



ST. PIUS X
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Finding God in All Things

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 1, 2019



PRAYERS DURING ADVENT

Shopping During 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.

SOURCE: Creighton University Online Ministries

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**SCRIPTURE READINGS
FOR NEXT SUNDAY
December 8, 2019**

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

First Reading: Isaiah II:I-10
Second Reading: Romans I5:4-9
Psalm: 72
Gospel: Matthew 3:I-I2



FR. EARL DREAMS

It is true Newfoundlanders love and enjoy music. We exercise this wondrous 'gift'. We sign, dance and compose music. Many parts of Canada look to us for a source of musical inspiration.

We have many musicians, singers and instrumentalists here in our parish. Many of you reading this bulletin can count yourselves among them.

We at St. Pius X share the gift of music as an essential aspect of our every day worship at Mass. Heck! Even if (you say) you've got a frog voice one can at least mouth the words. Everyone has a role to play in praising God through the exercise of our musical gifts.

This point leads me to make this request... Our choir needs our help. It needs more voices and it can use instrumentalists. Therefore, please consider how you might contribute to our Parish's Music Ministry. Note the emphasis on 'our' Music Ministry. It belongs to everyone. But first it belongs to God who gives us voices so that we can harmonize into 'something beautiful for God', and ourselves too. Come one and come many... perhaps on a trial basis but come OR do what is within your means. Pray for our musicians and let them know we appreciate them, as we do in fact throughout Advent and well beyond the Christmas Season.



**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S
LEAGUE NOTES**

Pornography Hurts Campaign

The CWL Pornography Hurts Campaign was first launched in 2013 and was aimed at raising awareness of the dangers of pornography and sexual exploitation, especially against children. The National Center on Sexual Exploitation defines pornography as "a social and physical toxin that destroys relationships, steals innocence, erodes compassion, breeds violence, and kills love. The issue of pornography is ground zero for all those concerned for the sexual health and well-being of our loved ones, communities, and society as a whole" and supports the view that pornography constitutes a public health crisis.

All parishioners are encouraged to participate in the Pornography Hurts Campaign being held this weekend of November 30-December 1, 2019. CWL members will be distributing post cards at all weekend Masses, that can be sent to government officials, especially at the federal government level, advocating for necessary action to be taken to end this most critical issue. Please let your voices be heard!

Advent Celebration and Dinner

The CWL will be hosting its annual Advent Celebration and Dinner on Wednesday, December 11, 2019 beginning at 5:30 pm for 6:00 pm. All parishioners and friends are welcome to join us. Tickets are \$20. each and are available by contacting Ruby Sharpe at 579-7275 or rsharpe@nf.sympatico.ca or the Parish Office - 754-0170 or stpiusx@nl.rogers.com.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

November 23 and 24: \$3,414.70
Envelopes \$2,948.00
Loose \$ 466.70

Thank you for your continued generous support.

DE MELLO FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES

The Best Gifts



Did you let the sun shine on your cheeks today? Did you catch a snowflake on your tongue? Did you get a hug from your dad? Every wonderful thing you did today is a gift from God. The snowflakes that melt on your tongue, the sunshine that warms your face, and the great feeling you get when someone hugs you all come from God. Who could ask for better gifts?

All of the wonderful things that I love are presents from God, his gifts from above.



OUR 'PIUS' SMILE

A little girl was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a bedtime story. From time to time she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek. She was alternately stroking her own cheek, then his again. Finally, she spoke up,

"Grandpa, did God make you?"

"Yes, sweetheart", he answered, "God made me a long time ago."

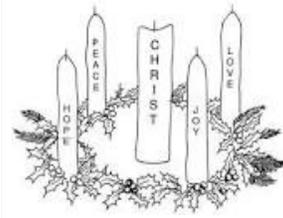
"Grandpa, did God make me too?"

"Yes, indeed, honey," he said, "God made you just a little while ago."

Feeling their respective faces again, she observed, "God's getting better at it, isn't he?"

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS BOOKS AND OTHER RELIGIOUS ARTICLES

Religious articles and the following booklets are available for sale in the Chapel area at cost - "Day Breaks" by six different authors; "40 Ways to Keep Christmas Meaningful"; "Advent Meditations with Sr. Faustina", and more booklets and religious articles



ADVENT ACTIVITIES FOR EVERYONE

Parish Advent Tree

The Jesse Tree is an Advent tradition, tracing Jesus' family tree - all the people who led the way to Jesus.

This year, we are making our own family tree (Jesse Tree) for our Parish. This weekend at all parish Masses, you will find a paper leaf and pencil. You are asked to put your family surname on the ornament and put it in the collection basket later in the Mass. Next week, you will find all our family names on our Parish Advent Tree.

Socks and Underwear

We are asking for donations of new socks or underwear (adult size) for guests of The Gathering Place. You will find a special box near the entrance of the Church on all four Sundays of Advent for the collection of our gifts.

Michael J. Ward Advent Brunch

The Michael J. Ward Advent Brunch will be held this Sunday, December 1, 2019 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 new socks or underwear. A monetary donation toward this cause will also be accepted. These will be given to the guests of The Gathering Place.

