



December 10, 2017

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday 12th

6^{pm} + Margaret Lambert – Florence Robert

Wednesday 13th

9:30^{am} School Mass

+ Ken McTavish – Joan & Family

Thursday 14th at Rainycrest

10^{am} + Gus Landry – Annie & Ted Fitzgerald & Family

Friday 15th

9^{am} + Myrtle & Tom Jolicouer & Gladys Martin

Saturday 16th

5^{pm} + Marie Byrnes - Plum

+ Bob Botsford – The Family

Sunday 17th (9am at Our Lady of Lourdes)

9^{am} + Katie Jourdain – The Jourdain Family

11^{am} + Coralie Comba – Frank & Becky Ball

+ Ken Payne - Gladys

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2nd Sunday of Advent

1st reading: (Isaiah 40.1-5, 9-11)

2nd reading: (2 Peter 3.8-14)

Gospel: (Mark 1.1-8)



In your prayers, please remember those who

are sick: Eva Mattson, Arlene Steinke, Ewan MacKintosh, Rosalie Cousineau, Shirley Fraser, Nick Mutz, Kari Urquart, Ernie McColeman, Queenie Leschinski, Maurice DeGagné, Nicole LePine, Larry Mattson, Dianne Pattison, Noella & Rick Hamilton, Father Michael Mitchell, David Whalen, Isabella Keuler, Ismael Albao, Chris Lowe

Offertory Collection for St. Mary's

Weekend Of

December 3rd - \$2202.00

Counting Teams

December 11th - Anna

Annual Bishop's Ministry Campaign

St. Mary's Parish Goal: \$25,000.00

Donations received: \$8,550.00/34% of our goal (this amount represents the 45 families who have made donations so far. Just imagine how quickly we can reach our goal if **everyone** made a donation!)

Remaining: \$18,700.00

Please help us reach our goal. Funds must be at the Chancery Office before Dec. 31, 2017

The remaining balance will be taken from the Parish General Account. We only have a couple weeks left!!!

The Third Sunday of Every Month will be Food Box Sunday. Bring non-perishable food items for the needy.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH NEWS

In your prayers, please remember those who are sick:

Jan Adams, Linda Anderson, Greg Perreault, Doug Cross, George Supinski, Curtis Jourdain, Florence Lampi, Jan Glueheisen, Phyllis Johnson (Bruyere), Ron Mainville, Kayla Bruyere, Desiree Alfred, Brian McPherson

Offertory Collection for Our Lady of Lourdes

Weekend of

December 3rd - 1035.07

Annual Bishop's Ministry Campaign

LOL Parish Goal: \$4,000.00

Donations received: \$2,100.00/52.5% of our goal (this amount represents the 7 families who have made donations so far. Just imagine how quickly we can reach our goal if **everyone** made a donation!)

Remaining: \$1,900.00

Please help us reach our goal. Funds must be at the Chancery Office before Dec. 31, 2017

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What's going on?!

December 9 – Youth Mass & Life Teen

December 10 – LOL Christmas Breakfast & Birthdays & Anniversaries

December 10 – St. Mary's Christmas Open Church 5:30pm

December 12 – Advent Confessions – St. Michael's 9:00am
– St. Francis 11:30am

December 12 – First Reconciliation – 7:00pm

December 13 – School Mass – 9:30am

December 14 – LOL CWL Christmas Potluck

December 16/17 – St. Mary's Birthdays & Anniversaries

December 18 – St. Francis School Christmas Presentation
6:30pm

December 19 – Assoc. of St. Marguerite d'Youville– 1:00pm

CHRISTMAS OPEN CHURCH



Our annual Christmas Open Church is this weekend. We will start with cocktails at 5:30pm then supper at 6:00pm. We want to show our appreciation to all the wonderful people who help & support our Parish. Everyone is welcome! Come & enjoy some fellowship, Christmas carols and karaoke too!!



