

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



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.



Parish Office Is closed from Dec 22 to Jan 4



The Knights of Columbus are still accepting donations for the cost of a \$110 Christmas food hamper. You can donate by cheque to the Knights of Columbus at Box 5515, Bonnyville, T9N 2G6 or by e-transfer to bonnyvillekofc@gmail.com



Have a good singing voice?

Join the Choir

French Choir

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

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



English Choir for Sun Mass

Call Germaine at 780-812-0846

Music Ministry Schedule 10 am

2025
Dec 14 - French
Dec 21 - Youth
Dec 28 - French

2026
Jan 4 - English
Jan 11 - French
Jan 18 - Youth
Jan 25 - French

Feb 1 - English
Feb 8 - French
Feb 15 - English
Feb 22 - French
Mar 1 - Youth

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
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 Gumangan
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

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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

Dec 14 2025



Weekday Mass Times:

Tuesday and Friday: 9:00 am
Wednesday: 10:30 am Hospital
Thursday: 9:00 am Bonnylodge

First Friday: 6 pm

Last Friday: 10:30 am Extendicare

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

By appointment or 30 minutes before Mass

Advent – Week 3

Gaudete Sunday



Joy In the Lord

Today is called Gaudete Sunday because today's Mass begins with the opening antiphon: "Gaudete in Domino semper," i.e., "Rejoice in the Lord always."

To express our joy in the coming of Jesus as our Savior into our hearts and lives, we light the rose candle in the Advent wreath, and the priest may wear rose-colored vestments.

The prophet Isaiah, in today's first reading, encouraged the exiled Jews in Babylon to rejoice because their God will liberate them from slavery and lead them safely to their homeland -- The Refrain in today's Responsorial Psalm, "Lord, come and save us!" In the second reading, James the Apostle encourages the early Christians to rejoice and wait with patience for the imminent second coming of Jesus. Finally, in the first part of the Gospel reading, Jesus encourages John the Baptist while in prison, to rejoice and cast away his wrong expectations about the Messiah. Simply accepting Jesus' healing and preaching ministry as the fulfillment of the Messianic prophecy of Isaiah. In the second part of Gospel, Matthew presents Jesus, the true Messiah, while he gave the highest compliments to John the Baptist as his herald and the last of the prophets. He gave special credit to John's courage in his prophetic convictions and asked his listeners to rejoice in the greatness of his herald.

Life's Messages



1

We need to learn how to survive a Faith crisis: If John the Baptist, even after having had a direct encounter with Jesus, the Messiah, had his doubts about Jesus and his teachings, we, too, can have our crises of Faith. On such occasions, let us remember the truth that all our Christian dogmas are based on our trusting Faith in the Divinity of Jesus who taught them, and on his Divine authority which he gave to his Church to teach what he taught. Hence, it is up to us to learn our Faith in depth and ask the Lord to remove our doubts.

2

We need to open our hearts and let God transform our lives: Today's readings remind us that our lives can also be transformed if we are patient and place our trust in God. The message of Advent is that God is present among us, in our everyday lives. We must prepare our hearts to recognize and welcome him by allowing a *metánoia* (a change of thinking about God, ourselves, and the world) — wrought by the Holy Spirit, with our cooperative assent, of course — to take place in us during Advent.

3

"Go and tell others what you hear and see." We rejoice at the thought that Jesus is going to be reborn in our lives, deepening in us his gifts of love, mercy, forgiveness and the spirit of humble and sacrificial service during this Christmas season. Hence, let us joyfully share God's bountiful grace, forgiveness, and mercy with others. What Jesus demanded of John's disciples, he demands of us as well: "Go and tell others what you hear and see." This means that we have to share with others our experience of the rebirth of Jesus within us.

Source : <https://frtonyshomilies.com/2025/12/06/advent-iii-a-dec-14-2025-sunday-homily/>

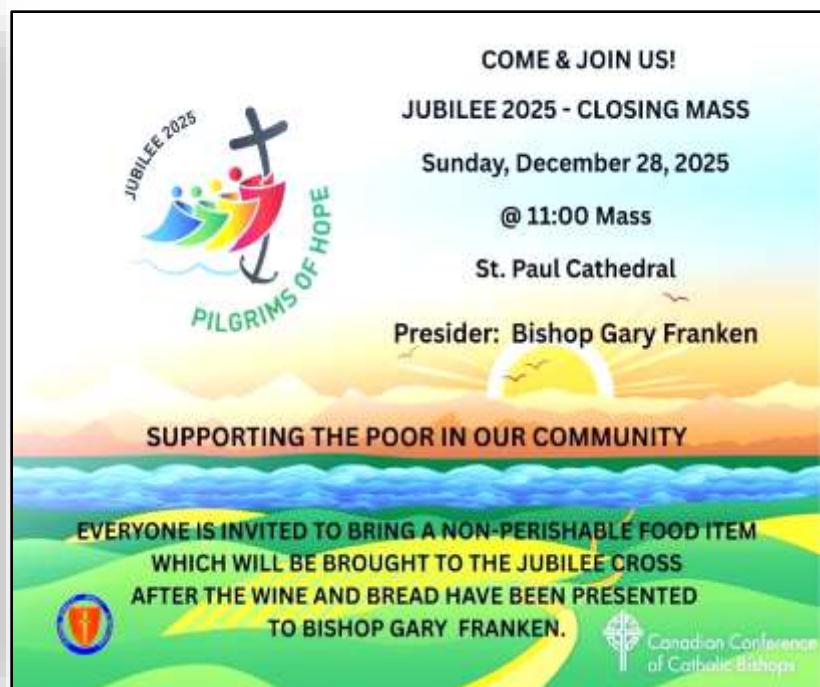
"Be strong and do not fear. Behold our God will come, and He will save us." **Isaiah 35:4**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

The delivery of Christmas Hampers is scheduled for Saturday December 20 starting at 9:00 am at the St Louis Parish Centre. You and your family are invited to help deliver the food hampers and wrapped gifts from Santas Elves to families in need within Bonnyville and the local rural area.