Advent Wreath Making

Our Michael J. Ward Advent Brunch includes our annual Wreath-Making Activity. We will have all the supplies you need (including fresh fir branches) to make the wreath.

This activity will take place this Sunday, December 1, 2019, in the Parish Hall, immediately following the 11:00 am Mass (approximately 12 noon).



FIND GOD IN ALL THINGS

Finding God in Sacred Heart Devotions
Fr. Wayne Bolton SJ
This First Friday evening Mass will be preceded
by confessions.
Friday, December 6, 2019, 7:30 - 8:00 pm

You are invited to pray the Advent Stories, next
Saturday, December 7, 2019, 10:15 am - 11:15
am in our Church Library.

JOIN US FOR CHRISTMAS!

In our efforts for Parish Renewal, we want to extend an invitation for others, who do not attend regularly, to celebrate Advent Masses with us. You can help us with this. We have Christmas cards that are free for you to take and distribute.

If you know a former parishioner, or someone who you think may be interested, you use these Christmas cards, which include an invitation to join us during Advent. We suggest only taking a few at a time. They will continue to be available throughout Advent, and feel free to take more throughout the following weeks of Advent. They will be available next weekend at the Church and Chapel entrances.

Will also be making these Christmas cards available at the MacMorran Community Centre and at St. Bonaventure's College.

NOVEMBER: WE REMEMBER

This year's prayer campaign, November: We Remember was a great success! Literally thousands of names have been written on prepared mauve sheets set before our church's altar. There they will remain during this coming year to be daily offered within our prayer bowl's sacred space. We've a prayerful faith community. God, no doubt, is pleased as we continue to participate in this dynamic corporate ministry of prayer. Thanks be to God.



SAINTS SPEAK

What is a saint? A particular individual completely redeemed from self-occupation, who, because of this, is able to embody and radiate a measure of eternal life . . . a human creature devoured and transformed by love.

Evelyn Underhill, 1875-1941
English Anglo-Catholic writer

How can you expect God to speak in the gentle and inward voice which melts the soul, when you are making so much noise with your rapid reflections? Be silent, and God will speak again.

Francois Fenelon, 1651-1715,
French Roman Catholic, theologian



CHRISTMAS SINGERS WELCOME!

Anyone interested in singing with the choir for the Advent and Christmas season is invited to two rehearsals on Wednesday, December 4 and 18, 2019 from 7:30 to 9:30 pm in the Church.

We also practice from 9:45 to 10:45 am before Mass each Sunday.

If you are interested please email mr_parsons@hotmail.com.



CHRISTMAS HAMPER NEWS

Christmas Hamper Donations

Our Parish is now preparing for the Christmas Hampers. Last year we distributed approximately 130 hampers and we expect an increase in the number of requests this year. If you are considering financially supporting this activity, it would be very much appreciated. Please mark an envelope CHRISTMAS HAMPER. Please include your name, address and envelope number.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held Wednesday, December 4, 2019, 7:30 pm in the Church Library. These meetings are open to all interested parishioners.

MUN CHAPLAINCY NEWS

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Monday, December 2, 2019 at 6:30 pm in UC2001. All welcome.

Sunday and Weekday Masses

Our last Sunday Mass will be December 8, 2019 at 6:30 pm in St. John's College Chapel.

Our last weekday Mass will be Friday, December 13, 2019 at 12:15 pm in UC3006.

The Masses will resume on Sunday, January 5, 2020.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

You are invited to receive the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at the 9:30 am Mass at St. Paul's Church.

ADVENT DAY OF RECOLLECTION

An Advent Day of Recollection will take place on Saturday, December 7, 2019 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm in the Marian Chapel at the Basilica. The day will begin with Holy Mass, followed by an hour of adoration, and two spiritual talks.

The Day of Recollection is organized by the Legion of Mary and will be led by Fr. James Fleming and Fr. Jeff Kolonel. Lunch and refreshments provided. There is no cost.

All are welcome to attend.

For more details, please contact Angelo Casanas angelo.casanas@gmail.com or call 416-893-9161.

CANDLE LIGHT VIGIL: TO REMEMBER THOSE WHO DIED BY SUICIDE

This annual community Vigil is held to remember those who died by suicide and to support survivors of suicide loss. It will be held Sunday, December 8, 2019, 7:30 - 8:30 pm at St. Mark's Church, 203 Logy Bay Road.

Gather in music, poems, prayers and candle lighting. You are invited to bring a framed photograph of your loved one to be displayed during the vigil. Music by Shelley Neville, Peter Halley, Judy Brazil, Dan Dillon and Shannon Power.

Please feel free to bring along sandwiches/cookies for tea following the vigil. This vigil is open to everyone regardless of faith! All are welcome.



CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

God is in all Creation

When you step out onto the pavement in the morning, do you ever consider what is beneath your feet? Is it possible that under the layers of concrete, we can feel the beating heart of the land? The land which gives life to the trees which provide the oxygen we breathe, that nourishes the gardens that provide our food, and which sustains the homes that give us shelter? Is it possible to see the face of God, Creator of the land, air, water, moon and sun, and of all the universal elements that connect us to each of our sisters and brothers living in our common home?

