



ST. PIUS X
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Finding God in All Things

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 16, 2018



SHOPPING DURING ADVENT



Third Sunday in Advent

Dear God,

As I look through my gift shopping list, I hold up to you each person listed on it. Slowly, one by one, I ask that the fire of your abundant love burn within each of them. I pray that the gift I find for each person will bring joy into that life. But, help me to keep a balance this season, Lord. Let me keep my buying in perspective, not to spend more than I need to or can afford. Let me not give in to the pressures of this world and not equate love with money spent. Let me always remember the many, many people who have so much less in material things. Help me to buy wisely, so that my choices will not burden those in other countries who are so deeply affected by this country's economy. And finally, loving God, help me to find time in the frantic moments of each day to become centered on you. Walking through a store, riding on the bus, hurrying down a street: let each of these times be moments when I can remember your incredible love for me and rejoice in it.

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**SCRIPTURE READINGS
FOR NEXT SUNDAY
December 23, 2018**

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

First Reading: Micah 5:2-5a

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

Psalm: 80

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45



FR. EARL DREAMS

Thanks to 'everyone' who has chosen to participate in the distribution of our parish's Christmas Cards. This initiative is just one important practical step towards our parish's renewal. We continue to pray for others to join our parish community. We must also share the missionary spirit of Our Blessed Mother, Mary, who - as scripture reminds us - did not simply behold God's Word within her womb but went 'with haste' beyond her comfortable home surroundings to share her good news with Elizabeth; she who joyfully carried within her womb John the Baptist.

Our Christmas Card initiative is a collaborative mission, an essential outreach and it is God-given and for us to willingly accept as our own. We carry our Christmas invitations insofar as it is possible for each of us. Some of us are not so mobile. So-be-it, there is the phone and email and other means within our grasp. This weekend more cards are available. Please take them home and let the Holy Spirit lead 'you' and 'me' and 'us' in their delivery... that God be honoured with a wider ever richer Advent-Christmas fellowship at St. Pius X Parish and other parishes in St. John's East and elsewhere! Bless us as we carry out this welcoming message of Christmas hospitality. It is in our hearts to give to one and all God's holy people.



SAINTS SPEAK

In any prayer, one's whole life is ultimately the issue. One can pray for strength for tomorrow, for forgiveness for the past, for help in the details of today. One can pray for prisoners of conscience, for loved ones and enemies, for the homeless or the rich, for world peace or inner serenity. To pray for each of these is good. But in each case the need, though real, is a symptom of a deeper need, of a craving that is as close and as vital as we are to ourselves ... The most real thing John of the Cross says about us is that we are created to need God.

Iain Matthew,
Soundings from St. John of the Cross,
Hodder Press, 1995

"Honesty consists of the unwillingness to lie to others; maturity, which is equally hard to attain, consists of the unwillingness to lie to oneself."

Sydney J. Harris, 1917-1986,
American journalist and social critic



OUR 'PIUS' SMILE

A local priest and a pastor were fishing on the side of the road. They thoughtfully made a sign saying, "The End is Near! Turn yourself around now before it's too late!" and showed it to each passing car.

One driver who drove by didn't appreciate the sign and shouted at them, "Leave us alone, you religious nuts!"

All of a sudden they heard a big splash, looked at each other, and the priest said to the pastor, "You think maybe we should have just said 'Bridge Out' instead?"



LITURGY OF THE WORD ATTENTION: PARENTS

This Sunday, December 16, 2018 is the last Sunday for our Children's Liturgy of the Word and sacramental preparation programs for 2018.

All our programs will resume on Sunday, January 6, 2019, the Feast of the Epiphany.

Christmas blessings to all our families.

DE MELLO

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER



Christmas is not only about buying gifts and tinsel and decorations. Christmas is about love. When Jesus was born he represented peace and hope and God's love for the world.

God, help us to remember the true meaning of Christmas.

Help us to give of ourselves.

Thank you for the special warm feelings that we all have around Christmas.

Please bless the people who are lonely or who feel left out at Christmas time.

Let them feel your love, God.

Christmas is for everyone.

RELIGIOUS ARTICLES

Food for the Mind and Heart

As a Christmas gift, consider inspiring, thought-provoking books by people such as Pope Francis, Cardinal Tagle of Manila, St. Francis of Assisi, Fr. Richard Rohr, OFM, Archbishop Attila Mikoshazy, SJ, Fr. Eric Jensen, SJ, and Fr. Greg Boyle, SJ. These books can be found on the table in the Chapel area.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The regular times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in various Parishes around the St. John's area.

St. Pius X

Saturday - 3:30 - 4:20 pm

Tuesday - 6:40 - 7:20 pm

Basilica

Saturday - 3:30 - 4:15 pm

Corpus Christi

Saturday - 4:15 pm

Reconciliation Service: -

Tuesday, December 18 at 7 pm

St. Patrick's

Saturday - 4:15 pm

Tuesday - after 7 pm Mass

St. Paul's

Saturday before 4 pm Mass

St. Teresa's

Saturday - 4 - 4:50 pm

Wednesday - 6:30 - 6:55 pm

Saturday, December 22 - I - 4:45 pm

It is understood that people can request confession at others times at each Parish.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RAFFLE

The Knights of Columbus Raffle, will be held this Sunday, December 16, 2018, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm at the Knights of Columbus Building, St. Clare Avenue. A great chance to win your turkey or ham for Christmas.

