



**ST. PIUS X**  
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Finding God in All Things

**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**December 8, 2019**



Second Sunday of Advent

## PRAYERS DURING ADVENT

I sit here with my list, Lord, and I know I need help finding a balance. I am so looking forward to Christmas Day, with the family here, the company, the wonderful celebration. But, Lord, there is SO much to do! When will it all get done? How will I maintain any semblance of inner peace in this 'peaceful' season? I think, Lord, that I need some balance in my life. I feel so torn between wanting to cook and fill my house with wonderful welcoming smells, and wanting to finish decorating the house. I have shopping to do, the house to clean and cards to write and mail. When? How? Help me, guide me, Lord. Help me to set priorities around doing those things that will bring me closer to you. Maybe my house really is clean enough, or maybe I can ask my family for help. Can the cards wait until a quiet afternoon after Christmas? Can my house decorations be simpler? Is there more than a little ego involved when I want so desperately to have my house 'magazine perfect' for the holidays? Help me rediscover the joy of simplicity, Lord. Help me to remember what I am celebrating. Help me to find it in my heart to call out, 'Come, Lord Jesus'.

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**SCRIPTURE READINGS  
FOR NEXT SUNDAY  
December 15, 2019**

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

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

Second Reading: James 5:7-10

Psalm: 146

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11



**FR. EARL DREAMS**

Our Advent Christmas card campaign is off to a good start thanks to our active participation of it. Sharing these simple unadorned invitations to family, neighbours and interested persons is a positive way for us to make known God's incarnated 'saving' love for humanity. We live in an age of 'holiday gatherings' that are empty of Christ-centred awareness. God so loves the world that Emmanuel, God-with-us, is to be re-born this anticipated Christmas Season. Welcoming others into our faith community is no small gift. Let's share this gift of invitation beyond ourselves. Thanks be to God.



**OUR 'PIUS' SMILE**

Ten-year-old Tommy greeted his sister's boy friend very enthusiastically, "That harmonica you gave me for my birthday is easily the best present I have ever had!". "I'm glad you liked it", the boyfriend replies.

"Oh yeah! Mother gives me a quarter a day not to play it!"

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

November 30 and December I: \$4,000.20

Envelopes \$3,485.85

Loose \$ 514.35

Thank you for your continued generous support.



**FINDING GOD**

Finding God in Spiritual Reading - Christ is the Basis for Christian Spirituality This is the second offering in our "Finding God in Spiritual Reading".

Fr. R. Rolheiser, OMI, writes about the Incarnation of the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, Jesus, who came amongst us as a baby. Tuesday, December 10, 2019

10:15 - 11:30 am at St. Pius X Church

Advent Stories: Gospel Contemplations

Join us as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus at Christmas.

Saturday, December 14, 2019

10:15-11:15 am, at St. Pius X Church

Finding God in the Dark

Can you find the true meaning of Christmas in the comedy, Christmas with the Kranks? Come and try to find it.

Sunday, December 15, 2019

7:00 - 9:00 pm at St. Pius X Church.

Come and bring a friend. All are welcome.

**RELIGIOUS ARTICLES**

Christmas Cards, Calendars and Missals

Religious Christmas cards and calendars are available for purchase on the table in the Chapel area. Sunday missals for 2019-2020 are also available for purchase.

Booklets

The follow booklets are also available in the Chapel: 7 Sorrows of Mary; Our Lady of Perpetual Help; Mary's Feast Days; Mary Throughout Latin America; and more.

## DE MELLO FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES

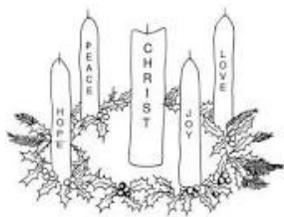
### Take It Slow



When you get mad, what do you do? Do you kick or yell or cry or pout? Those things might make you feel a little better for a minute, but they don't accomplish much. If you really want to take care of a problem, it's a lot better to talk about it. If someone makes you mad, stay calm and tell that person how you feel. Then listen to what they have to say. When you follow the Bible's advice, you'll solve your problems first.

**When I get angry, I won't kick or pout -  
I'll just do my best to figure things out.**

### 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.

A special thank you to Christine Warren for her generosity and creativity in providing the Jesse Tree for us.

### FEAST DAYS DATE CHANGES

Immaculate Conception is December 8<sup>th</sup> but transferred to Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>.

Our Lady of Guadalupe is Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, Patroness of the Americas - North, Central and South.

*Thank  
you!*

### Advent Brunch

Thank you to Cecilia McGruer and her hard-working team who prepared and served our delicious Advent Brunch meal.

