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## 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN ADVENT

November 29, 2015

### CREATE A CLIMATE OF CHANGE

This December world leaders will gather in Paris for the United Nations Climate Change Conference to negotiate a new international agreement that will determine the future of the world's climate. Pope Francis, through his encyclical "Laudato Si" has chosen this crucial year to call on every living person to act on climate change and protect our common home.

Development and Peace shares the concern of Pope Francis; everyone in our global village is affected by climate change, but it is the poor who are paying the biggest price. We can look to the Philippines, Ethiopia and Honduras to see the impacts on countries that are extremely vulnerable to climate change as they suffer the consequences of typhoons, droughts and environmental degradation.

As part of this campaign, Development and Peace invites Canadians to make a commitment to reduce our consumption and to make a sustainable choice. Be part of this global movement to protect our common home, Mother Earth! Join Development and Peace and the people around the world who care about our planet and the world's people. Take action on climate change next weekend by signing an action card and sending your concern to the Canadian Parliament and Prime Minister Trudeau.

Let's stand with Pope Francis and protect our common home. Together, we can achieve climate justice!

By your action, you can CREATE A CLIMATE OF CHANGE.

*Sandy Gibbons  
Chair  
Development Peace Committee*

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

*You could read/discuss/pray with your family, with friends or by yourself.*

**First Reading:** Baruch 5:1-9

**Second Reading:** Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11

**Psalm:** 126

**Gospel:** Luke 3:1-6

## YEAR OF MERCY/Logo and Motto

This new liturgical year is a worldwide Jubilee Year of Mercy as proclaimed by Pope Francis. Therefore, we are invited to join Archbishop Martin Currie for *Mass* in the *Basilica* at 7 pm on *Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>*. Therefore, we will not be celebrating Mass at St. Pius X on that date as requested by Archbishop Currie.

**There will be no Masses celebrated in the Archdiocese that day** in order that people from across the Archdiocese may gather to celebrate the beginning of this great Jubilee of Mercy. Come and bring friends!

The logo and motto together summarize the reason and purpose of the Jubilee Year of Mercy. The motto Merciful Like the Father (taken from the Gospel of Luke 6:36) serves as an invitation to follow the merciful example of the Father who ask us not to judge or condemn but to forgive and to give love and forgiveness without measure (cf Luke 6:37-38). The logo — the work of Jesuit Father Marko I. Rupnik — presents a small summa theologiae (theological summary) of the theme of mercy. It will be explained in detail next week in our bulletin. Suffice for all of us to welcome this ‘icon’. An icon is a holy-imagine-window through which it is possible for us to gain a heartfelt encounter with our Mysterious God, the angels and the Saints. Let's gaze upon us and learn of its gift.

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next *Parish Council meeting* will be held *Wednesday, December 2, 7:30 pm* in the *Church Library*. Parishioners are invited to attend all Parish Council meetings.

## COMMUNAL ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Before we get into wintry weather is an excellent time to receive this Sacrament. On *Saturday, December 5* at 2 pm in the *Church* we will administer this Sacrament directly after the homily. All are welcome.



## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NOTES

### Christmas Pyjamas

The CWL has decided to continue the pyjama project this year as it has been a huge success. If any parishioners want to donate new pyjamas until Sunday, December 6, there will be boxes labeled “Christmas Pyjamas”, at the Church and Chapel entrances. Many thanks in advance for your continued generosity.

### Provincial CWL Advent Service

The *Provincial CWL Advent Service* will be held at *St. Pius X Church* on *Tuesday, December 1* at 8 pm immediately following evening Mass.

Guest Speaker: Anne Walsh, Archdiocesan Director of Adult Faith Formation; Topic: The New Evangelization. All members and parishioners are welcome to attend. Social to follow in the Church Library.

### Advent Dinner

The St. Pius X Council of the CWL of Canada is inviting all parishioners and friends to join us for an *Advent Dinner* on *Wednesday, December 9*. Doors open at 5:30 pm. *Prayer Service and Dinner* will begin at 6 pm. *Tickets, \$25.*, can be purchased by contacting *Ruby Sharpe - 579-7275, Cecilia Fitzpatrick - 722-2648 or Parish Office - 754-0170*.

## THIS AND THAT

*Signed* copies of *The Story of the Basilica of St. John the Baptist* by Susan Chalker Browne now available at the Chapel entrance and at the Parish Office. All author royalties being donated to the Basilica Heritage Foundation. Makes a great Christmas present!

*St Bon's Parent Auxiliary* will hold its annual craft fair, bake sale and tea room on *Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>* in the Aula Maxima from 10 am -12 pm. Come out and enjoy a cup of tea and get some of your Christmas shopping and baking done all at the same time!

