

# PAROISSE ST. JEAN BAPTISTE PARISH



Merry   
Christmas

  
Joyeux Noël



## CHRISTMAS - NOËL



**There is good news and rejoicing as light has entered the world with the birth of the Savior.**

The wait is over. The promise is fulfilled. Light has entered the world. Abundant joy and great rejoicing abound. *For a child is born to us, a son is given us.* The Messiah has come to save us and lead us all to the Father. The message of Christmas fills us with peace. *Glory to God in the highest.*



**On this Christmas day, we rejoice in the birth of our Savior.**

Hark, the *sentinels raise a cry* and the angels sing: the Lord is restoring Zion and salvation is at hand. With this celebration of the Incarnation of our God in the person of Jesus, we rejoice in the salvation that has been given to us. We rejoice in our redemption.

The prophet Isaiah foretells of the time when Jerusalem will be redeemed, and salvation will be at hand for all. The Letter to the Hebrews reminds us that God always spoke to his people through the prophets, but only in partial ways. In today's Gospel, we hear of the union between Father and Son from all time, and through which the fullness of God is revealed.

## HOLY FAMILY - SAINTE FAMILLE



**Mary receives the message of the angels through the shepherds and she reflects on it in her heart.**

Mary reflected on what she heard. Other translations say that “ she pondered what she heard,” which is more helpful. To ponder is not just to think about or reflect, but to feel the weight of something. Mary felt the weight of the shepherds’ message to her regarding her Son (foreshadowing the pain of the sword that would pierce her soul upon his death), and she embraced it and allowed it to become a part of her. We, too, can embrace God’s word in this way – feeling its weight and allowing it to truly become a part of us. In the first reading, the Lord gives Moses the words of blessing for Aaron to use over the people of Israel. In the second reading, Saint Paul reminds the Galatians that God sent his Son, born of a woman, to save us and adopt us as his children. In today’s Gospel, the shepherds go to Bethlehem and find Mary, Joseph and the infant. They convey what they had been told about the Child. A few days later, the child is circumcised and given his name, Jesus.

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Day	Time	Mass Intention	Feast
<b>Dec 22</b> Saturday	<b>5:00 pm</b>	Deceased Family members& Carol – Jim & Jeannette	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>
<b>Dec 23</b> Sunday	<b>9:00 am</b> <b>11:00 am</b>	A Friend – Ron Deceased Houle & Boissonnault Family – Adrien & family	
<b>Dec 24</b> Monday	<b>5:00 pm</b> <b>7:30 pm</b> <b>9:00 pm</b>	RIP Roger Champagne – Lorette RIP August Kieser & Denis Bachand – Celina & Sharon Roland & Lisa Boissonnault - Shirley	<b>Christmas Eve</b>
<b>Dec 25</b> Tuesday	<b>10:00 am</b>	For Parishioners	<i>Christmas Day</i>
<b>Dec 26</b> Wednesday	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>( Lodge) NO MASS</b>	
<b>Dec 27</b> Thursday	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>(Aspen) NO MASS</b>	<i>St. John the Apo</i>
<b>Dec 28</b> Friday	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	<i>The Holy Innocents</i>
<b>Dec 29</b> Saturday	<b>5:00 pm</b>	Deceased Bulger Relatives - Rachel	<b>The Holy Family Of Jesus</b>
<b>Dec 30</b> Sunday	<b>9:00 am</b> <b>11:00 am</b>	A Friend – Ron & Karen Cust For Parishioners	
<b>Dec 31</b> Monday	<b>5:00 pm</b>	Deceased Meunier Family - Rachel	<i>New Years Eve</i>
<b>Jan 1</b> Tuesday	<b>10:00 am</b>	RIP Joe Kieser - Family	<i>New Years Day</i>
<b>Jan 2</b> Wednesday	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>(Lodge) NO MASS</b>	
<b>Jan 3</b> Thursday	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>(Lodge) NO MASS</b>	
<b>Jan 4</b> Friday	<b>8:30 am</b>	RIP Real Cormier – Larry Comeau	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Friday</i>
<b>Jan 5</b> Saturday	<b>5:00 pm</b>	For Parishioners	<b>Baptism Of The Lord</b>
<b>Jan 6</b> Sunday	<b>9:00 am</b> <b>11:00 am</b>	Special Intention for Colette Klein – Family RIP Sr. Tarcienne Boissonnault - Louise	
<b>Jan 8</b> Tuesday	<b>8:30 am</b>	RIP Desiree Froment – Lisa & Jack St.Onge	
<b>Jan 9</b> Wednesday	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>(Lodge) RI</b> LucienSylvestre – Lorette Champagne	
<b>Jan 10</b> Thursday	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>(Aspen) RI</b> Marie-Anne Hittinger – Evelyn VanBrabant	
<b>Jan 11</b> Friday	<b>8:30 am</b>	RIP Norbert Quaghebeur – Celina Kieser	

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

There will be no Masses during the week of December 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> and January 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> . Weekday Masses will resume on Friday January 4<sup>th</sup> First Friday.

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COLLECTIONS – QUÊTES Dec. 16th \$ 6470.50

Restoration \$ 3085.00  
 THANK YOU! MERCI!

The Parish office will be closed from Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> – Jan 4th , 2019

If there are any **urgent** matters please call Fr. Trini on his voice mail at 780-939-4412 ext 4 and he will return your call.

**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!

**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

**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.

**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!*

