

PAROISSE ST. JEAN BAPTISTE PARISH

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December 9th, 2018
2nd Sunday of Advent

Sunday Masses:

Sat. 5:00 pm English
Sun. 9:00 am English
11:00 am Bilingual

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Weekday Liturgies:

Please refer to a recent bulletin for updates for the current week.

Parish Council

Andy Morin

939-0224

Finance Committee

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Sacrament of

Reconciliation:

Sat. 4:30 - 4:50 pm
Sun. 8:30 - 8:50 am
10:30 - 10:50 am
or upon appointment

Children's Liturgy

Lisa St. Onge

939-5185



Safe Parish Committee

Denise Touchette

939-4401

Baptism:

First Sunday of the month at mass.
Call the parish office for more info and registration.

K.of C.

Patrick Earles

Grand Knight

939-6253

C.W.L.

Sandee Blackburn

President

939-5199

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.

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 After Hours for **Emergencies Only**
780-645-9749.

Come & Join Us!

Simbang Gabi is a devotional nine-day series of Masses in anticipation of Christmas and to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary.

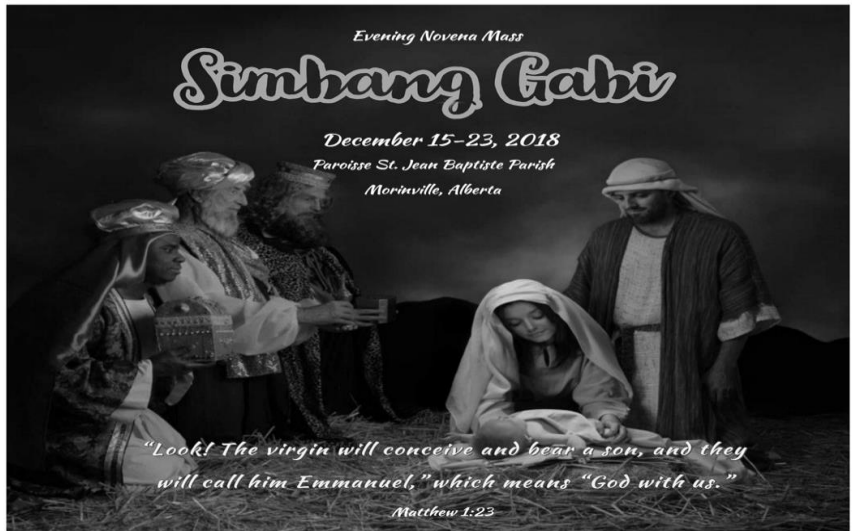
Schedule:

- Dec. 15: 7 PM (Presider: Bishop Paul Terris)
- Dec. 16: 7 PM
- Dec. 17: 7 PM
- Dec. 18: 7 PM
- Dec. 19: 7 PM
- Dec. 20: 5:30 PM
- Dec. 21: 7 PM
- Dec. 22: 7 PM
- Dec. 23: 7 PM

Evening Novena Mass

Simbang Gabi

December 15-23, 2018
*Paroisse St. Jean Baptiste Parish
 Morinville, Alberta*



"Look! The virgin will conceive and bear a son, and they will call him Emmanuel," which means "God with us."

Matthew 1:23

Rite of Acceptance

Have you ever been intrigued by a travel brochure or the travel section of the Sunday newspaper? They lay before us all the marvels and wonders of distant and different lands. They may show us places and things that we've never seen; they hint at adventures that can't fully be described. Usually we spend a minute or an hour imagining what the journey might be like and then we turn the page or set the brochure down.

Those who come to us to find out about the Catholic church begin with a period of inquiry. The period of inquiry might be compared to reading a travel brochure. What kind of journey might this be? What might we encounter on the way? Where might we end up? These are important questions, but asking them is not the same thing as taking the journey.

The Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens—is celebrated at the end of the period of inquiry—is something like sign-up day. At this liturgy, the inquirers who have asked the questions and now are ready to embark on the journey arrive at our door. We greet them and ask them what they want. They want what we told them that we could help them discover: faith, baptism, eternal life. We mark them with the cross, for this is the sign of all who are on this journey. We give them the holy scriptures: It is the guidebook that we use on the way. We promise to be with them on this trip, for we are still on it ourselves. And we give them wise guides—sponsors, catechists, pastors and many others—to surround them and support them as they learn the ways of the road.

Any good travel agent will tell you that she or he cannot guarantee how a journey will end, or what exactly will happen along the way. We can't say, either, what will happen along this way. But in faith we can say that if we and those we invite on this journey are faithful to the one who has called us to make it, then the end of the journey will be more marvelous than we imagined at the onset.



Knights of Columbus Christmas Hampers



Knights of Columbus St. Anne Council, on behalf of St. Jean Baptiste Catholic Parish, the Midstream 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 110 hampers containing food and numerous children's toys and gifts were distributed to needy families in the community. 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 Sobeys, 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. Any surplus funds are distributed for their lunch programs.

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 Store) 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 14th.

The distribution of hampers is planned for Wednesday December 19th, 2018, at the Rendez-Vous Centre between 4 pm. and 7 p.m.

Advent Reflection Books

There are still 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.

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!

Calendars for 2019

There are some calendars for 2019 in English and French from Connelly Mckinley funeral home in St. Albert. They are available at the back of the church.

Envelopes

There are still envelopes for 2019 at the back of the Church. **Please do not use them till 2019** 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

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Day	Time	Mass Intention	Feast
Dec 8 Saturday	5:00 pm	Special Intention	2 nd Sunday of Advent
Dec 9 Sunday	9:00 am	For Parishioners	
	11:00 am	RIP Tony & Mabel Schafers	
Dec 11 Tuesday	8:30 am	Special Intention - Friend	
Dec 12 Wed	10:00 am	(Lodge) RIP Leon Schayes - Cecile	
Dec 13 Thurs	10:00 am	(Aspen) RIP Michelle Goulet - Mom	
Dec 14 Friday	8:30 am	Deceased Boissonnault & Brenneis Family - Shirley	

PLEASE PRAY FOR... Emilienne Dostie, Braden Rowland, Colette Klein. All those who are sick or struggling and who are going through any medical procedures and treatments.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES - Monday, Dec. 24th - 5:00 pm 7:30 pm 9:00 pm

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

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

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

Morinville Community Christmas Celebration

Join us in the joyous spirit of Christmas at Morinville's 40th Annual Community Christmas Celebration on Thursday December 20th 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!



Please Pray for...

+ Imogene Boulet who passed away December 3rd, 2018

Funeral Mass will be held on Monday December 10th at 1:00 pm in our Parish.

+ Leo Shrum who passed away December 4th, 2018

Funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday December 11th at 11:00 am in our Parish.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Collections for December 2nd \$ 3767.95

Restoration \$ 850.00

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dust Angels

- December 10th ,8:00 am, Monday

- Church

The parish office will be closed December 11th.