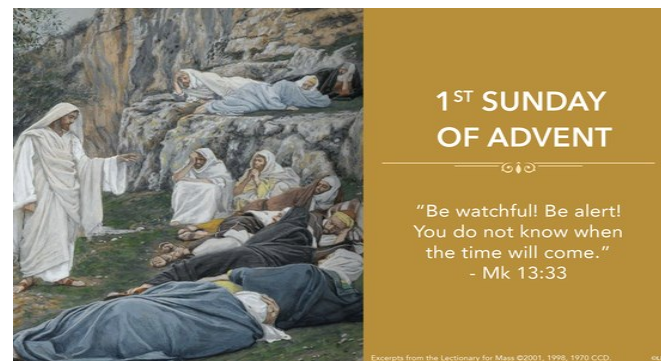


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## Sunday, November 29th, 2020 First Sunday of Advent



You are at the eye doctor and it's time for the peripheral vision test. You know the one. It's where you put your head up to a contraption and have to click a switch every time you see a squiggly line. If you don't concentrate and maintain optimal focus, you will miss them and skew the outcome of the test. You can easily find yourself with a diagnosis that really isn't accurate! Concentration and focus are key to succeeding with this evaluation. They are also key to developing a healthy, vibrant spiritual life. If we do not bring our full consciousness to the task, concentrate with all our might, be watchful and vigilant, we are not going to see God's loving presence flashing before our eyes! That's why we need Advent. Let's face it. We can easily get distracted, focus on non-essential and superficial things and lose touch with what really matters. Our attentions wander. We daydream and even become a bit overwhelmed and tired. All of the stresses and demands of life consume us and we find ourselves constantly trying to play catch up rather than relishing the moment of the now. "Now" moments are so fleeting. They flash before us like those squiggly lines on a screen. Present moments go as quickly as they come but it is important to discover them and rest in them as often as we can. Though gone in a flash, these now moments of encounter with God teach powerful lessons and offer a grounding in truth that can be found nowhere else. It's the grace of Advent to become watchful and attentive because we are never sure when God will surprise us. God loves surprises and love thrives on them! God's now moments of surprises come as tender instants of intimate connection where I find profound peace, experience joy, and rest in love. These are Advent times reflective of the now moments when Christ first was born, when God surprises us during every time we care to watch and when the great surprise of Christ's second coming dawns upon us all. But, to discover the grandeur and experience the awe of these now times, we have to be ready. We have to want to be there. We have to believe. And, we have to have the desire to soak in as much as we can in the time we have before us.

**December 8th, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** "Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing!" December 8th is one of our feasts celebrating Mary - the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. From the beginnings of the Church, spiritual writers and theologians have acknowledged the innocence and holiness of Mary. St. Irenaeus called her the "new Eve." Both faced with the pure freedom to accept or reject God, Mary began with work of redemption with her yes to Christ! The Church began to celebrate the feast of Mary's conception in the early Middle Ages. In 1854, Pope Pius IX infallibly declared that Mary was free of original sin from the first moment of her conception. On this feast day, we celebrate the beauty and goodness of Our Lady!

### MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. Nov 28	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Traditional Latin Mass</b> Fr. Stuart MacDonald (Michael Wilson)
	4-4:45pm	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament &amp; Confessions</b> <b>First Sunday of Advent</b>
	5:00pm	† Deceased Members of the Marfics Family (Bill & Mary Podolyak)
		† Ignac & Anna Szydowski (John & Diane Szydowski)
Sun. Nov 29	8:00am	<b>Traditional Latin Mass</b> <b>First Sunday of Advent</b> † Mick Kennedy (Karen Kennedy)
	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	† Betty Mei (Patti & Cyril Simek)
		† Wayne, Anthony & Sybil Rebeiro (Rebeiro Family)
Mon. Nov 30	9:30am	† Anna Maria Trivieri (Ersilia Ferrara)
	7-8pm	<b>Holy Hour &amp; Confessions</b>
Tues. Dec 1	<b>8:00am</b>	† Marion Mullin (Teresa Walters)
Wed. Dec 2	9:30am	† Deceased Members of the Crasto Family (Zita Alamparabil)
Thurs. Dec 3	9:30am	† Deceased Friends of the Podolyak Family (Bill & Mary Podolyak)
Fri. Dec 4	9:30am	† Anthony Fernandes (Marguerite Fonseca)
Sat. Dec 5	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Traditional Latin Mass</b> Fr. Brian Bevan (Delores & Gerard Kennedy)
	4-4:45pm	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament &amp; Confessions</b> <b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>
	5:00pm	Birthday Blessings for Christopher Bisson (Rosemary & Steve Lastovic)
Sun. Dec 6	8:00am	<b>Traditional Latin Mass</b> <b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> † Richard McDermott (Karen & Michael)
	9:30am	† Katie & Anthony Raczka (Stan & Gloria Rutyna)
	11:00am	Missa Pro Populo

**Confessions from 9-9:20am before all weekday Masses.**  
**Offertory November 21st & 22nd, 2020**

Envelopes	\$2, 170.00
Loose Collection	\$ 46.25
Total Offertory	\$2, 216.25

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### Christmas Mass Schedule 2020/2021



