

3rd Sunday of Advent December 17, 2017

Isaiah 61.1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24; John 1.6-8, 19-28

Daily Readings for the week of December 18-24:

Monday: Jeremiah 23.5-8; Matthew 1.18-24

Tuesday: Judges 13.2-7, 24-25; Luke 1.5-25

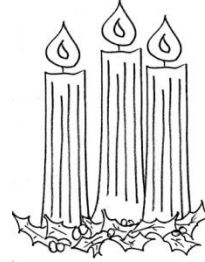
Wednesday: Isaiah 7.10-14; 8.10d; Luke 1.26-38

Thursday: St. Peter Canisius: Zephaniah 3.14-18a; Luke 1.39-45

Friday: 1 Samuel 1.24-28; Luke 1.46-56

Saturday: Malachi 3.1-4; 4.5-6; Luke 1.57-66

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent: 2 Samuel 7.1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Romans 16.25-27; Luke 1.26-38



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.

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

Announcement of New Bishop for Mackenzie-Fort Smith: His Holiness Pope Francis announced on Friday, Dec. 15, 2017 that he has named **Fr. Jon Hansen, C.Ss.R.**, Bishop of the Diocese of Mackenzie-Fort Smith. Bishop-elect Jon Hansen is currently the pastor of Our Lady of Victory Parish in Inuvik.

Kids for Christ Christmas Gathering: All children are invited to attend the Kids for Christ Christmas gathering on Saturday, December 23 from 2-4 pm.

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.

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!

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!



Children's Pageant: We are looking for children aged 5 and older to act out the Christmas Eve Gospel story. No speaking roles, just acting. Also children aged 12 and up to read the story at the Christmas Eve 6:00 pm Mass. Sign-up sheet on the white board in the foyer.

Next practise on Sunday, December 17 at 1 pm.

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.



"My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour."

Luke 1

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.

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.

2017 Donations: St. Patrick’s Year-End occurs on 31 December; therefore, we ask that all 2017 donations to the parish be received by the parish office by 31 December 2017. Donations received after this date will need to be recorded in 2018. If you wish to have a donation appear on your 2017 Tax Receipt, please ensure that the office has received it prior to 1 January. Thank you.

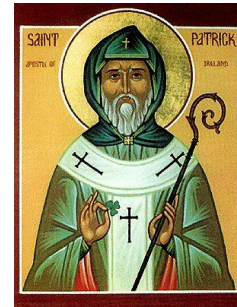
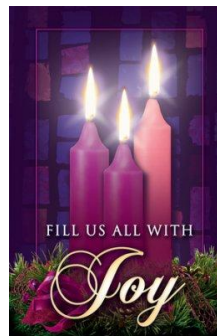
Please call the parish office or Fr. Marek if you have a family member in the hospital or homebound and would like a pastoral visit and/or would like to have a family member included in the prayers of the faithful read during Mass.

Stewardship Reflection

"Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. "Rejoice always" means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. "Pray constantly" means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day. "Give thanks in all circumstances" means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations.

Offertory collection for December 10-----	\$ 3,663.00
Other revenue-----	\$ 2,423.00
Total Income -----	\$ 6,067.00
Cost to operate our Parish per week-----	\$ 6,000.00
Surplus/(Shortfall) for the week-----	\$ 67.00



St. Patrick Co-Cathedral Church

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

Phone: (867) 873-4880 Fax:(867)873-4670
Website: www.stpatrickchurchyk.com
Email: stpatrickchurchyk@gmail.com

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

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

Pastor	Pastoral Assistant	Bookkeeper
Fr. Marek Pisarek, OMI (444-8700)	Susan Waddell	parishadmin@theedge.ca
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St. Patrick’s Vinnies	RCIA	Catholic Women’s League
920-4961	Andre Corriveau	Tina Rivera - President
Tues-Sat 10:00 am – 5:30 pm	andrecorriveau@icloud.com	873-5900
Knights of Columbus	Society of St. Vincent de Paul	Development & Peace
Chris Wood – Grand Knight	446-1934 (leave a message)	Suzette Montreuil 920-2765
cwood11@theedge.ca		
	Finance Council – Chairperson	
	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.