MISSA CANTATA

Missa Cantata (a sung Mass in Latin) will be held in St. Pius X Chapel this Sunday, December 16, 2018 at 5 pm. Fr. Bill Browne, SJ will preside. The Cantata Choir will lead the music. Everything needed to follow and participate will be provided. Everyone is welcome.



**LET'S
DECORATE!**

Decorating

As we move through Advent, we approach that time when we join together to prepare our Church for the beautiful season of Christmas. The trees will be decorated on Saturday, December 22, 2018 and then on Sunday, December 23, 2018 we will be looking for assistance to decorate the Church, Chapel and Foyer following the 11:00 Mass. If you are able to stay and help out, we would really appreciate it. Coffee will be available.

Donation of Flowers or Plants

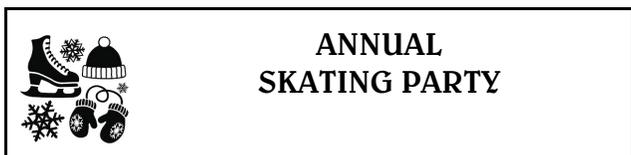


This is a great opportunity to remember a loved one by donating a Christmas plant or flowers. So think of that option and please have them dropped off by Saturday,

December 22, 2018.

Monetary donations are certainly appreciated to allow the costs of the plants which are ordered for the occasion.

Thank you for your help and support.



**ANNUAL
SKATING PARTY**

This anticipated event will be held Wednesday, December 26, 2018 from 1.30-2.30 pm at Bussey Arena, 45 Bonaventure Avenue (formerly O'Heir Arena). No admission charge. Come for the tingling fingers and numb toes. Bring your friends even if they are aren't parishioners! (Maybe members of the Growlers or the Edge will drop by!?) Free gourmet hot chocolate (with little marshmallows!!) and Timbits!! Get a start on your new year's resolution to do more exercise! No hockey sticks, please.

**LETTER FROM
MARTIN CURRIE
ARCHBISHOP EMERITUS OF ST. JOHN'S**

Dear friends in Christ,

Earlier today in Rome, Pope Francis announced that he had accepted my resignation from the governance of the Archdiocese of St. John's, NL according to Canon 401, section I, as yesterday I celebrated my 75th birthday. It was also announced in Rome, that Pope Francis has appointed Bishop Peter Hundt, presently bishop of Corner Brook-Labrador, as the new Archbishop of St. John's. I have been appointed Apostolic Administrator of the Archdiocese of St. John's until Bishop Hundt is installed.

Details regarding the date of installation will follow when they become available. It has been my privilege to have served as your Archbishop for the past 11 years. I have greatly enjoyed my time as your Archbishop, but I must confess, at times, I found the burden very heavy to bear. I am deeply grateful to the priests, religious, staff and volunteers for all that they have done for me personally and for the good of our Archdiocese.

Before Bishop Hundt is installed, I would like to extend an invitation to all, to join me for a Mass of Thanksgiving at the Basilica on January 7, at 7:00 pm, at which time I will have the opportunity to thank you and say farewell.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
+ MARTIN W. CURRIE
Archbishop Emeritus of St. John's
December 12, 2018

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

December 8 and 9:	\$3,349.20
Envelopes	2,765.00
Loose	584.20

Thank you for your continued generous support.

Calendar of Services, Mass Intentions and Activities

Sun.	Dec. 16	8:30 am	Mass	3 rd Sunday of Advent
		11:00 am	Mass	3 rd Sunday of Advent
		5:00 pm	Missa Cantata - Chapel	
Mon.	Dec. 17	9:30 am	Mass	Alice Wight, Kevin Kearney and Louise Kearney
		1:00 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - Chapel	
		2:50 - 3:05 pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet - Chapel	
		7:30 pm	Mass	Michael and Mary Martin
Tues.	Dec. 18	9:30 am	Mass	Timothy, Mary and John T. Doyle
		7:30 pm	Mass	William and Madeline Scott
Wed.	Dec. 19	9:30 am	Mass	Helen Ryan
Thurs.	Dec. 20	9:30 am	Mass	Janet Nolan
		7:30 pm	Choir Practice - Church	
Fri.	Dec. 21	9:30 am	Mass	Matthew, Theresa, Charles and Regina Prim
Sat.	Dec. 22	9:30 am	Mass	Leo, Frances, John and Joyce Parrell; and Mary and Pat Hayes
		4:45 pm	Mass	4 th Sunday of Advent
Sun.	Dec. 23	8:30 am	Mass	4 th Sunday of Advent
		11:00 am	Mass	4 th Sunday of Advent
		12:00 pm	Christmas Decorating - Church	

GONZAGA JESUIT COMMUNITY IN RESIDENCE

Fr. William Browne, SJ, Br. Joe Frechette, SJ, Fr. Joe Mroz, SJ, Fr. Joseph Schuck, SJ, Mr. Raj Vijayakumar, SJ

WEBSITES: Four to recommend are: www.jesuits.ca www.ignatianspirituality.com www.jesuitresources.org aleteia.org

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday: 3:30 - 4:20 pm and 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. A copy of the child's birth certificate must be provided before the baptism.
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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