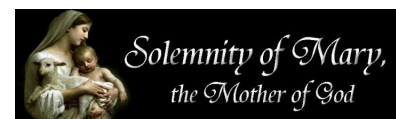
#### Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

Thursday, Dec 24th	5:00pm Christmas Eve Mass 8:00pm Christmas Eve Mass
Friday, Dec 25th	Midnight Mass ( <b>Traditional Latin Mass</b> ) 9:30 & 11am Christmas Day Masses
Saturday, Dec 26th	9-10am Confessions <b>cancelled</b> 10am Latin Mass <b>cancelled</b>



#### Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Saturday, Dec 26th	4-4:45pm Holy Hour & Confessions 5:00pm Mass
Sunday, Dec. 27th	8:00am Traditional Latin Mass 9:30am Mass 11:00am Mass
Monday Dec. 28th	9:30am Weekday Mass 7-8pm Holy Hour and Confessions
Tuesday Dec. 29th	9:30am Weekday Mass
Wednesday Dec 30th	9:30am Weekday Mass
Thursday Dec 31st	9:30am Weekday Mass



#### Solemnity of Mary the Most Holy Mother of God

Thursday, Dec 31st	5:00pm Mass
Friday, Jan 1st, 2021	8:00am Traditional Latin Mass 9:30 & 11am Masses

**Please note** that five Masses are being offered on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day to accommodate as many people as possible, and to provide more options for people to spread out their attendance so that the church congregation always remains within the 30% capacity limit at each Mass. Should we attain 30% capacity at any Mass we will have to lock the doors. Bishop Bergie provides helpful advice on this matter: "If people are unable to attend Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day due to lack of space or concern regarding crowds, they should be reminded that the Church in her wisdom has established the Octave of Christmas. Individuals can celebrate Christmas and attend Mass on any of the eight days." The Octave runs from Christmas Day (which includes Christmas Eve) to Jan. 1.

**Christmas Flower Memorial Envelopes** are in your offertory boxes dated **Dec. 6th**. We invite everyone to make a gift towards the cost of the Christmas greens and flowers that will decorate our parish this blessed season. Honour a family member or friend, give thanks for a special event (such as a wedding or the birth of a child), or remember a departed loved one. If you do not have envelopes but would like to contribute, you may use a plain envelope and include your name, address and phone number.

### Parish Calendar

#### November.....

Nov 28/29.....  
 Nov 29th....

Offertory Boxes 2021 available to pick up  
**First Sunday of Advent**

#### December.....

Dec 1st....  
 Dec 4th.

Weekday Mass is at 8am  
 Visitation of the sick and homebound

#### Offertory envelopes for 2021 will be available next weekend.

Volunteers will hand them out as you enter the church. If you want to make alternate arrangements, let the office know. E-transfer will continue to be available to make your donation. Check your envelopes for Special Collection dates. Every year there are updates made to the offertory numbering system. **FOR THE YEAR 2021, USE ONLY THE ENVELOPES ASSIGNED TO YOU FOR THAT YEAR.** This will ensure that donations are credited to the proper person. **If a box has not been prepared for you, let the office know.** Also, please do not begin using your new envelopes until 2021. Thank you!

**The new St. Joseph Missals have arrived.** For those who have requested a missal, we will arrange to have them available this weekend. Volunteers will hand them out the door so please ask for them as you enter the church. We ordered 50- at this time 21 have been reserved so there are still plenty available. We ask a donation of \$3 to cover the cost. If you are a lector or musician, there is no cost- let the usher know. If you want to pick up your copy at the parish, the office is open Wed and Fri 9-2 or I can leave it for you in the mailbox near the office entrance.

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

#### In the Unexpected

"What could happen next?" How many times have you asked yourself that question in the past year? Though we most often use that expression when things don't seem to be going our way, this year it has been an expression of the constant changes to our world which the COVID-19 pandemic has wrought. But we might use the same expression to explain our feelings of being overwhelmed by blessings and good things, when the stars seem to align just right. No matter what, we can say with certainty that tomorrow will not go exactly as we envisioned. Our lives are influenced by so many factors and the world around us is increasingly complex. Rather than be surprised by the unexpected, maybe we should expect the unexpected. Living in this manner causes us to cherish more deeply the gifts we have been given. It helps us to live in the present and become mindful of those around us. Our relationships deepen. Our sense of responsibility builds. Our stewardship way of life finds new meaning and purpose. This Advent will not be the same experience as last Advent. It remains to be seen what the coming days and weeks have in store for each of us. However, no matter what happens, Jesus Christ is there to welcome us to the unexpected. He will celebrate with us in joy and he will even feel our pain. You can count on the unexpected, but you can also count on Him to be there with you. He is now and forever, Emmanuel, "God with us." He is the expected in all things unexpected.

#### Pope Francis Prayer Intention month of December:

Evangelization: For a life of Prayer— We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

**The Diocesan Anniversary Mass** will be broadcast on Cogeco TV on Sunday, November 29, 2020 at 12:30pm and Monday, November 30, 2020 at 8pm. It will also be available to Cogeco customers on the Video on Demand Channel (Ch. 602)



