

PAROISSE ST. JEAN BAPTISTE PARISH



Merry  Christmas


Joyeux Noël



CHRISTMAS - NOËL



Today, we celebrate the birth of Christ. In the darkness of this night, God's purest light appears in human history, offering us a share in God's eternal life and mercy.

The Christmas story is known to all through word, song and tradition. But it is more than an account of a baby born in difficult circumstances. For this is no ordinary child, but one sent to us from the very heart of God – a child who is innocent and powerless, yet has within him the awesome capacity to reconcile and heal.

The prophet Isaiah foretells the coming of the Messiah. He will sit upon the throne of David, and upon him will rest dominion and authority. Paul tells Titus that in Christ, the very grace of God has appeared in our world and through him, we have been offered salvation. Luke recalls the birth of Jesus in human history.



The Light of the World disperses the worst nights of darkness.

A full moon lighting up a darkened sky can serve as a great reminder to us that Jesus is the Light that disperses the darkest moments in our lives and in our world. Accepting and sharing the true light brings hope where there is despair. Isaiah tells of the glad tidings that will take place once the Messiah arrives. The author of Hebrews states that the Son is the most profound and complete way that God speaks to us. Saint John proclaims Jesus as the pre-existent Word of God, now present to us in the flesh, who reveals God to us.



HOLY FAMILY - SAINTE FAMILLE

Families are the domestic church, cultivating a family life centered on Christ.



Most people first experience faith within their family, where it is planted and nurtured. Mary and Joseph nurtured Jesus in the ways of faith, and helped him to grow in wisdom through their love and commitment to him and to each other, and through their obedience to Scripture and Tradition. It is through our trust in God and our love for one another that we bring Christ to life in our own families and communities.

In the first reading, Sirach echoes God's mandate to honor our father and mother, for in doing so we honor God. In the second reading, Saint Paul instructs the Colossians to live in the spirit of Christ, loving one another and seeking peace. In the Gospel, Joseph and Mary present Jesus at the Temple for the ritual Jewish purification. There they encounter Simeon and prophets, Anna, who offer thanks to God for this long-awaited Savior and foretell of his coming reign of power.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Day	Time	Mass Intention	Feast
Dec 24 Sunday	5:00 pm 7:30 pm 9:00 pm	RIP Roger Champagne - Lorette RIP August Kieser & Denis Bachand – Celina & Sharon For Parishioners	<i>Christmas Eve</i>
Dec 25 Monday	10:30 am	RIP Gerard Corcoran – Mina & Family	<i>Christmas Day</i>
Dec 30 Saturday	5:00 pm	For Parishioners	<i>Holy Family</i>
Dec 31 Sunday	10:30 am	RIP Dave McDonald (2ndAnniv) - Family	
Dec 31 Sunday	5:00 pm	Deceased Meunier Family – George & Rachel	<i>New Year's Eve</i>
Jan 1 Monday	10:30 am	RIP Nick Wojtkiw – Alice & Family	<i>New Year's Day</i>
Jan 2 Tuesday	8:30am	NO MASS	
Jan 3 Wed	10:00 am	<i>(Lodge)</i> RIP Michelle Goulet - Mom	
Jan 4 Thursday	10:00 am	<i>(Aspen)</i> RIP Leon Schayes - Cecile	
Jan 5 Friday	8:30 am	RIP Raymond Riopel – Mark & Kerry	<i>First Friday</i>
Jan 6 Saturday	5:00 pm	Special Intention for George & Rachel - Nicole	<i>Epiphany</i>
Jan 7 Sunday	9:00 am	For Parishioners	<i>of The</i>
	11:00 am	Deceased Family members - Alice	<i>Lord</i>

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

First Friday Adoration

Will begin 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 will be no Masses during the week of December 26th to 29th.

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COLLECTIONS – QUÊTES Dec. 17th \$ 5921.60

Restoration \$ 220.00
THANK YOU! MERCI!

Parish office will be closed from Dec. 25th – Jan 2, 2018

THANK YOU

The Parishioners of St. Jean Baptiste Parish would like to extend a sincere Thankyou to Father Rene for all his assistance in the past few months. We appreciate you taking time from your busy parish in Bonnyville to assist us here. Have a blessed and Holy Christmas, remember us in your prayers, and please drop in to visit. We will certainly miss your sense of humour and your great gift at telling jokes, All the best in the New year, good health and many Blessings as we all journey onward!

Let Every Day Be Christmas – Norman W Brooks

Christmas is forever...	Not for just one day.
For loving, sharing, giving	And not to put away.
Like bells and lights and tinsel	in some box upon a shelf
The Good you do for Others	in Good you do Yourself!

**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.

Envelopes for 2018

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 2018. 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!

