



December 03, 2017

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday 5th

6^{pm} + Gloria Sawka – Frank & Becky Ball

Wednesday 6th

9^{am} + Coralie Comba – Frank & Becky Ball
+ Jack Ducharme – His sisters

6^{pm} CWL Christmas Mass & Potluck

Thursday 7th at Rainycrest

10^{am} + Eva Collett – Bernice Kempf

Friday 8th

9^{am} Intentions of The Bereavement Group

Saturday 9th

5^{pm} + Bud & Betty Kellar – Phyllis & Lynn
Intentions of Luke Doham – Joan McTavish

Sunday 10th (9am at Our Lady of Lourdes)

9^{am} + Grace Lambert – Betty & Larry Fontana

11^{am} + Irene & Harold Herrem – The Family
+ Melbourne Marsh – Patrick Marsh & Family

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1st reading: (Isaiah 63.16b-17; 64.1, 3-8)

2nd reading: (1 Corinthians 1.3-9)

Gospel: (Mark 13.33-37)



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*

November 26th - \$3312.32

Counting Teams

December 4th – Evelyn/December 11th - Anna

PARISH ORGANIST & CHOIR DIRECTOR NEEDED



If you are interested in either of these positions, please contact the Parish office or Father Alan. Thanks!

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

Christmas Tree of Angels

We are going to put up a Christmas tree in the lobby the weekend of December 9th. If you have any angel ornaments you would like to donate, please bring them any time after the 9th and put them on the tree!!



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
November 26th - \$ 649.89

Annual Bishop's Ministry Campaign

LOL Parish Goal: \$4,000.00

Donations received: \$2,100.00/52.5% of our goal

Remaining: \$1,900.00

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

Donations received: \$6,500.00/26% of our goal **Remaining: \$18,500.00**

Please help us reach our goal by getting your donation in **NOW!** Funds must be at the Chancery Office before **Dec. 31, 2017**

The remaining balance will be taken from the Parish General Account. We only less than a month left!!!

What's going on?!

- December 5 – K.C. Christmas Mass & Dinner 6:00pm
- December 6 – Financial Council 11:00am
- December 6 – CWL Christmas Mass & Potluck 6:00pm
- December 7 – EDGE Night – 6:30-8:30pm
- 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
- December 12 – First Reconciliation – 7:00pm
- December 13 – School Mass – 9:30am
- December 14 – LOL CWL
- December 15 – Youth Leader's Christmas Party



CHRISTMAS OPEN CHURCH

Our annual Christmas Open Church will be on Sunday, December 10th. 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!!



CWL Blessing Bags (Crisis Centre): Those who attended the Nov. meeting and were asked to bring in either shampoo or toothpaste are reminded that the box for the items is in the church foyer. Only about 5 more of each to receive! Thank you for your generosity.



EDGE: Youth groups for grades 6-9

The youth talked about Advent. They discussed what it means, its symbols and colours of the season and what it means to prepare for the coming of Jesus. They then made their very own advent wreaths to take home.

Our last EDGE for the year is Dec 7th.



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!!



TEC #83 has been postponed to the weekend of Feb. 2-4, 2018. Applications are available at the back of the church.



Life Teen Lunches: Our next Life Teen lunch will be on **December 6th** 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!



Ho, ho, ho! Let's be jolly and plan to attend the CWL Christmas potluck supper on Wednesday, December 6th beginning with mass at 6pm. All women of the parish are welcome! In lieu of a gift exchange, a collection will be taken to provide for a family through the Salvation Army Christmas program. Note: Central is hosting. Help will be needed to receive food at 5:30pm. **THANK YOU!**

Father Alan's brother ISMAEL ALBAO UPDATE

"I am back last Nov. 21st from my 3rd trip to Guangzhou, China. It was my 2nd interventional therapy which was again an infra-arterial infusion and intravenous chemotherapy. The usual effect of the interventional therapy on me is the decrease in body mass index due to loss of appetite. I have slowly regained my appetite and hopefully replenish my body with needed nutrients through my smoothies and dietary supplements. I am to avoid oily and spicy foods and is advised to avoid strenuous activity; no alcohol too. According to my Discharge Summary, I am supposed to be back in China by Dec. 4th till 13th for my 3rd interventional therapy, but is burdened by the expenses for the visa renewal, airfare, plus the medical cost of the therapy which will again be around P350 thousand (\$8,750CDN). I am thankful to my family, relatives, friends and generous people like you. Indeed I am truly blessed to have all your support (moral, spiritual and financial) in this journey! I was asked where do I get the strength to go on, I replied that I firmly believe that **NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD. TO GOD BE THE GLORY!**"

Food for Your Journey - The Worth of Christ's Life

Here is a man who was born in an outback village, the child of a peasant mother. He grew up in an obscure hamlet. He worked in a carpenter shop until he was 30. Then for three years he was a travelling teacher.

He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never owned a home. He never had a family. He never went to college. He never travelled more than 200 miles from home.

While he was still a young man, popular opinion turned against him. His friends ran away; one even betrayed him. Another denied him. While he was being executed as a criminal, some gamblers got the last shirt off his back. After death, he was buried in someone else's tomb.

But after almost twenty centuries, he has the biggest following of any person who ever walked the face of this earth.

I dare to say, that all the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever sailed the seas, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever ruled – all of these put together – have not affected the lives of as many men and women upon this earth as permanently as has this one solitary life of Christ.

A Smile for Your Journey - God's Name

A "pillar of the church" passed away and was on his way to heaven. When he got to the pearly gates of heaven, he met an angel. The angel asked him what God's name was.

"Oh, that's easy," the man replied. "His name is Andy."

"What makes you think his name is Andy?" the angel asked.

"Well, you see at church we used to sing this song, 'Andy walks with me, Andy talks with me'."



Families for Families are looking for help moving furniture from a storage unit in the west end to an apartment at Skyview Apartments on First St.

E. across from the old high school. This apartment is for the 2nd refugee family who may be arriving soon. If you can help move furniture, drive or lend a truck on Tuesday, December 5 at 10 a.m. or know of someone who can, please call Kathy Mueller at 274-0583. Helpers are also needed to clean the apartment on Monday, December 4 at 1:30 p.m. Thanks for any assistance you can provide!



The KC's are having a Christmas Dinner and 50/50 draw, for all members and family on December 5th with Mass beginning at 6pm.