For more information, please contact Terry Shenher at 780-826-3687 or Dave Scott at 780-826-7491. Thank you for your support !



COME & JOIN US!
JUBILEE 2025 - CLOSING MASS
Sunday, December 28, 2025
@ 11:00 Mass
St. Paul Cathedral
Presider: Bishop Gary Franken

SUPPORTING THE POOR IN OUR COMMUNITY

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO BRING A NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEM WHICH WILL BE BROUGHT TO THE JUBILEE CROSS AFTER THE WINE AND BREAD HAVE BEEN PRESENTED TO BISHOP GARY FRANKEN.



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FORMED - a Catholic streaming service which gives us opportunity to get to know the Bible, the Gospel message, the Saints and our Catholic faith through online video content with others or on our own.



We are meant to be in holy communion.

- Have a movie night with another family
- Explore the Advent season with a small group of companions using one of the Formed resources
- Do a deep dive into one of the Advent topics with a friend.

Check out Advent resources with family or friends on Formed.org



Prepare for the Advent Season



Participate in the Advent Season



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Day	Time	Place	Mass Intentions		Feasts / Solemnities
Saturday samedi Dec 13	5:00 pm	Church	+Joffre Hamel	Renée Ferrao	Saint Lucy
Sunday dimanche Dec 14	10:00 am	Church	+Marguerite Beauchemin	The Family	JOY Third Sunday of Advent (Saint John of the Cross)
Monday Lundi Dec 15	6:00 pm	Church	Deceased Relatives and Friends	Vince & Gabrielle Kohlman	
Tuesday mardi Dec 16	6:00 pm	Church	+Michelle Mac Cormac	Kaylee MacCormac	
Wednesday Mercredi Dec 17	6:00 pm	Church	+Jeannette Raby	Roxanne & Glenn	
Thursday jeudi Dec 18	6:00 pm	Church	+ Doris Lapointe	Joyce Cervinski	
Friday Vendredi Dec 19	6:00 pm	Church	Intentions of Denise Kissel	Audrey & Rob Campbell	
Saturday samedi Dec 20	5:00 pm	Church	+Bob & Zoe Bleau	Bleau Daughters	
Sunday dimanche Dec 21	10:00 am 6:00 pm	Church	For all Parishioners +Al Bourget	Parishioners Margaret Borders	Love Fourth Sunday Of Advent Saint John of Canisius

COLLECTIONS		QUÊTES
December 7, 2025	\$2718.00	
Offerings*		Offrandes 7
Building Fund	285.00	décembre 2025
Christmas Offering	550.60	Amélioration des
St Clare Monastery	10.00	bâtiments

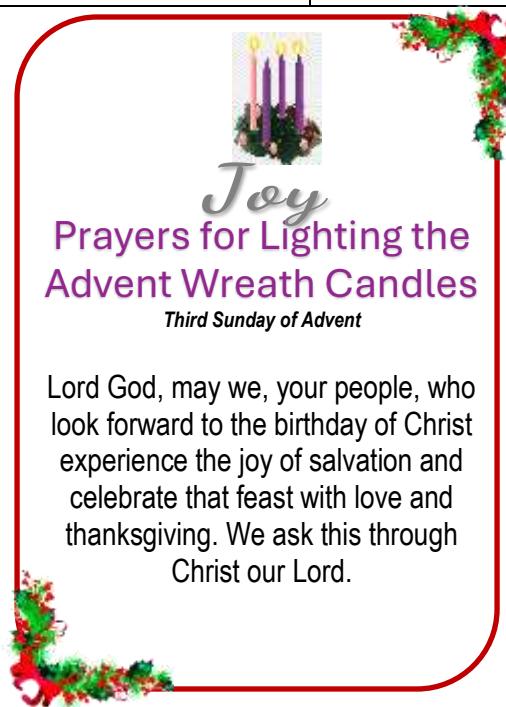
*Does not include e-transfers

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.

First Friday Mass

Feb 6 2026
at 6 pm
Eucharistic Adoration to follow till 7:30 pm



Joy
Prayers for Lighting the Advent Wreath Candles
Third Sunday of Advent

Lord God, may we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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

Next Week's Readings Dec 21

1st Reading
Isaiah 7: 10-14

Look the virgin is with child.

Responsorial Psalm:
Ps 24:1-2 ,3- 4ab,5-6

R: May the Lord come in; he is king of glory.

2nd Reading:
Romans 1: 1- 7

Jesus Christ, descended from David, was declared to be the Son of God

Gospel

Matthew 1:18-24

Jesus was born of Mary, who was engaged to Joseph, son of David