

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2017

Isaiah 40.1-5, 9-11; 2 Peter 3.8-14; Mark 1.1-8

Daily Readings for the week of December 11-17:

Monday: *Isaiah 35.1-10; Luke 5.17-26*

Tuesday: *Our Lady of Guadalupe: Zechariah 2.10-13; Luke 1.39-47*

Wednesday: *St. Lucy: Isaiah 40.25-31; Matthew 11.28-30*

Thursday: *St. John of the Cross: Isaiah 41.13-20; Matthew 11.11-15*

Friday: *Isaiah 48.17-19; Matthew 11.16-19*

Saturday: *Sirach 48.1-4, 9-11; Matthew 17.10-13*

Sunday: *3rd Sunday of Advent: Isaiah 61.1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24; John 1.6-8, 19-28*



New Parishioners: Welcome to our St. Patrick's Parish faith community! Please take a moment to introduce yourself to our pastor and fill out a registration form found on the main bulletin board.

A Family Christmas Concert: St. Patrick Children's Choir Fundraising Concert will be held on Sunday, December 10th at 3:00 pm. The Children's Choir will be performing along with guests: Susan Epp, Melissa Chung, Elizabeth Ewing, Karen Hamre, Anita Kuzma, Kelsey Robson and Bernice Westergreen. Tickets are available after mass from choir member's parents or at the door. The money raised will go towards music books and purple vestments.

2018 Collection Envelopes: This weekend, in the foyer, you will find a box of offertory envelopes assigned to you for the new year. As we did last year, the boxes are in numerical order. Please refer to the parish list available on the table to locate your name and envelope number for 2018; and take time to update your address.

All donations for 2017 must be posted by December 31, 2017.

For those parishioners wanting to use envelopes in 2018, please choose a blank box and fill out the information on the sheet, remember to put your name and address on the first few envelopes. Thank you!

Tuesday Faith Formation: Please join us this coming Tuesday evening for our final session on the Creed. We meet in the foyer of the church at 7 pm.

Advent Penitential Service: Wednesday, December 20 at 7:00 pm.

Christmas Mass Times

4th Sunday of Advent

December 23/24

5 pm, 9 am & 11 am

Christmas Eve

(Ecole St. Patrick High School)

December 24

6:00 pm (Family Mass)

11:00 pm (Midnight Mass)

Christmas Day

(St. Patrick Church)

December 25

10:00 am

Christmas Season Masses

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

December 30/31

5 pm, 9 am & 11 am

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

(Holy Day of Obligation)

January 1st

9:00 am & 11:00 am

Epiphany of the Lord

January 6/7

5 pm, 9 am & 11 am

Church and School Christmas Decorating: Please join us to decorate the church and St. Patrick High School gym for our Christmas liturgies. We will begin on Saturday, December 23rd at 12:00 pm at the church. Refreshments will be available.

It takes many hands to build up the Body of Christ and we need you!

Flowers and Poinsettias in Memory of Loved Ones: In memory of your loved one or to celebrate family and friends, you are invited to bring flowers and poinsettias to decorate our sacred space for the Christmas season. They can be dropped off at the church beginning next weekend. Please be sure to include a card with your name, and the names of the loved ones being honoured for acknowledgment in the bulletin.



Attention Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers, Altar Servers and Ushers:

We have posted sign-up sheets for our Christmas and New Year's Masses. Please sign-up as soon as possible. There is much help needed to make these liturgies blessed celebrations for everyone.

What are Holy Days of Obligation?

One of the things that makes the Roman Catholic Church distinct from other Christian denominations is that we have days throughout the year– in addition to Sundays– when we're obligated to attend Mass. Holy days are important feast days in the life of the Catholic community on which, in addition to Sundays, Catholics are obligated to participate in Mass according to the precepts of the Church.

In Canada, we only have 2 Holy Days of Obligation that are not transferred to Sunday's Mass. They are **Christmas** and **the Solemnity of the Mother of God on January 1**. Without grave reasons, missing Masses on these days incurs the penalty of mortal sins.

2018 Mass Intentions – Living or Deceased: The normal stipend for a Mass intention is \$10.00. Please contact the parish office to schedule your Mass intentions.

Please call the parish office or Fr. Marek if you have a family member in the hospital or homebound and would like a pastoral visit and/or would like to have a family member included in the prayers of the faithful read during Mass.

One Heart Worship and Prayer Night December 10 at 6:30 pm at Cornerstone Pentecostal Church. All are welcome.

Stewardship Reflection

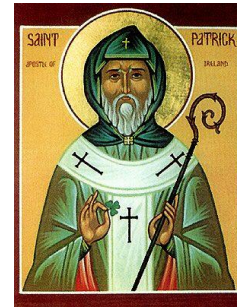
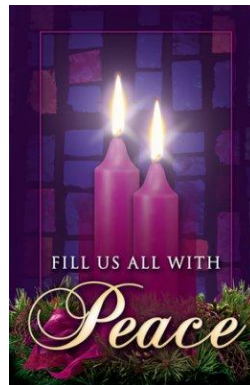
"Prepare the way of the Lord..." (Mark 1:3)

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, does just that - it puts us on the path to holiness and it invites others to be holy, too.

Offertory collection for December 3-----\$ 3,082.60
Other revenue-----\$ 3,170.75
Total Income -----\$ 6,253.35
Cost to operate our Parish per week-----\$ 6,000.00
Surplus/(Shortfall) for the week-----\$ 253.35

"Comfort, O comfort my people..."

Isaiah 40.1



St. Patrick Co-Cathedral Church

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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

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Weekend Masses: Saturday 5:00 p.m. **Daily Mass:** Tuesday - Friday 5:30 pm
Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Tuesdays from 12:00 – 4:00 pm
Please use the side door.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Priest available ½ hour before each Mass or by appointment

Pastoral Team

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Gord Van Tighem

Sacrament of Marriage

Contact the Parish Priest to set up an initial interview for Marriage at least one year in advance and prior to setting a wedding date. Marriage preparation is required.

Sacrament of Baptism Contact the parish office to pick up a Baptism Preparation Package (also on the bulletin board in the church). The next preparation session is Wed., January 17, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

1st Eucharist/Reconciliation- Sessions will resume on January

CWL Prayer Line: Prayer requests can be emailed to Barb McDonald at barbmcd@theedge.ca. The rosary is prayed every Monday evening for these requests.