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Finding God in All Things

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 2, 2018



WHAT ARE THE KEY FIRST STEPS TO ENTER INTO ADVENT?

We can all slow down. We can all breathe more deeply. We can all begin to trust that this will be a blessed time. Then, when we let ourselves be who we are, and hear the Scriptures, we can begin to quietly pray, "Come, Lord, Jesus". We might expand that prayer, in quiet moments of our days ahead, "Come into my life. I trust you don't mind if it is still messy. I believe you love me, because I need your love. I don't fear you can't find the way to my heart. Come and fill me with peace and the love only you can give". Some of us will want to open our hands on our laps or hold up our arms in the privacy of our rooms and say out loud, "Come, Lord, Jesus, come into this house, into my family, into our struggles. Come and heal us, and give us joy again. Come and unite us and let us experience, each in our own way, a bit of the joy you are offering me now.". And, before a single decoration goes up, we have prepared for the Christmas' message with the foundation of faith, with the mystery of Advent's gift. God wants to be with us. Advent is letting God's will be done in our hearts and in our everyday lives.

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**SCRIPTURE
READINGS
FOR NEXT SUNDAY
December 9, 2018**

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

First Reading: Baruch 5:I-9

Second Reading: Philippians I:3-6, 8-II

Psalm: 126

Gospel: Luke 3:I-6

**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 tree ornament shape 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.

Michael J. Ward Advent Brunch

The Michael J. Ward Advent Brunch, sponsored by the Parish Life Committee, was held Sunday, December 2, 2018 in the Parish Hall following the 11 am Mass.

The Fourth Wise Man

Next Sunday, December 9, 2018, we will be showing the movie, The Fourth Wise Man (with Martin Sheen) here in our Church at 7 pm.



FR. EARL DREAMS

Some parishioners wonder how our Parish continues to finance our ongoing yearly expenses? Association for New Canadians (ANC) are the satisfied tenants of what was once St. Pius X Girls' School. ANC has continued to grow since their arrival at St. Pius X Parish. Hence, they are ever in need of additional classroom space. This autumn ANC approached our Parish for more classroom space. The result was to offer the workshop of Karl Wight and Allan Young, our men who property manage our Parish's church, school and rectory. This means the ANC now rents 650 sq ft more of our school property. This rental agreement has also necessitated the building of new (smaller) office space for our caretaker employees. This space is nearly completed within a corner of our Parish Hall. Let's thank the Lord that we continue to find the means to sustain parish life through good fortune, opportunities of service to persons of slender means like many ANC students and the generosity of our committed employees.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

November 24 and 25:	\$3,050.80
Envelopes	\$2,647.45
Loose	\$ 403.35

Thank you for your continued generous support.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NOTES

Advent Celebration

St. Pius X CWL will be having their Advent Celebration on Wednesday, December 12, 2018 in the Parish Hall. The time will be 5:30 pm for 6:00 pm. Meal will consist of a hot turkey dinner with all the trimmings.

Tickets are \$25 per person. Tickets can be obtained from Cecilia Fitzpatrick - 722-2648; Ruby Sharpe - 579-7275 or the Parish Office at 754-0170. Deadline for tickets is Wednesday, December 5, 2018.



JESUIT NEWS

Fr. Earl Smith, SJ will be in St. Lawrence to give an Advent Parish Mission from December 8-13, 2018. Please pray for the success of it.



FIND GOD IN ALL THINGS

The Teachings of Jesus

This session is entitled Advent Prayer - The Visitation. It will be held Saturday, December 8, 2018 at 10:15 am at St. Pius X Church. All are welcome to attend.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Thank you to all parishioners, families and friends who supported, donated and attended this year's event. To date, approximately \$9,169. was realized.

DE MELLO



God Notices

Sometimes the nice things we do don't even get notices. You might make your bed, but your mom or dad doesn't see it. You might draw a butterfly and give it to a friend, but he doesn't notice or thank you. But even when others don't notice the good things you do, God does. And he'll have a wonderful reward waiting for you in heaven.

When I do good things, I know that God sees.

My reward is in heaven, just waiting for me.

FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY

December 8 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. The 9:30 am Mass on Saturday, December 8, 2018 will be in celebration of her honour.