*The Lebanese Association of NL* will be hosting a *Flea Market and Bake Sale, Saturday December 5, 2015, 12 noon to 4 pm* at *St. Pius X Parish Hall*. Admission \$2. *All are welcome!*

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKENDS OF

**November 14 and 15:** \$4,174.50

**November 21 and 22:** \$4,174.05

*Thank you for your continued generous support.*

## ADVENT ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES

### Coins for Kids - Refugee Family

We want to include our children in our parish effort to sponsor a refugee family. We are asking the children to donate some coins each Sunday during Advent. It is not the amount that counts, but, rather, the children's participation in this special effort. The children can place their coins in a special basket as they come into the Church. This basket of coins will be brought up in the Offertory Procession by one of our children.

### Advent Wreath Making Activity

**Sunday, December 6** you are invited to the **Parish Hall** immediately after the 11 am Mass (approximately **12 noon**) to pick up your materials to make your own Advent Wreath for your home.

### Michael J. Ward Advent Brunch and Mitten Tree Donation

The **Advent Brunch**, sponsored by the Parish Life Committee, will be held **Sunday, December 13** in the **Parish Hall** following the 11 am Mass (approximately **12 noon**). Brunch will include sausages, french toast, beverage and desert. There will be no charge for the event but parishioners are asked to bring a donation of a new hat and mittens. Financial donations toward this cause will also be accepted. The contributions will be used by the ATTN Committee for distribution with the Christmas hampers.

## THANK YOU ... CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Our sincere thanks and deep appreciation to all parishioners and friends who participated and who made cash donations as well as donations of baked goods; Christmas cakes; cookies, candy and treats for the children; sandwiches and sweets for the tea room; as well as knitted and handicraft items for the handicraft table. To our many supporters who volunteered with the setting up and taking down; those who helped sell tickets on our basket and wreath; selling tickets at the wheel; running the various tables and The Tea Room. A sincere thank you to Santa for his welcomed visit!

To date, our net proceeds for the Bazaar and donations is approx. \$6,962. The winning ticket on the Basket was #408 - Donna Bautista and the winner on the Wreath and Wine was #341500 - Mike Murphy.

Thank you to all for a successful and enjoyable Bazaar. A special thank you to - Nina Beresford, Lillian Joy and Mary Power for the coordination of the Bazaar.

## MUN CHAPLAINCY NEWS

Last week the chaplaincy at MUN organized an ad hoc prayer for peace in Paris and in the world. The prayer was opened with a drumming of the Mi'kmaq Honor Song: "Let us help one another according to the Creator's intention for putting us on this planet". This was followed with Christian and Muslim prayers for peace (and one in French too).

*Our daily Mass continues until December 18 and our Sunday evening Mass ends on December 13. We will resume Sunday evening 7 pm Mass on January 10.*

### Upcoming Event: Summit

An evening of **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Prayer** will be held **Friday, December 4, 7 pm at St. Pius X Church**. All are welcome.

## STUDENT "AT-HOME" DINNER NIGHT JANUARY, 2016

On a Saturday evening to be determined in mid-January, the parish will be inviting families and / or groups to host 2 or 3 students who are new to Pius X at their homes for dinner. After the dinners, all hosts and their student guests will be welcomed to the parish hall for a coffee house-style get together, an opportunity for further conversation and building of fellowship.

Help make our parish an even more welcoming and connected community! Plan to host 2 or 3 students on "At-Home Dinner Night"! Watch this space for further details in the coming weeks.

## ANNUAL MEMORIAL VIGIL SERVICE

This **Service** to remember our recently deceased will be held this **Sunday, November 29, 2 pm** in the **Church**. We remember our deceased parishioners who died during the past year. A reception to follow in the Parish Hall.

## LIVING FAITH ... FOR EVERYONE!

**Living Faith** is the new resource being written and produced by our Archdiocese. It focuses on the Scripture Readings for each Sunday, and the challenge it presents for our lives. There are a variety of activities for families as well as the prayers, doctrines and tradition of our Catholic faith. This resource is not just for families with kids but for all adults, all ages. It is really a wonderful weekly resource for ongoing adult faith development. Why not pick up a copy each week!

## SAINTS SPEAK

How many of us consider how very accessible is God's holy Presence? God who is the author of all life is found in all finite creatures and creation. How could it be otherwise unless 'things' be the source of their own existence? What we require is spiritual vision to see reality as it is in fact - through the lens of God's loving heart beating as one with humanity's throughout the world.

From a letter about the formation of young Jesuits by Saint Ignatius Loyola

*They should practice the seeking of God's presence in all things, in their conversations, their walks, in all that they see, taste, hear, understand, in all their actions, since His Divine Majesty is truly in all things by His presence, power, and essence. This kind of meditation, which find God our Lord in all things, is easier than raising oneself to the consideration of divine truths which are more abstract and which demand something of an effort if we are to keep our attention on them. But this method is an excellent exercise to prepare us for greater visitations of our Lord, even in prayers that are rather short.*

Jim Manney, SJ, **Charged with Grandeur**, Pg. 3

Lest anyone of us under estimate the depth of union *any one of us* have potential to experience, consider these words written by **St. Theresa of Avila** as found in her journal, **Castle**.

