



December 1, 2019

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday 3rd

6^{pm} + Leon Swire – Elsie, Gloria & Teresa

Wednesday 4th

9^{am} + Chris Lowe – Laura Dillon

Thursday 5th at Rainycrest

10^{am} + Harry Pruys – Laura Dillon

Friday 6th

9^{am} That every country resolutely commit to protect their children, especially those who suffer.

Saturday 7th

5^{pm} + Bud & Betty Kellar – Lynn & Phyllis

Sunday 8th (9am at Our Lady of Lourdes)

9^{am} + Christine Lowey – Dennis & McKinnon Families

11^{am} + Richard Ricard – The Family

December 1, 2019

First Sunday of Advent

1st reading: (Isaiah 4.2-6)

2nd reading: (Romans 13.11-14)

Gospel: (Matthew 24.37-44)

Keep awake, you must be ready.



In your prayers, please remember those who are sick: Shirley Fraser, Ernie McColeman, Queenie Leschinski, Maurice DeGagné, Nicole LePine, Larry Mattson, Noella & Rick Hamilton, David Whalen, Isabella Keuler, Laura Dillon, Art

Cross, Nicholas Delvecchio, Catherine MacDonald, Father Thomas, David Cross, Keagan Evans, Julie Halvorsen, Patrick McColeman, Bridger Hands, Mary Kolynchuk, Dan Loney, Laura Ahrens & Family, Lori Woodgate, Ewen MacKintosh

*Offertory Collection for St. Mary's
Weekend Of*

November 24 – \$6118.21

Counting Teams

December 2 – Anna



All the women of the parish are invited to the Christmas mass and potluck supper on Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 6pm. Santa prizes (\$5 to \$6) will add to the fun. 🎅 **Ho, ho, ho!**

Let's go! See you then! **Note:** Group 1 (surnames A to J) will be hosting. Thank you ladies!

CWL NEWS

Snowbird CWL members wishing to renew their memberships for 2020 before leaving for the winter or those members wishing to renew early, can pick up a form in the church lobby by the office.



The NEW 2019-2020 Sunday Missals are here! They are \$5.00.



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH NEWS

**In your prayers, please
remember those who are sick:**

Jan Adams, Linda Anderson, Doug Cross, George Supinski, Curtis Jourdain, Florence Lampi, Brian McPherson, Mary Lou Parks, Leslie Bauer, Rudy Morrisseau, Shirley A. Bruyere, Sue Foran-Ross, Dale Krueger, Lana Mainville, Angela Bruyere, Steven "Beaver" Morrisseau

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Weekend of
November 24 - \$717.61

What's going on?!

Dec. 3 – K.C. Meeting – 6:30pm

Dec. 4 – CWL Christmas Mass & Potluck – 6:00pm

Dec. 5 – EDGE Night – 6:30-8:30pm

Dec. 7 – Life Teen Night

Dec. 7/8 – St. Mary's Birthdays & Anniversaries

Dec. 8 – OLOL Birthdays & Anniversaries

Dec. 10 – Bereavement Group Meeting – 1:00pm

– **First Reconciliation – 7:00pm**

Dec. 11 – School Mass – 9:30am

2019 Bishop's Diocesan Ministry Campaign

This year's theme is "Together on the Road".



Please support this important campaign. The campaign will run until December 31, 2019. If you did not pick up your donation envelope, it is in the mail. Blank ones are also available.

**Parish goals: St. Mary's \$25,000 - so far we have received \$10,315.00. (only 58 families)
Our Lady of Lourdes \$4,000 - so far we have received \$1500.00. (only 8 families)**

Christmas Mass Choir

We would like to invite any adult who would like to join us to form a Christmas Choir to sing at 5:00pm Mass on Christmas Eve. Practices will be every Thursday until December 19, 7:00-8:30, in the church. Please join us!



December 21st we will be
having our Annual
Christmas Open Church!!
Details to follow!!!



The EDGE group met at St. Mary's last Thursday, we started preparations for the season of Advent. The youth made an Advent calendar, it has 25 chain links of paper that each have a different name for Jesus on it. Each day as you unlink the chain, you read a new name for Jesus and the bible verse that shows that name referenced in the bible. It is neat to see that there are 25 different names for Jesus! We also shared with the youth that if they were to read the Gospel of Luke starting on Dec 1st, one chapter each day they will have read an entire account of Jesus' life and wake up Christmas morning knowing WHO and WHY we celebrate! Give it a try! **Our next EDGE Night is December 5th at St. Mary's.**

Our next Life Teen night is December 7th.



Inviting women 18 and older to join us for a **Blessed Is She Advent Gathering** on December 14th from 11:30am-1:00pm, followed by lunch and fellowship. For more information contact Johanna Strahl at 807-271-5491 or johanna.strahl1@gmail.com.



We are looking for volunteers to join our ministry teams. We need people to join our hospitality, lector and Eucharistic ministry teams. If you are interested in joining any of these important ministries, please let the parish office know.

The Ministry to the Sick & Homebound & Distribution of Holy Communion

The faithful who are ill are deprived of their rightful and accustomed place in the Eucharistic community. In bringing Communion to them the Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion [EMHC] represents Christ and manifests faith and charity on behalf of the whole community toward those who cannot be present at the Eucharist. For the sick, the reception of Communion is not only a privilege but also a sign of support and concern shown by the Christian community for its members who are ill.

If you can help with this essential ministry, please contact the parish office at 274-5233.

Food for Your Journey - What Would Jesus Have Done?

I was working at the supermarket checkout counter and my nerves were badly on edge. Up came a little boy with a loaf of bread, "That will be one dollar and nine cents," I told him, as he dumped a fistful of change onto the counter.

He looked at me apologetically and with trembling fingers tried to push the coins together. I counted the money. My stomach tightened as I heard some lady say, "I thought this was the express line! It'll take her all day to count that kid's money."

The youngster was short 28 cents. I shot him an uneasy look. His cheeks turned pink.

"What would the Lord do right now?" I asked myself, as the Sunday preacher had advised.

Quickly I picked up a piece of paper and wrote on it, "I owe this cash register 28 cents." Then I put it into the cash register with the boy's coins.

"Thank you very much, ma'am," he replied, flashing me a lovely smile.

After that, the complaining customers no longer made any difference... My heart felt light because on this one small occasion I had done what I felt Jesus would have done...

It felt so good that I made up my mind to look for another occasion...

A Smile for Your Journey

An elderly man in Oklahoma calls his son in New York and says, "I hate to ruin your day son, but I have to tell you that your mother and I are getting a divorce; 45 years of marriage... and that much misery is enough!"

"Dad, what are you talking about?" the son yells.

"We can't stand the sight of each other any longer," the old dad explained. "We're sick of each other, and I'm sick of talking about this, so you call your sister in Hong Kong and tell her!"

Frantic, the son calls his sister, who explodes on the phone. "Like heck they're getting divorced," she shouts, "I'll take care of this."

She calls her elderly father immediately, and screams at him, "You are not getting divorced. Don't do a single thing until I get there. I'm calling my brother back, and we'll both be there tomorrow. Until then, don't do a thing, you hear me?" she yelled as she hung up the phone.

The old man hangs up his phone and turns to his wife. "Okay," he says, "it's all set. They're both coming for Christmas and paying their own air-fare."

The third Sunday of every month will be Food Box Sunday. Bring non-perishable food items for the needy.