OUR 'PIUS' SMILE

A young boy had just gotten his driving permit. He asked his father, who was a minister, if they could discuss the use of the car. His father took him to his study and said to him, "I'll make a deal with you. You bring your grades up, study your bible a little and get your hair cut, and we'll talk about it.". After about a month, the boy came back and again asked his father if they could discuss use of the car. They again went to the father's study where his father said, "Son, I've been real proud of you. You have brought your grades up, you've studied your bible diligently, but you didn't get your hair cut!" The young man waited a moment and replied, "You know Dad, I've been thinking about that. You know, Samson had long hair, Moses had long hair, Noah had long hair, and even Jesus had long hair ..." To which his father replied, "Yes, and they WALKED every where they went too!"

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 and address.



SAINTS SPEAK

Lord Jesus Christ, You taught us to desire an undivided heart. Help us to recognize our ambiguities and compromises and to leave aside whatever in our life is an obstacle to love. So that love may be our guide in all we say and do. For you are our Lord, for ever and ever. Amen

Michael Casey, OCSO,
contemporary Australian Trappist Monk,
Grace: On the Journey to God,
Paraclete Press, 2018.

“To be a witness does not consist of engaging in propaganda or in stirring people up. It means to live in such a way that one's life would not make sense if God did not exist.”

Emmanuel Suhard, d. 1940,
20th French Archbishop of Paris,
spiritual writer

“God, we are tired of our stubborn hearts, but we sure don't know what to do about them. Somehow stop our insensitivity. Transform these rock hard feelings that I hold so close to my chest. . . . Melt this boulder in my chest. All this and more is exactly what the Holy Spirit does when He enters the soul.”

St. Catherine of Siena,
Letters

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.

Also in our efforts for Parish Renewal, we have also initiated a Questions and Comments Box. This will be placed at the church entrance. We will respond to all and would love to hear from you!

RELIGIOUS ARTICLES

2018-2019 Sunday Missalettes

These Missalettes (green in color) are now available for sale at \$5. from the tables at the Church and Chapel entrances.

Christmas Gifts for the Mind and Soul

Check out the possibilities of books and pamphlets for sale on the religious goods tables in the Chapel.

ST. PATRICK'S MERCY HOME 60th ANNIVERSARY CLOSING LITURGY

St. Patrick's Mercy Home is celebrating 60 years of care and services to the people of Newfoundland and Labrador. A Closing Liturgy and Reception will take place at St. Pius X Church on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 7 pm. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

For more information, contact Joyce Penney at joycem.penney@easternhealth.ca or call 752-8708.

Please Note:

The regular parish Tuesday, 7:30 pm Mass will not be held on December 4, 2018.

ADVENT PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father,
This is my one word prayer: PEACE.
I can't see ahead.
I don't know what to do.
Here are all my fears and my questions
... [share yours]
I want to experience your perfect peace.
Let it be with me.
Just as you say.
Hold me, God,
so I can hear you whisper to me, "
You don't have to know the way.
I do."
In Jesus' name,
Amen

~ Bonnie Gray,
from "Praying for Perfect Peace When We Can't See How"

Calendar of Masses and Services

Sun.	Dec. 2	8:30 am	Mass	I st Sunday of Advent
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Mon.	Dec. 3	9:30 am	Mass	Tilley, Greeley and Pottle Families
		1:00 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - Chapel	
		2:50 - 3:05 pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet - Chapel	
		7:30 pm	Mass	Goss, Abery and Neville Families
Tues.	Dec. 4	9:30 am	Mass	Robert Doyle
		The regular parish 7:30 pm Mass will not be held on this occasion.		
Wed.	Dec. 5	9:30 am	Mass	Patrick Lee
Thurs.	Dec. 6	9:30 am	Mass	Mary Finn
		7:30 pm	Choir Practice - Church	
Fri.	Dec. 7	9:30 am	Mass	Br. Joseph Darcy
Sat.	Dec. 8	9:30 am	Mass	Doreen and Edward Browne
		4:45 pm	Mass	2 nd Sunday of Advent
Sun.	Dec. 9	8:30 am	Mass	2 nd Sunday of Advent
		11:00 am	Mass	2 nd Sunday of Advent

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday: 3:30 - 4:20 pm
and Tuesday: 6:40 - 7:20 pm

TIMES OF MASSES: Monday to Friday: 9:30 am and 7:30 pm
Saturday: 9:30 am and 4:45 pm; Sunday: 8:30 am and 11 am

OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday: 9 am - 1 pm
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