*One day, when I had finished Communion, the resurrected Lord revealed himself in bright splendour, beauty and majesty. He told me it was time that we had a mutual interest in each other's business. He said other things I understood but not repeat.*

*This experience was frightening because it was so different from all the other divine encounters with which I am familiar. It was a powerful, intimate vision. It was a marriage, a union similar to melting two candles together so that they make one flame from one wick. It is like rain mixing with the water of a river – it is all water, inseparable. This must be what St. Paul means when he says, "Anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him." (1 Cor. 6:17). He also says, "For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain." (Phil 1:21) The soul can repeat these words because this is where the little moth dies joyfully. Christ has become its life.*

There is no limit to the loving union to which we are called with God-with-us, Emmanuel! +May our collective Advent experience be remembered as our best yet for seasonal graces received.

## FR. EARL DREAMS

This is the First Sunday of Advent. We are invited to embrace the practise of placing a prayer intention (slip) before God's altar of sacrifice. It is a time for renewal and fulfilment like never before! Our Saviour promises to come among us. God-with-us (Emmanuel) is an answer to our prayers. Therefore, if and when, any one or all of us is ready, prepared prayer slips can be found before St. Pius X's picture of veneration in the Chapel. These slips can be placed in the grey prayer bowl found in front of the altar. Please ask for assistance if required to participate in this new prayer custom. We can learn it together!

Another new invitation to pray is found with the Parish-wide prayer request to be prayed each day at the Offertory of Mass. A copy of this prayer has been attached to our bulletin. Copies are being circulated throughout our Church that we might pray it together at Mass or in our homes (if we'd like to do so). The prayer is a simple request born out of our desire to grow ever more welcoming to persons who for whatever reason do not come to church on a regular basis, if at all. We will say it together during the *Prayers of Intentions* at Mass. It reads as follows

**Lord God**  
**we pray that many persons who don't go to Church,**  
**visit and worship you at St. Pius X Church,**  
**or their home Churches**  
**during this Christmas Season.**

## OUR 'PIUS' SMILE

*A circuit-riding pastor was galloping down a road to get to church on time. Suddenly his horse stumbled and pitched him to the ground. In the dirt with a broken leg, the pastor called out, "All you saints in heaven, help me get up on my horse!"*

*Then with superhuman effort, he leaped onto the horse's back and fell off the other side. Once again, he called to heaven, "All right, just half of you this time."*

David M. Varner, **Sunday Funnies to Tickle the Soul** (Xulon Press, 2010) page 44

## Calendar of Services, Mass Intentions and Activities

Sun.	Nov. 29	8:30 am	Mass	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent
		11:00 am	Mass	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent
		<b>2:00 pm</b>	<b>Memorial Vigil Service - Church</b>	
		<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Youth Mass - Church</b>	
Mon.	Nov. 30	9:30 am	Mass	Patrick 'Dick' Corbett
		<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - Chapel</b>	
		7:30 pm	Mass	John, Kate and Val Kinsella
Tues.	Dec. 1	9:30 am	Mass	Goss, Aberly and Neville Families
		7:30 pm	Mass	John Michael Mackey
		<b>8:00 pm</b>	<b>CWL Advent Service - Church Library</b>	
Wed.	Dec.2	9:30 am	Mass	Nelson and Dolorosa Ash
		<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Parish Council Meeting - Church Library</b>	
Thurs.	Dec. 3	9:30 am	Mass	Mary J. O'Brien
		<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Choir Practice - Church</b>	
Fri.	Dec. 4	9:30 am	Mass	William and Mary Bursey and Burden Family
		<b>10:15 am</b>	<b>Benediction and Sacred Heart Devotion</b>	
Sat.	Dec. 5	9:30 am	Mass	Mary Flynn
		<b>2:00 pm</b>	<b>Anointing of the Sick - Church</b>	
		4:45 pm	Mass	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent
Sun.	Dec. 6	8:30 am	Mass	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent
		11:00 am	Mass	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent
		12:00 pm	<b>Advent Wreath Making Activity - Parish Hall</b>	
		<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Youth Mass - Church</b>	

**WEBSITES:** Three to recommend are:

[www.jesuits.ca](http://www.jesuits.ca) [www.ignatianspirituality.com](http://www.ignatianspirituality.com) [www.jesuitresources.org](http://www.jesuitresources.org)

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Saturday: 3:30 - 4:20 pm

Tuesday: 6:40 - 7:20 pm

**TIMES OF MASSES:** Monday and Tuesday: 9:30 am and 7:30 pm

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday: 9:30 am

Saturday: 9:30 am and 4:45 pm; Sunday: 8:30 and 11 am

**BAPTISMS:** **Second Sunday** of the month. **Time:** 1 pm in the Church.

Please call the Parish Office (754-0170) **ONE MONTH** in advance

**PRE-BAPTISMAL COURSE:** **Call the Parish Office for more details.**

**MARRIAGES:** By appointment **SIX MONTHS** in advance

**Marriage Preparation Course required**

**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday - Friday, 9 am - 12 noon and 12:30 - 4:30 pm;

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