

Third Sunday of Advent

Dec. 15, 2019

This Sunday's Readings:

Isaiah 35.1-6a: "God himself will come and save us."

Psalms 146.6c-7: "Lord, come and save us."

James 5.7-10: "Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near."

Matthew 11.2-11: "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?"

Winona will be available Monday-Friday from 10a.m.-2 p.m. at 357-2593 or svdp@rogers.com

Tammy will be available Monday-Friday evenings at 444-6005 or stfranassisi@nb.aibn.com.

St. Vincent de Paul Hall rentals please contact Hilda Aube at 208-0652.

(People are encouraged to book Masses for their Special Intentions and in Memory of their deceased through the secretaries at the office of St. Vincent de Paul or St. Francis of Assisi, depending on which church the Mass is to be held.)

Mass Intentions

St. Francis of Assisi	Sat. Dec 14	5:00 p.m.	† Nicole Bourque-Julia & George Bourque
St. Francis of Assisi	Wed. Dec 18	9:00 a.m.	† Therese Hachey-Sylvain & Claire Caissie
St. Francis of Assisi	Sat. Dec 21	5:00 p.m.	† Arthur & Olive Godin, Valerie Crawford
			† Russell Hayward-Hilda Hayward
St. Vincent de Paul	Sun. Dec 15	10:00 a.m.	† Deceased Members of the Healey & Collins Families
St. Vincent de Paul	Mon. Dec 16	6:00 p.m.	Advent Reconciliation Service/Confession
St. Vincent de Paul	Tues. Dec 17	9:00 a.m.	† Berton Foster
St. Vincent de Paul	Thurs. Dec 19	12:00 p.m.	† Gladys Burns
St. Vincent de Paul	Fri. Dec 20	9:00 a.m.	† Gerard & Gladys Burns
St. Vincent de Paul	Sun. Dec 22	10:00 a.m.	† Benoit & Erma Blanchard & Sophie Collette
St. Bridget's	Sun. Dec 15	12:00 p.m.	MASS
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Mass at St. Vincent de Paul on Tuesday, Dec. 17th will be held at 9:00 a.m. instead of 6:30 p.m.

Saturday night Mass at St. Francis of Assisi will be at 5PM.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Wednesdays from 8 a.m.-9 a.m. at St. Francis of Assisi.

St Francis of Assisi Card Party will be held Sunday evenings at 7.p.m. in the church hall.

Bible Study CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH at St Francis of Assisi Church, Wednesday after the Mass.

Dec. 8th Offertory

(THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED CONTRIBUTIONS)



St. Francis of Assisi

Regular	\$698.00
Loose	\$61.40
Cemetery	\$5.00
Total	\$759.40

St. Vincent de Paul and St. Bridget's

Regular	\$1300.00
Loose	\$316.05
Building Fund	\$42.00
Tree Fund (SVDP)	\$10.00
Sick/Infirm Priests	\$30.00
Christmas Flowers (donation)	\$275.00
Pro Life	\$324.00
Total	\$1616.05

(Please make any cheques payable to St. John Paul II Parish)

Please Note: The total amount reflects only what is available to the church and any other special collections will not be added to the total.

Mass in Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be held the first Saturday of every month at 10 a.m.

(Jan. 4th, 2020-St. Bridget's), (Feb. 1st, 2020-St. Vincent de Paul), (March 7th, 2020-St. Francis of Assisi).

Monthly Confessions: 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. every first Saturday of the month at whichever church the first Saturday Mass in Honor of our Mother Mary will be celebrated. In case of an emergency, people are free to approach the priest for confession before or after the weekday Masses

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

❖ Holy Hour-Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on the First Friday of every month from 8 a.m.-9 a.m. at St. Vincent de Paul.

Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Fridays from 8 a.m.-9 a.m. at St. Vincent de Paul.

The rosary will be said at St. Vincent de Paul on Sundays from 9:30-9:50 prior to mass.

Choir practice will be after Mass every Sunday. New members are welcome.

Decorating of the church will be on Sunday, December 22nd following the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Offertory Envelopes for 2020 for St. Vincent de Paul can now be picked up at the Office.

Anyone wishing to donate towards "Christmas Flowers" in memory of a loved one can do so now. Please put it in an envelope with your name, envelope # and who it is "In Memory Of".

PARISH NEWS

There will be an Advent Reconciliation Service/Confession on Monday, December 16th, 6 p.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Church. (Two priests have been invited to help in confession).

Being a Sacristan is an immensely important and spiritually rewarding role. It is also one that is not well understood. *Caeremoniale Episcoporum* describes the role as: "The holy preparations in which Sacristans are entrusted are the basic framework for the beautiful and sacred objects that are used and carried out before, during and after the Mass. It's a serious job that one must undertake with care and wisdom."

There will be a meeting for all interested in becoming Sacristans and those who already serve in this wonderful ministry on Thursday, December 19th at 6:30 p.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Church. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the ministry, identify volunteers and identify training needs.

Part One: With a Suffering Soul

Meditation:

Jesus: **Poor soul, I see that you suffer much and that you do not have even the strength to converse with me. So I will speak to you. Even though your sufferings were very great, do not lose heart or give in to despondency. But tell me, my child, who has dared to wound your heart? Tell me about everything, be sincere in dealing with me, reveal all the wounds of your heart. I will heal them, and your suffering will become a source of your sanctification** (Diary, 1487).

My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, in my suffering I reveal the wounds of my heart, so You may heal them. May my suffering become a source of my sanctification.

OTHER NEWS

St. Anthony's monthly Touched by Cancer Mass for all those whose lives have been affected by cancer will be held on Friday, December 20th at 7 PM at St. Anthony's Church, 603 Union St. All are welcome

CWL

St Francis of Assisi CWL are collecting items for the homeless during Advent.

1st Week — Warm socks, 2nd Week — Mitts or Gloves, 3rd Week — Hats or scarves, 4th Week — toiletries. Any donations would be welcomed. A box for these items will be in the church foyer. Thank you for help with this project.

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Vision Prayer

Heavenly Father may the Holy Spirit guide us to become a welcoming, vibrant Catholic community of lifelong learners growing in your love.

Be with us as we joyfully share our gifts and talents and serve others through prayer, words and actions. Give us the courage to answer the call to bring all people to Christ. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord. St. John Paul II, pray for us.

Mass Schedule

St. Francis of Assisi
2130 Route 102 Hwy
Lincoln, N.B

St. Vincent de Paul
25 Loisville Street
Oromocto, N.B.

St. Bridget's
2088 Route 102
Gagetown, N.B.

Saturday- 5 p.m.
Wednesday-9 a.m.

Sunday-10 a.m.
Tuesday-6:30 p.m.
Thursday-12 p.m.
Friday-9 a.m.

Sunday-12 p.m.

Marriages-6 months' notice

Baptisms-Contact Parish Office

Confession-Feel free to meet with the priest any time before or after the weekday Masses for Confession. If you have a family member in hospital or in need of a home visit please contact the priest.