:00 am	For Parishioners	
Dec 19 Tuesday	8:30 am	RIP Francoise Froment – Mark & Kerry	
Dec 20 Wed	10:00 am	(Lodge) RIP Lucien Beaupore – Joe & Evelyn Lutz	
Dec 21 Thursday	10:00 am	(Aspen) RIP John Bulger – Irma & Family	
Dec 22 Friday	8:30 am	RIP Walter & Lena Boddez – Mark & Kerry	
Dec 23 Saturday	5:00 pm	For Parishioners	Fourth Sunday in Advent
Dec 24 Sunday	10:30 am	RIP Stella Constantin – Joe, Evelyn & Family	

**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 December 3<sup>rd</sup> – \$ 3031.00 Restoration \$ 1,150.00

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The Parish office will be closed December 12<sup>th</sup>.

Gift Cards will be on sale during the weekend of December 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Dust Angels**

- December 11<sup>th</sup> Monday 8:00 am

- Church

## Christmas Ministry Sign-up

The volunteer sign up sheet is available at the back of the church please fill out where you can help at the various masses. Thank you!