

December 13th, 2020

Third Sunday of Advent

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

There will be a **Christmas Children's Mass on December 24, Christmas Eve at 6:00 pm**. The Mass will be for Children and their families. We do understand that many families will be looking to attend this Children's Mass; however, due to the present circumstances only 100 people will be permitted to attend. There are other Christmas Masses that your family could attend; Christmas Eve at 8:00 pm and at 10:00 pm. Also, as in the past there will be a Christmas Day mass at 10:30 am for all families. Please keep in mind that attendance of 100 people is for all of the Masses. The attendance for all Masses will be done by **phone registration** only.

If you have any questions relating to registration for any of our Christmas Masses, you can call Debbie Wilton at 649-1958.

Monday, December 14th

7:00 p.m. Reconciliation

Thursday, December 24th

6:00 p.m. (Children's Mass)

8:00 p.m.

10:00 p.m.

Friday, December 25th

10:30 a.m.

Holy Family Mass

Saturday, December 26th

6:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 27th

10:30 a.m.

New Year's Eve

Thursday, December 31st

6:00 p.m.

New Year's Day,

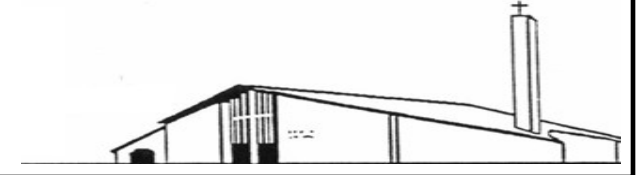
Friday, January 1st

10:30 a.m.



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BISHOP OF CORNER BROOK & LABRADOR: Most Rev. Bart Van Roijen

Administrator: Fr. Krishnarao Mekala (Kris)

Associate Priest: Fr. Vanathuraj Rayappan (Ray)

PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR

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Debbie Wilton

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RESPONSIBLE MINISTRY COORDINATOR: Theresa Dollimont

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Knights of Columbus - Grand Knight Clyde Russell

4th Degree Assembly - Faithful Navigator Bob Miller

MARRIAGES. Six months notice is required; a year's notice is recommended.

BAPTISM PREPARATION- *Please call to register.*

ST. STEPHEN'S PARISH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Evening - 6:00 P.M.

Sunday Morning - 10:30 A.M.

REGULAR WEEKDAY MASSES

Online Daily Due to COVID-19

MARIA REGINA PARISH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday - 4:30 P.M.

Sunday - 9:00 A.M.

ROSARY

Saturdays at 11:00 am

RECONCILIATION

By Appointment

PRAYER MEETINGS:

St. Stephen's Prayer Group — Wednesday at 7:45 P.M. in the Parish Meeting Room.

Word & Spirit Prayer Group — Tuesday at 8:00 P.M. in St. Anne's Hall.

OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY - 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm,

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, FRIDAY - 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

CLOSED DAILY 12:00 - 1:00 PM

RECEIVED WITH THANKS

November 29th - \$2745.00

December 6th - \$3247.00



SCENT-FREE

Please be aware that some people have allergic reactions to perfumes and other scents. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 14th

For the deceased members of the Smith Family

Tuesday, December 15th

Intentions for Clinton Young

Wednesday, December 16th

Intentions for Felix and Young Family

Thursday, December 17th

For the late members of the J.V. and Mary Ellen O'Quinn Family

Friday, December 18th

For the late Ida Jesso

HOLY FATHERS INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER: EVANGELIZATION

For a life of prayer - We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

U-TUBE REFLECTION

The Bishops of Canada are providing a short U-Tube reflection on the Sunday Advent Readings that can be accessed beginning every Monday of the week on the CCCB webpage at ww.cccb.ca. Bishop Douglas Crosby, Bishop of Hamilton, is the presenter.

4 YOUTH

Did you ever wonder about the pink candle on the Advent Wreath? And did you notice that Father is wearing a pink chasuble today? Well, today is the Third Sunday of Advent known as Gaudete Sunday. The word "Gaudete" is the first word (in Latin) of the Entrance antiphon for today's Mass and it means "rejoice". The priest wears rose vestments to-



day and we light the pink candle on our Advent Wreath because we want to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near. This change in color from purple to pink is meant to encourage us to continue our spiritual preparation for Christmas. Keep praying as we wait for the birth of our Saviour. (Busted Halo's Advent calendar of the internet is still a good choice!)

A STORY

She was all of four years old. Old enough to remember the past, young enough to be excited about what was yet to come. Seeing her father in his favorite chair with his nose buried in the sports page, she stood at his elbow and said in her soft four-year-old voice, "Daddy, can you hardly?". No response. Undeterred, she turned up the volume and tried again, "Daddy, can you hardly?" Still no response. Not about to give up, she tried a third time, "Daddy, can you hardly?" Finally, looking at her over the top of the paper, he said in a voice used only when interrupted while reading about the Toronto Maple Leafs, "Honey, for heavens sake, what do you mean, Can I hardly? Hardly what?" Taken aback by his gruffness, her lower lip quivered as she asked, "Daddy, can you hardly wait until Christmas?" The little girl's question is one typical of most children her age. Anticipation is more than simply waiting for something to happen or for someone to arrive. Anticipation is a "stand on tiptoes" kind of feeling. It can be linked to hope; the hope that what is presently being endured will pass. (Taken from: Franciscan Media, Sunday Homily Helps: 3rd Sunday of Advent - December 13th - 2020, Series B Readings, Lectionary #8, Cincinnati (Ohio), p21.)

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

There will be reason to rejoice - First Reading - Isaiah 61:1-4; 8-11:

a) After years of oppression, a faithful servant experiences that the spirit of the Lord is upon him to speak words of hope to people in captiv-

ity. As disciples, it is ours to look forward with anticipation.

b) Removing oppression will be cause for celebration.

c) Like the child anticipating Christmas, the Israelites will rejoice because God's plan for salvation will affect not only them, but the entire world. And so it is we rejoice today!

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WEEK 3 OF ADVENT: JOY

During this third week of Advent, let us remember that the good news of Jesus' birth has the power to bring us great joy this Christmas season. Our joy is not dependent on what is going on in our life, in our world, or the people that we are with. It does not depend on the gifts we give or the gifts we find under the tree. No earthly thing can ever give us complete joy. Our joy comes from you. That joy which flooded the hearts of the shepherds, the angels, the wise men, the hosts of heaven, and Mary and Joseph is the same joy that still has the power to overwhelm our hearts with rejoicing. Amen.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS FLOWER CONTRIBUTIONS

If you wish, you can now make a monetary contribution to help buy Christmas flowers for St. Stephen's. Any donation will be gratefully accepted. Contributions may be made in memory of a deceased family member or friend. Please put your contribution in an envelope marked "Christmas Flowers" including your name, address and the envelop number.



CHURCH ENVELOPES

Church envelopes are now available. They can be picked up at our Parish office during office hours.

SUNDAY MISSALS

Our new Sunday missals are now available. They can be purchased for \$5 at our Parish office during weekday hours.

NOTE OF THANKS

St. Anne's Guild extends a sincere thank you to all those who contributed to their Christmas Bake and Ticket Sales. It was a great success. Winner of the Christmas Shortbread Tree was Judy Renouf Ticket #85.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Curbside café for December 17th is cancelled. The Zion Pentecostal Church will be holding their roast beef dinner on December 17th and we will be holding our annual Christmas Dinner (delivery only) on December 25th. Our next café will be held on January 21st and every third Thursday thereafter.

