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Featuring choirs:  
Bonnyville Singers  
Chorale St. Louis de France  
Elk Point Community Choir  
Les Musiciens de St. Paul

Get into the spirit of Christmas with beautiful choirs and music! Help a worthy cause at the same time

**THE BONNYVILLE TUNEAGERS PRESENT.**  
**THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CHOIR FESTIVAL**  
**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 04, 2025, AT 7P.M.**  
**At St. Louis Catholic Church, Bonnyville**  
**By Donation,**  
**Proceeds to K of C hampers and Santa's Elves**

## Heart of Worship

**Sun Dec 7**  
St Paul  
Cathedral

**MUSIC  
ADORATION  
NIGHT**

6-7 PM Adoration & Confession  
7-8 PM Fellowship in Larose Hall  
All Welcome

FOR TEENS AND YOUNG ADULTS



**Community  
Reconciliation**  
DEC 10, WEDNESDAY 6:30 PM

### Feast of the Immaculate Conception

**DEC 8**  
6 PM MASS  
5:30 PM ROSARY

“I am the Immaculate Conception”



## PARISH CONTACTS

Fr. Rene Realuyo, **Pastor**  
Dave Scott, **Maintenance** – part-time  
Jojo Policarpio, **Secretary**  
Parish Office Tel: 780-826-3010  
OR email [officebonnyvillestl@dostp.ca](mailto:officebonnyvillestl@dostp.ca)  
Monday to Friday  
9:00 am to 2:00 pm

### Parish Council Elected Members

Dave Sharun – **Chairperson**  
Members -----  
Vince Spila - Knights of Columbus  
Joe Marion - Dr. Bernard Brosseau  
Rachel Reid - Notre Dame Elementary  
Vince MacDonald Wayne Marks  
Leona Bonneau Marie Southcombe  
Audrey Campbell Gerarda Germain  
Jason Morgan Nathan Gumawan  
Maria Shea Lise Medford  
Sheldon Germain

#### Family Committee

Regimbald Family \* Taylor Family

#### Finance Committee

Russ Yarmuch \* Luc Vincent \* Loriann Lafrenière \*  
Stacey Taylor \* Carrie Goldsmith \* Isabelle Hetu

#### Safe Parish Committee:

Audrey Campbell \* Germaine Prybysh.

#### Cemetery Committee

Germaine Prybysh \* Annette Schultz  
Robert Albert \*Paul Husereau \* Yvonne Primeau

#### Adoration

Janet Anctil – 780 826-1085

#### Adult Servers

Dan Dugas

#### Baptism Preparation

JoJo Policarpio

#### Bldg & Maintenance Concerns

Roger Lafreniere

#### Camp St. Louis:

780-645-3277

#### Collections

Joanne Coulombe & Joyce Cervinski

**Communion in the Homes** - Call the Parish Office.

**Sacramental Preparation** - Monique Morgan  
**Knights of Columbus** -

Dan Dugas - 780 826-7422

#### Liturgical Scheduling

Fran Kusch – 5 p.m. Mass

Audrey Campbell – 10:00 a.m. Mass

**Marriage Preparation** – Call Fr. Rene 6 months in advance.

#### Music Ministry

Saturday: Patrice MacDonald  
Sunday: Margaret Borders  
Dimanche: Anna Laplante

**Pastoral Care** – Call Parish Office

**RCIA** – Call Parish Office

**Sacristan** - Janet Anctil

**Sunday School** – Natasha Miller  
Suzanne Antoniuk

# Paroisse St. Louis de France Parish

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Weekend Mass Times:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. English

Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Alternates Eng/French

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

First Friday - After the 6 pm Mass till 7:30 pm

Nov 30 2025



Sacrament of Reconciliation:  
By appointment or 30 minutes before Mass

Advent – Week 1

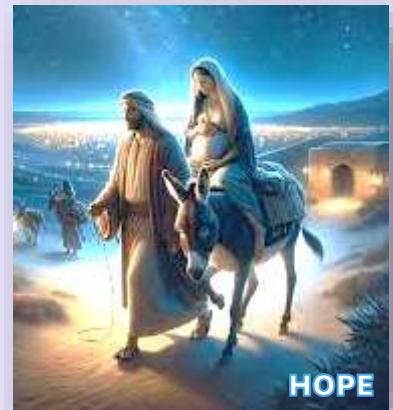
## Another Advent

Today we start another liturgical new year, with the songs of Isaiah singing the praise of Advent. Our year of prayer will carry through to Christmas, then on to Jesus' Public life, then Lent and Holy Week and the drama of Easter and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Then our time moves towards next Advent, when another year of liturgical prayer begins. This rhythm and pattern can be a blessing for us, providing a spiritual framework of meaning for all the bits and pieces of daily living, during the different seasons. The liturgical year can help us keep our lives grateful and centred on God.

We begin this season of Advent in a spirit of expectation. During this time we look forward not just to the birthday of Jesus at Bethlehem but also for his second coming at the end of time!

Here's an instance of a woman with something to teach us this Advent. Before we had cell phones or WhatsApp or Voicemail, we depended on the humble landline. There was a mother in Alberta whose son in Ontario used to phone her up at eight o'clock every Sunday evening. As it neared the time her eyes were fixed on the telephone. No call in or out was allowed as she waited! She would not miss the joy of hearing her son's voice and all his news. That woman was a model for our spirit of waiting in Advent! The key attitude is one of being alert, being ready, so as not to miss the time of his coming, 'you must stand

ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect'. These words sound like a warning as though God were ready to pounce and catch us off guard with our affairs not in order! But they are also a promise, filled with hope. The coming of the Christ was and is the best of good news, a gift beyond imagining! It calls for joy and gratitude. Our response should be not fear, but awe and wonder. John Betjamen has expressed it beautifully in this Christmas poem: Jesus used parables to explain the kingdom of God, evoking its mysterious presence in this world. For example, the mustard seed was the smallest of all seeds, the most insignificant of all things. Yet out of it comes a huge tree. God's kingdom comes in a hidden way, in spite of seeming failure. As with the mustard seed, this small beginning holds the promise of a magnificent ending. "I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us," wrote Saint Paul. Seemingly contradictory things occur in Jesus' teaching about the kingdom. The kingdom is *here and now*, we are told and yet we are asked to look forward



*'Is it true? and is it true,  
this most tremendous tale of all,  
a baby in an ox's stall?'*

*The Maker of the stars and sea  
become a child on earth for me,  
that God was man in Palestine  
and lives today  
in bread and wine.'*

to its coming. But there is no contradiction if we consider that the Kingdom is both a present and a future reality. It is already here in part, but its completion is in some unknown future. As Jesus says, "The kingdom of God does not come in such a way as to be seen. No one will say, 'Look here it is,' or 'There it is'... because the kingdom of God is within you" (Lk 17:20f).

Source : <https://associationofcatholicpriests.ie/homily-resource/30-nov-2025-1st-sunday-in-advent-a/>

# CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



**DECEMBER 24**  
**5:00 PM ENGLISH**  
**7:00 PM ENGLISH**  
**9:00 PM FRENCH**  
**DECEMBER 25**  
**10:00 AM ENGLISH**

**DECEMBER 27**

**5:00 PM ENGLISH**

**DECEMBER 28**

**10:00 AM FRENCH**

**DECEMBER 31**

**5:00 PM ENGLISH**

**JANUARY 1**

**10:00 AM FRENCH**



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### CHRISTMAS HAMPER



Hamper applications for families in need of food support are available at the Bonnyville Canadian Friendship Centre until Friday, Dec. 5.

Donations towards the food hamper can be made by cheque payable to the Knights of Columbus or via e-transfer to the Knights of Columbus at [bonnyvillekofc@gmail.com](mailto:bonnyvillekofc@gmail.com). The cost of a Christmas food hamper is \$110.00

Thank you for your support !  
for more information  
Contact Dave Scott at 780-826-7491



## Simbang Gabi

### Schedule of Masses

December 15 - 22  
6:00pm  
December 20 & 23  
5:00 pm



### Simbang Gabi Christmas Party

December 23  
After the 5 pm mass

A nine-day novena of dawn masses to celebrate  
the birth of Jesus Christ.