Thank you as well for those who gathered the materials for our Advent Wreath Making Activity.

A special thank you to Fr. Wayne Bolton, SJ who chopped down the boughs for us.

Thank you to Karl Wight and Mike Rodgers who prepared the Parish Hall for us.

It was truly a joyful experience, enjoyed by everyone.

### Sock and Underwear

Last week we received many donations of socks and underwear for The Gathering Place. Thank you for your generosity.

The need is great, so you still have time to give socks and/or underwear. You can also make a monetary donation if you prefer. This will be used to buy these items.

### 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.

The parishes in St. John's East will celebrate an Advent Reconciliation Service on Tuesday, December 17, 2019, 7:00 pm, at St. Paul's Church, Newfoundland Drive.



## SAINTS SPEAK

Every truth without exception -- and whoever may utter it -- is from the Holy Spirit.

St. Thomas Aquinas, 1225-1274  
philosopher, theologian  
Doctor of the Church

Before we can hear the Divine Voice we must shut out other voices, so that we may be able to listen, to discern its faintest whisper. The most precious messages are those which are whispered.

Mark Rutherford, 1831-1913  
Musician, teacher in the performing arts

It is possible to be so active in the service of Christ as to forget to love him.

P. T. Forsyth, 1848-1921  
Scottish theologian

## MUN CHAPLAINCY NEWS

### 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.



## ANNUAL ST. PIUS X PARISH SKATING PARTY (Early Bird Notice)

The 20<sup>th</sup> year for this anticipated event!! Once again, free skating will be held Thursday, December 26, 2019 from 1:00-2:00 pm at Yetman Arena, 45 Bonaventure Avenue (formerly Bussey Arena and previously O'Heir Arena). Bring your friends. 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.

## 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. All are welcome to attend.



## CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

### God is in all Creation

In today's modern world, we can easily forget that the car we are driving, the cell phone we are using and the sneakers we are wearing all derive from the natural resources that God created. Too often, however, these natural resources are taken from the lands of others and not shared equitably. In addition, the unsustainable use of these resources - spurred by our over-consumption - has triggered our current climate crisis. As a consequence, millions of people live in poverty, experience hunger and climate disasters, have their ancestral lands stolen and desecrated, and are denied their integral human development. SOURCE: Development and Peace

## ELDERS' MINISTRY NEWS "THOUGHT OF THE WEEK"

My words have all now left me.

My memory all but gone.

But don't let this take me from you.

Don't let it think it's won.

Speak to me for I'm still with you.

And if my answers seem unclear.

Please pretend you understand me.

So I feel valued, connected, here.

Yemma Haslegrave

Supporting Caregivers

"Alzheimers Weekly and Dementia Weekly"

For more information on Alzheimer Weekly  
and Dementia Weekly, see

[www.AlzheimersReadingRoom.com](http://www.AlzheimersReadingRoom.com)

## Calendar of Services, Mass Intentions and Activities

Sun.	Dec. 8	8:30 am	Mass	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent
		11:00 am	Mass	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent
Mon.	Dec. 9	9:30 am	Mass	Janet Nolan
		1:00 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - Chapel	
		2:50 - 3:05 pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet - Chapel	
		7:30 pm	Mass	Antonia, Virginia and Dolores Yap
Tues.	Dec. 10	9:30 am	Mass	Leo Holden, Margaret Dinn and Hughie Coady
		10:15 am	Finding God in Spiritual Reading - Church	
		7:30 pm	Mass	Deceased Members of the Goss, Abery and Neville Families
Wed.	Dec. 11	9:30 am	Mass	Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary
		5:30 pm	CWL Advent Celebration and Dinner - Parish Hall	
Thurs.	Dec. 12	9:30 am	Mass	Shannon Ryan
Fri.	Dec. 13	9:30 am	Mass	Hannaford and Thistle Families
Sat.	Dec. 14	9:30 am	Mass	Special Intention
		10:15 am	Advent Stories: Gospel Contemplations - Church	
		4:45 pm	Mass	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Of Advent
Sun.	Dec. 15	8:30 am	Mass	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Of Advent
		11:00 am	Mass	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Of Advent
		7:00 pm	Finding God in the Dark - Movie - Christmas With the Kranks - Church	

### 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](http://www.jesuits.org) [www.ignatianspirituality.com](http://www.ignatianspirituality.com) [www.jesuitresources.org](http://www.jesuitresources.org) [www.aleteia.org](http://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;

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**CHAIRPERSON OF PARISH COUNCIL:** 739-5780

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:** 233-0302 or 753-6997