SOURCE: Development and Peace



“AWAY IN THE MANGER”

This annual exhibit of nativities from around the world is now open at the Basilica Cathedral Museum. Explore the meaning of Christmas by walking through a lovely old room filled with over 100 nativity sets.

Come join us at the Mullock Library – Pastoral Centre, Archdiocese of St. John’s (right next to the Basilica). It is open Saturdays from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm, and on Sundays from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm during the four weekends of Advent. Hot chocolate and refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome.

For more information, please call 726-3660.

23rd ANNUAL ADVENT FESTIVAL OF CAROLS AND SCRIPTURE

The Basilica Choir of St. John the Baptist presents: “A Little Child Will Lead Them”, the 23rd Annual Advent Festival of Carols and Scripture on December 1, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

This ecumenical celebration will include scripture readings and beautiful Advent music.

Admission is free, but freewill donations to support Emmaus House are gratefully accepted. Reception to follow in the ambulatories.

REFLECTION AND RECONCILIATION TIME IN ADVENT

On Saturday, December 14, 2019 at the Basilica, there will be Confessions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm and from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm. The reflection time after the 5:00 pm Mass will feature a time of Eucharistic Adoration, praise and worship music, and confessions will be available. This will be a time of quiet reflection in Advent as we await the celebration of the Birth of Christ. So, in the midst of a busy pre-Christmas Season, come to the Basilica for a quiet time of reflection. All are welcome to attend.

ELDERS' MINISTRY NEWS “THOUGHT OF THE WEEK”

10 Requests from a Person with Dementia

1. Please be patient with me. Remember that I have an organic brain disease over which I have no control.
2. Talk to me. Even though I cannot always answer you, I can hear your voice and sometimes comprehend your words.
3. Be kind to me. For each day of my life is a long and desperate struggle. Your kindness may be the most special and important event of my day.
4. Consider my feelings for they are still very much alive within me.
5. Treat me with dignity and respect as I would have gladly treated you.
6. Remember my past for I was once a healthy, vibrant person full of life, love and laughter with abilities and intelligence.
7. Remember my present. I am a fearful person who misses my family and home very much.
8. Remember my future. Though it may seem bleak to you, I am always filled with hope for tomorrow.
9. Pray for me for I am a person who lingers in the mists that drift between time and eternity. Your presence may do more for me than any other outreach of compassion you can extend to me.
10. Love me. The gifts of love you give will be a blessing from which will fill both our lives with light forever.

Supporting Caregivers

“Alzheimers Weekly and Dementia Weekly”

For more information on Alzheimer Weekly and Dementia Weekly, see

www.AlzheimersReadingRoom.com

Calendar of Services, Mass Intentions and Activities

Sun.	Dec. 1	8:30 am	Mass	I st Sunday of Advent
		11:00 am	Mass	I st Sunday of Advent
		12:00 pm	Michael J. Ward	Advent Brunch and Advent Wreath Making Activity - Parish Hall
Mon.	Dec. 2	9:30 am	Mass	Dick and Pauline Corbett
		1:00 pm		Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - Chapel
		2:50 - 3:05 pm		Divine Mercy Chaplet - Chapel
		7:30 pm	Mass	Greeley, Tilley and Pottle Families
Tues.	Dec. 3	9:30 am	Mass	Francis Finn and James Rickert
		7:30 pm	Mass	Frank Lawlor
Wed.	Dec. 4	9:30 am	Mass	Thomas and Genevieve Burke; and Harold and Victoria Smith; and Dr. Michael Bense
		7:30 pm		Parish Council Meeting - Church Library
Thurs.	Dec. 5	9:30 am	Mass	Mary Finn
Fri.	Dec. 6	9:30 am	Mass	Prayers for the Sick and Dying
		10:15 am		Benediction and Sacred Heart Devotion
		7:30 pm	Mass	Priest's Intention
Sat.	Dec. 7	9:30 am	Mass	Holy Soul
		10:15 am		Advent Completative Prayer - Church Library
		4:45 pm	Mass	2 nd Sunday of Advent
Sun.	Dec. 8	8:30 am	Mass	2 nd Sunday of Advent
		11:00 am	Mass	2 nd Sunday of Advent

GONZAGA JESUIT COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN RESIDENCE

Fr. William Browne, SJ, Br. Joe Frechette, SJ, Fr. Joe Mroz, SJ, Mr. Richard Mulrooney, SJ, Fr. Joseph Schuck, SJ

WEBSITES: Four to recommend are:

www.jesuits.org www.ignatianspirituality.com www.jesuitresources.org www.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, 8:30 am - 12 noon and 12:30 - 4:00 pm;

TELEPHONE: 754-0170 E-MAIL: stpiousx@nl.rogers.com

CHAIRPERSON OF PARISH COUNCIL: 739-5780

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: 233-0302 or 753-6997