EDGE: Youth groups for grades 6-9

The EDGE leaders would like to wish all the youth a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

We meet again on January 11th, 2018. God Bless!

LIFE TEEN Youth groups for grades 9-12



Our next Life Teen night will be our Christmas Party! Please bring a (maximum) \$10.00 gift for a Chinese Gift Exchange as well as a non-perishable food item for donation. Also, please bring your funny, comfy, Christmas, (or just your favourite) pair of jammies for a movie. Hope to see you **December 9th!** **Thanks to everyone who helped out with the garage sale!! We made approximately \$543.00! Thank you!**



Life Teen Lunches: Our next Life Teen lunch will be on **December 13th** at the Northwest Catholic District School Board Office.



MISSING: Sometime over the summer, 2 guitars went missing from the parish. If anyone borrowed them or might know what happened to them, we would appreciate it if you let the office know or you can just return them. Thanks!

Christmas Tree of Angels

We will have our Christmas tree up in the lobby this weekend. If you have any angel ornaments you would like to donate, please bring them any time and put them on the tree!!



BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is suspended until January 17, 2018. Everyone is welcome to attend!

St. Mary's Finance Council

We are in need of a new member on St. Mary's Finance Council. We meet quarterly. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Parish office or Father Alan. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 24

9am Mass @ Our Lady of Lourdes
11am Mass @ St. Mary's
Children's Mass- 5pm @ St. Mary's
8pm Mass @ Our Lady of Lourdes
11pm Mass @ St. Mary's

Monday, December 25

11am Mass @ St. Mary's

Sunday, December 31

9am Mass @ Our Lady of Lourdes
11am Mass @ St. Mary's

Monday, January 1, 2018

9am Mass @ Our Lady of Lourdes
11am Mass @ St. Mary's

The office will be closed for Christmas on December 25th and 26th and closed for New Year's on January 1st.

~MERRY CHRISTMAS~

Food for Your Journey - Kids Ask the Strangest Questions

There was this family of ducks: a mother, a father, and three ducklings. The one called Kiki always lagged behind and came late. But sometimes he could ask some sticky questions.

One morning at the breakfast table he asked his mother, "Mommy, why does the sun shine?"

"Well," she answered, "it's up there so high where everything is so bright that it just shines."

At noon little Kiki cornered his dad with the same question.

"Well," explained dad, "the sun is a big ball filled with gas, and the oxygen and helium in it explode, and the whole thing gets white hot."

Next, Kiki brought his question to his school teacher, who was a very wise man with a big library. So he began to look up the answer...But Kiki got bored...and stood there asking himself, "Why can't anyone tell me why the sun shines? Is that supposed to be a big secret or something?"

Then on the way home, Kiki met an old crow in the garden. "Tell me," he again asked, "why does the sun shine?"

"That's very simple," answered the old black crow. "It shines because it is smiling."

Hmmmm, now wasn't that a perfect answer? It shines because it is smiling. How natural! How simple! Nothing to do with gases and explosion. Just simply: it shines because it is smiling...

That night Kiki went to bed happy, because he knew the reason for the sun's shining. His mother kissed him goodnight and whispered, "You are my sunshine."

And Kiki smiled back at her...

A Smile for Your Journey - A Pious Man

Charlie Jones was a pious man who had been head usher at Central Church for seventy-five years. On his one hundred-fifth birthday he stopped going to church. Alarmed by the old fellow's absence after so many years of faithful service, Pastor Anderson went to see him.

He found Charlie in excellent health, so the minister asked, "How come after all these years we don't see you anymore?"

The old man looked around and lowered his voice, "I'll tell you, Pastor," he whispered, "when I got to be ninety, I expected God to take me home any day. But then I got to be ninety-five, then one hundred, then 105. So I figured that God is very busy and must've forgotten about me - and I don't want to remind Him."

The Traditional Aged Christmas Cakes have arrived!!!
Regular size (600gms) \$18.00/Deluxe (1kg) \$25.00