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Monday, Wednesday - Friday – 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

PASTOR

Rev. Patrick M. Dobec, P.P.

SUNDAY MASS

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASS

See Bulletin

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday 3:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. - Sacristy

Weekdays – Before weekday Masses in Sacristy

or by appointment

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

GAUDETE SUNDAY

12 DECEMBER 2021

Let us pray . . .

For religious leaders called to teach and guide in the practice of the faith.

For deepening respect among people of all races, cultures and religions.

For those whose hearts are filled with fear and anxiety.

For the special needs of the community gathered here today.

For those who have died and left this transitory life . . . especially for the repose of the souls of those who are forgotten and have no one to pray for them, and all the Pandemic Victims. Requiescant in Pace!

CELEBRATION OF MASS

Tuesday	St. John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor 4:00 p.m.	Art McQuade by Lornie, Aileen, Scott and Kayla Yantha
Wednesday	Mother Perpetual Help Devotion 8:00 a.m. (Please note time)	Cecil Sullivan (Anniversary) by Friends Martin T. Dobec by The Family
Thursday	12:00 noon 12:05 p.m.	The Angelus Terry Moore by Terri MacLeod Intentions of Sister Rosenda Brady, C.S.J.
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Al Smaglinski by Dennis & Sylvia Stamplecoskie Bob Wickware by Friends
Saturday	11:00 a.m.	Memorial Mass for Greg Conway

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

19 DECEMBER 2021

Saturday	4:30 p.m.	Joanne Mullin By Bob and Margaret Serran Donald Murray by Loretta Murray
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Missa Pro Populo (Mass for all the People)

LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS

	December 18th	December 19th
Readers	Jane Beahen	John Artymko
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Darlene Luckovitch	Martin Yakabuski

ADVENT PRAYER

God of this day's needs, teach us to be grateful.

Jesus taught us to pray for our daily bread.

For most of the world, this means asking for enough to eat.

For us, praying for our daily bread means praying for just enough.

Not too much. Not to be greedy, Not to hoard.

We pray for daily bread, not bread for a whole month.

Help us to keep our lives simple, to appreciate each mouthful, to be satisfied until tomorrow,

to leave room for hope. Amen.

Naomi Levy says this our challenge: "To find holiness in each day . . . to find holiness in this broken, breath-taking world." It's the same challenge John the Baptist preaches in today's Gospel: to discover the love of God, not in cathedrals, but in our own home; to welcome the Messiah into our Galilees not with great rituals of devotion but by simple justice and charity to others; to transform the world in holiness not by revolution but treating one another with respect and dignity.

National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples – December 12th

The Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council, founded by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) in 1998, proposes that the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12th) be a National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples. All are invited to join their Indigenous sisters and brothers in a special way this day through prayer and acts of solidarity.

Sacrament of Penance (Confession) – Fr. Wilfred Lenius and Fr. Guy Chapdelaine (English, French & Italian) are available next weekend.

Masks are required.

Next Saturday, December 18th from 3:15 – 4:15 p.m.

Next Sunday, December 19th after the 9:30 a.m. mass

And before all weekday masses (Sacristy)

And by appointment

Christmas Season

Friday, Christmas Eve 4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. (reservations required)

Saturday, Christmas Day 9:30 a.m. (no reservations)

Feast of the Holy Family

Sunday, December 26th 9:30 a.m.

The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God – New Year's

Friday, December 31st 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 1st 9:30 a.m.

The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday, January 2, 2022 9:30 a.m.

Registered Households 185
Last Sunday Offering \$3379.00

83 Household Envelopes & 3 E-transfers: \$2841.50

Building Renewal: \$55.00

Christmas Offering - \$155.00

Loose: \$47.50

Christmas Flowers: \$50.00

Bishop's Appeal: \$175.00

Visitors: \$50.00

Initial: \$5.00

Thank you for your generosity! God bless you all!

ADVENT

- The word “Advent” comes from the Latin word *adventus*, which means “coming,” and is associated with the four weeks of preparation for Christmas..
- Advent starts on the Sunday closest to the feast of St. Andrew the Apostle (November 30), and runs for four Sundays.
- Advent also marks the beginning of the Liturgical year. The last Sunday before Advent is the feast of Christ the King.
- The origins of Advent can be traced back to the Church in France. In the fourth century, the Church in France used the period before Epiphany as a time of preparation for baptism. It was called “St. Martin’s Lent” for the 40 days that started on November 11th, the feast of St. Martin of Tours.
- The traditional colour of Advent is purple or violet, symbolizing the penitential spirit. On the third Sunday of Advent (December 12th this year) called Gaudete Sunday, the mood is lightened to celebrate Christ’s imminent arrival. The priest’s vestments are rose-coloured, as is the Advent candle that is lit on this Sunday.
- Advent as we know it today was developed in Rome. Pope Gregory I in the late sixth or early seventh century composed many of the prayers, antiphons and psalm responses.
- The Advent wreath – a circle of evergreens with four candles – symbolically represents the promise of Jesus’ coming. Traditionally, three purple candles and one rose candle (the colour of joy) are used.
- The Jesse Tree is an advent tradition that explores the roots of Jesus’ family. It begins with Jesse, the father of King David, and Jesus descended from the line of David.

Although the Advent season is the immediate preparation for the celebration of Christ’s first coming at Christmas, the Church’s concentration is never far from His promised second coming and the need for us to stand ready and prepared. But in pondering what was (Christ’s incarnate life) and what will be (the final placing of everything under His rule) we need to keep a very firm handle on what is. A Carthusian monk says this: “The first thing, then, is not to be afraid, either of ourselves or of others. We must face life. It is this deep and prolonged contemplation of reality which brings us to God, for He is behind everything”.

Reservation for December 24th at 4:00 p.m. is full but there are still some seats available for December 24th at 6:00 p.m. No reservations are required for Christmas Day, December 25th. It will be first come first serve basis. Everyone who has submitted a reservation for Christmas Eve has been able to get their first choice. Ursula Jeffrey will be calling you to confirm.