



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

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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



**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



**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.



## 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?"

## 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.



## 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 - 1 - 4:45 pm

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

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

December 8 and 9: \$3,349.20

Envelopes 2,765.00

Loose 584.20

Thank you for your continued generous support.

## 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 40I, section I, as yesterday I celebrated my 75<sup>th</sup> 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



## 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 allay the costs of the plants which are ordered for the occasion.

Thank you for your help and support.

## ADVENT PRAYER

I lift my heart up to you, Lord,  
to thank you for the blessings  
you shower on me each day.

You are the 'joy of my soul.'  
I know that in your great love,  
I am held and protected by you.

I pray and listen to the good news you send;  
I ask and feel the healing.  
I am freed by you  
from the things in this world  
that let me hide from you.

I rejoice, I rejoice, down to my soul.  
Help me to prepare my heart  
to be open and able to receive your immense  
love.

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## Calendar of Services and Mass Intentions

Sun.	Dec. 16	8:30 am	Mass	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent
		11:00 am	Mass	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent
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
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 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent
Sun.	Dec. 23	8:30 am	Mass	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent
		11:00 am	Mass	4 <sup>th</sup> 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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