

Third Sunday of Advent December 13th, 2020

MASS INTENTIONS



Sunday 11:00 am	December 13th † Lourdes de Sousa by Matilde & Manuel de Sousa †Bernie McEvoy by Chris McEvoy and Family
Wednesday 9:15 am	December 16th † Larry Wilson by Louisa Wilson † Sebastian Chacko by Robin Sebastien
Wednesday 9:15 am	December 23rd Happy Birthday for Marie Peggy Andre by the Dorval Family † Larry Wilson by Louisa Wilson
Thursday 4:00 pm 7:00 pm	December 24th For the Parish Community Children's Christmas Mass Christmas Eve Mass
Friday 10:00 am	December 25th For the Parish Community Christmas Day Mass
Wednesday 9:15 am	December 30th † Larry Wilson by Louisa Wilson

Pastor's Messages

Dear beloved,
The third week of Advent focuses on joys

By The Rev. Lee Cruise

In the Christian tradition, joy is the theme of the third week of Advent, the four-week series of spiritual preparation before Christmas. Christmas is a joyful celebration of the birth of the baby Jesus, God's entry into the world. The lighting of the Advent candles during the four Sundays before Christmas - candles of hope, peace, joy and love - are celebratory moments.

As early as the fifth century, Christians prepared for Christmas with a 40-day fast. This was a season of penitence. Christians were called to self-examination and repentance during this period. Traditionally, the candle which is lit on the third Sunday of Advent is pink. Why the pink candle? In the earliest years of the church, the only church season was Lent. Lent was a season of fasting and prayer and the traditional color of banners during this time was a deep purple, signifying repentance and suffering.

Lent was a solemn season due to the impending crucifixion of Jesus. Yet there was always a twinge of hope and joy in the story. On the third Sunday of Lent, the Christians broke their fast and had a feast to signify this hope and joy amid the sadness. Pink became the symbol of this day; priests began to wear pink vestments as a reminder of the coming joy of the resurrection.

The third Advent candle, color pink, was selected to be a reminder of the spirit of Lent, with its mixture of joys and sorrows and in particular its joy of the resurrection.

24th of Dec. 4.00 pm Christmas Mass >> Specially for Children

24th of Dec. 7.00 pm Christmas Mass >> for all

25th of Dec. 10.00 am Christmas Mass >> for all

Each of them have the total capacity of 100 including the Priest and Cantors . The number in the reg. list is only the serial Number and not the seat number. First come first served. The first 50 will be seated in the Church and next 50 in the Parish Hall.

SCHEDULE FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SEASON

RECONCILIATION SERVICE:

The Parish Reconciliation Service will take place on Friday December 11th at 6:00 pm. following Adoration



**Christmas Eve, Thursday,
December 24th
4:00 pm; 7:00 pm**

**Christmas Day, Friday, December
25th, 10:00 am**

NEW YEAR'S 2020

Thursday, December 31st, 5:00 pm

Friday, January 1st, 2021 at 10:00 am.

PRO-LIFE

Friday Pro-life Mass: At Madonna Della Risurrezione, 1621 Fisher Ave., every Friday, 9:00 am. To pray for life and especially the protection of unborn children. Masses will be celebrated in English.

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CHURCH ENVELOPES 2021 are ready for pick up at the Church entrance.

- *Parishioners who had boxes this year are asked to please take the box labeled with your name.*
- *All others should request boxes from the office. Call 613-738-1943*
- *Please make sure that your name and address are on the back of the "Initial Offering" envelope to keep information up to date for tax receipts.*
- *Again this year you will find special envelopes included for support, renovations, heating and special collections requested by the Diocese.*
- *Once again, we thank you for your cooperation and your generosity.*
- *Any 2021 envelopes dropped in the collection baskets before year end will be held until January 1st to be deposited.*

YOUR OFFERINGS:

Thank you for your generosity and support Parishioners can contribute by mail, or by dropping the envelopes in the office mail slot. A collection box is also at the lobby of the Church for those attending the masses.

No collection baskets are circulated during Mass.

Collections for the week of December 5/6 was \$2,647.00

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES:



Special envelopes are at the main entrance of the Church for donations towards Christmas flowers in "Memory of a Loved One". Kindly write the names of the people you want to pray for and drop the envelopes in the collection box with your donation. Prayers will be offered from Dec 24th to January 1st. Thank you for your generosity.

Remember in your prayers all who are in need of our prayers that God's healing and comforting presence may be with them, especially:

Mary Dawn Johnston, Andy Quan, Chris McEvoy, Joyce Lefebvre, Lisa Paquette, Deslyn Agard, Jacques & Isobel Arcand, Nicky LeBlanc, Yasmin Shivji, Anna Gaigg, Omar Ladouceur, Peter & Janet Perry, Sylvia LaFrance, Dennis McGrath, Jane & Bob Cameron, Patricia & Charles Jelley, Eddy Proulx, Terry Jolicoeur and Ken Trudel.



Please contact the parish office to inform us of those who are ill and in need of God's healing and comfort. Renewal of prayers for the sick is available by contacting Pat Gagne (613-523-0769)

DONATIONS BY CREDIT CARD OR INTERAC to make weekly, monthly, or one time donations: Visit, saintbernardparish.com, click on Canada Helps to give. Canada Helps will instantly issue you a tax receipt and will forward your donation into our parish account.

CRA CHARITY NUMBER - Our parish is registered with CRA as: PAROISSE ST BERNARD 128967353RR0020. This number is needed to setup payroll charity giving

REGISTERING for Masses **For Christmas & New Years**

Thursday, December 24th 4:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Friday, December 25th 10:00 am

Thursday, December 31st 5:00 pm

Friday, January 1st 2021, 10:00 am

Registration sheets for the Christmas masses are at the front entrance of the Church. Attendance limits will be 100 (which includes seating in the church hall). *First come, first served.*

You can also register by phoning the office at 613-738-1943. Make sure you identify ALL the people that will be part of your family.

WEAR A MASK - Anyone entering the Church **MUST** wear a mask and sterilize their hands

DOORS WILL BE CLOSED 5 minutes before mass time so that volunteers have time to fully participate and for the Priests to start mass on time.

Walk-ins will only be permitted only if the number of participants is below the maximum limit.

R E M I N D E R NO MASS ON DECEMBER 26TH