Let's honor this cherished tradition together.



### Prayers for Lighting the Advent Wreath Candles

*First Week*

All-powerful God, increase our strength of will for doing good that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming and call us to his side in the kingdom of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, forever and ever

### Have a good singing voice? Join the Choir

**Youth & Sat  
Mass Choir**  
Call Patrice at  
780-293-7767



**English Choir  
for Sun Mass**  
Call Germaine  
at 780-812-0846



**French Choir**  
Call Anna at 780-812-1682.  
Practise is Thursdays 7:30 pm.  
Reading in French is an asset but not required.

### Music Ministry Schedule 10 am

2025	2026
Dec 7 - English	Jan 4 - English
Dec 14 - French	Jan 11 - French
Dec 21 - Youth	Jan 18 - Youth
Dec 28 - French	Jan 25 - French

"The true light, which enlighten everyone, was coming into the world." **John 1:9**

Day	Time	Place	Mass Intentions		Feasts / Solemnities
Saturday samedi Nov 29	10:30 am 5:00 pm	Church	Dr. AJ & Elvira Menezes	Renée Ferrao	Our Lady's Saturday
Sunday dimanche Nov 30	10:00 am	Church	+Lise Hamel	Fleurette et Famille	 <b>HOPE</b> First Sunday of Advent
Monday Lundi Dec 1	No Mass				
Tuesday mardi Dec 2	9:00 am	Church	Thanksgiving for all Blessings received	Miller Family	
Wednesday Mercredi Dec 3	10:30 am	Hospital	+Jeannette Raby	Michael & Agnes Burrows	St. Francis Xavier
Thursday jeudi Dec 4	9:00 am	Bonnylodge	Special Intentions of Milly Pietrusik	Milly	Saint John Damascene
Friday Vendredi Dec 5	6:00 pm	Church	+Marion Pasloski -30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	Georges & Grace Lambert	
Saturday samedi Dec 6	5:00 pm	Church	+Tom Corcoran	Shea Family	Saint Nicholas
Sunday dimanche Dec 7	10:00 am	Church	For Parishioners	Feast of St Ambrose	 <b>PEACE</b> Second Sunday of Advent

COLLECTIONS		QUÊTES
November 23, 2025 Offerings* Building Fund Missal	\$3046.00 500.00 104.00	Offrandes 23 novembre 2025 Amélioration des bâtiments

\*Does not include e-transfers



First Friday  
Mass  
Dec 5 @ 6 pm  
Adoration till  
7:30 pm

**Next Week's Readings**  
**Dec 7**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading**  
Isaiah 11: 1-10  
With righteousness he shall judge the poor.

**Responsorial Psalm:**  
Ps 72:1-2,7-8,12-13, 17

**R:** In his days may righteousness flourish, and peace abound forever

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:**  
Romans 15:4-9

Christ has saved all people.

**Gospel**

Matthew 3:1-12  
Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.

**December 2025**  
**Pope's Prayer Intention /**  
**Intention de prière**  
**du Saint-Père**

**For Christians in areas of conflict**  
Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.  
**Pour les chrétiens dans les zones de conflit**  
Prions pour que les chrétiens vivant dans des zones de guerre ou de conflit, en particulier au Moyen-Orient, soient des semences de paix, de réconciliation et d'espoir.

**Eucharistic Adoration**  
**EVERY TUESDAY**  
After the 9 am mass till 1 pm  
**To commit One Hour FOR ADORATION**  
Please Call Sylvie for a schedule at 1-403-861-0425

Available for purchase

Workbook for Lectors - \$22.00  
Sunday Missal 2025-26 - \$7.00

Please pray for the grace of healing for all those who are suffering from all types of Cancer, and illnesses and autoimmune diseases.