

NOVEMBER 29, 2020

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Today we begin the beautiful and holy season of Advent. With all that we have going on this time of year, it's no wonder Advent that does not always seem to get the attention it deserves. But if we will commit to living this season well, we will experience a deeper conversion to Christ and find real transformation in our lives as Christian stewards.



Why? Advent calls us not only to look back in grateful contemplation of Christ's first coming, but it also calls us to look forward in preparation for His Second Coming. Advent is a time to reset and regroup, to repent over any misplaced priorities, to turn our minds and hearts back to God while we still have time. We do so not out of fear or guilt, but rather, out of gratitude for Love Incarnate lying in a manger bed.

Whatever we feel God calling us to do this Advent — committing to a daily Gospel reflection, visiting a lonely neighbor, or donating money to those in dire need — there is no time to waste.

Jesus makes this clear in our Gospel passage from Matthew. He tells the parable of a man going off on a journey. Before he leaves, he "places his servants in charge, each with his own work." We, of course, are the servants in this parable, each with a mission to accomplish in building the Kingdom of God. Jesus warns us over and over in this passage to remain vigilant to the work He has given us to do because we do not know when we will be called to give an account for it.

Our lives are a gift. This holy season is a gift. Let us recommit to living the stewardship way of life. Love came down to us as a Baby. And He is coming again. Be watchful!

Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, November 30

8:30 a.m. - All Souls †

Tuesday, December 1

8:30 a.m. - Ivan & Zivko Petric †
Salvatore Corda † | Betty Condon †

7:00 p.m. - RCIA

Wednesday, December 2

8:30 a.m. - Mary & Osgoode Dart † | Sadie Fleming †

Thursday, December 3

No Mass

Friday, December 4

8:30 a.m. - Ann Flus † | Richard Douglas Wherry †
9:00 a.m. - Holy Hour

Saturday, December 5

5:00 p.m. - CWL Gathering Mass
Claudio Masciarelli † | George Adams †
John Pawlik † | Lynn Lorenzi †

Sunday, December 6

9:00 a.m. - Mass for the People
11:00 a.m. - Dr. Bo Epstein † | Andras Nadj †
Angela Napoli † | Anthony Petrovich Jr. †

CONFIRMATION 2020



We congratulate our students encountering Christ in the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Bergie this weekend.

Owen-Joseph A
James C
Dinnis Martin D
Antonio D
Kayleigh D
Harrison F
Kayden F

Ava G
Grace G
Malaina L
Marco P
Ethan R
Dante R

ST. JULIA CWL

Please join us for our Gathering Mass at
5:00 p.m., Saturday, December 5th.



Reminder: CWL 2021 Membership

It is that time again for our Annual Dues for 2021. We are most grateful for your continued support. Through your membership, it enables us to help the different charitable organizations in our community. Please put your cash or cheque for **\$25.00** made payable to **St. Julia CWL** in a plain envelope which can be placed in the offertory basket or dropped off at the parish office. We will be happy to do a pick-up as well. Please ensure your envelope is clearly marked with your name, address, telephone number and email if you have one. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS 2020 MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve - Thursday, December 24th

5 p.m. 8 p.m. 10 p.m.

Christmas Day - Friday, December 25th

9 a.m. 11 a.m.

Ticket System

In order to keep everyone safe, a limited number of tickets will be available for each Christmas Mass. Tickets must be secured / picked up in advance and must be presented upon entering the Mass. Tickets will be available beginning Saturday, November 28th at 4:30 p.m. and at all weekend Masses there after / or until capacity is reached. Tickets will also be available at the parish office Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. beginning Monday, November 30th.

Unable to get a ticket or concerned about the crowds? Consider joining us at another Mass during the Octave of Christmas. Weekday Mass is celebrated Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Friday at 8:30 a.m.

New Year's Masses will follow our regular Sunday Mass Schedule. Tickets are not required.

Thursday, December 31st - 5 p.m.

Friday, January 1st - 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.



THE DAUGHTERS OF ST. PAUL CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Covid can't stop Christmas. This year the Daughters of St. Paul Choir's Christmas Concert is finally making it to Canada... virtually! The Daughters of St. Paul are an international congregation of religious sisters who evangelize through the media. The sisters of the USA & Canada have long wished to bring their Christmas Concert tour north, but international rights and customs made it impossible. But this year has offered the sisters the unique opportunity to launch their first ever virtual concert, "Home for Christmas," with choir members joining in from their homes to sing to you in yours! So join us, the Daughters of St. Paul Choir, for our first concert for Canada! "Home for Christmas" is a free YouTube live-streamed event where you can expect to meet our choir members, listen to some concert favourites, learn some dance moves, hear some inspirational stories, and have the opportunity to support our mission of evangelization. We hope to see you there, December 3rd at 8pm EST! For more information visit: <http://www.pauline.org/virtualconcert>

DIOCESAN ANNIVERSARY MASS

The Diocesan Anniversary Mass was held at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria on Wednesday, November 25, 2020. This Mass will be broadcast on Cogeco TV on Sunday, November 29, 2020 at 12:30 pm and Monday, November 30, 2020 at 8 pm. It will also be available to Cogeco customers on the Video on Demand Channel (Ch. 602).

TAKE OUT PASTA NIGHT BIG THANKS!



It is once again with sincere thanks that I thank all those that made our first Take Out Pasta Dinner Night a tremendous success. A big thanks to Donna White for spearheading this night and for sharing her gifts and talents with us. We also wish to thank our organizing team and all of the wonderful volunteers from our parish. *Thank you, thank you, thank you!* And thank you our parish community and friends for supporting this event! **God bless!**

FAITH FORMATION & CATECHESIS

We welcome you to join our RCIA session for *"The Sacrament of Confirmation"* at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, December 1st in our parish hall.