

# 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**



**Feast of the  
Immaculate  
Conception**

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

**“I am the  
Immaculate  
Conception”**  
Our Lady to St Bernadette in Lourdes



**Community  
Reconciliation**



**DEC 10  
WED 6:30 PM**

*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.**

**Have a good singing voice?**

**Join the Choir**

**Youth & Sat  
Mass Choir**

Call Patrice at  
780-293-7767

**French Choir**

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

## 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 Yarnuch \* Luc Vincent \* Lorianne 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 7 2025*



## Sacrament of Reconciliation:

By appointment or 30 minutes before Mass

## Advent – Week 2

# The Greatness of the Baptist



John the Baptist

Today offers us an opportunity to highlight one of the great figures of the Advent liturgy, John the Baptist. Various aspects of his character and message could be developed particularly that of repentance that leads to reconciliation. Varying lights on repentance are available in the Gospel. Firstly, there is the self denial that is essential to penance. The lifestyle of the Baptist demonstrates this. Secondly one could look at the need to change our attitudes that is shown by John's warning to the Jewish leaders that, they presumed on their privileges as being children of Abraham. John challenges them to consider the power of God to raise up children from the very stones. Our own attitudes can be biased without our being really aware of our way of looking at life and so we are asked to examine our viewpoint. Thirdly there is the exception of the one who is to come. Repentance is an opening up to the Person of Jesus and a renewal of our relationship with him. So, there is a reconciliation involved. This reconciliation can extend outwards to others and even in to our attitudes to material things. The reading from Isaiah shows this aspect on a cosmic scale when harmony is affected by the Spirit-filled king who will judge for the poor and bring in an era of great world peace. Paul exhorts the Christian to live in hope of this broad vision by being at one with his neighbour to the glory of God the Father. So the cosmic vision of Isaiah and the everyday life of the Christian are intertwined in the process of peace and reconciliation. We could take up any one of these aspects of repentance and flesh them out with examples from our own situation.

## Peace

2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Advent

BE KIND AND  
COMPASSIONATE TO ONE  
ANOTHER, FORGIVING EACH  
OTHER, JUST AS IN CHRIST  
GOD FORGAVE YOU.

Ephesians 4:32



Another possible theme that flows from the readings is the abundance of God's goodness. The beautiful images of the Isaiah passage point to the great hope that the prophet had in the Gift of God, the Holy Spirit, a gift that is given to the poor. The attitude of God demonstrated by Paul in the Romans extract underlines this same openness of God to all people and his readiness to take all in to friendship with himself. John's preaching shows that the Jewish people do not hold an exclusive place in relationship to God. This attitude of generosity on God's part gives a basis for the Advent world of expectation. We wait trustingly for a God whom we know will come with gifts in abundance. Our hope is founded on what we know of him from his coming in the past in the life of Jesus our Lord. □



Source : <https://associationofcatholicpriests.ie/homily-resource/2nd-sunday-in-advent/>



*"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6*

## Fruits of Repentance

(by Patrick Rogers)

### 1. Fruit-trees:

It is unfortunate that mass-produced frozen foods (plus shortage of garden-space) discourages many people from growing their own vegetables, though there may be some reversal of this trend, to avoid taking in too much genetically modified produce. Planting seeds, and watching them grow with the help of rain and sunshine, can help us understand better the biblical imagery. God is the almighty gardener, and we are the fruit-trees he has planted.

### 2. Good or Bad?

A sound and healthy tree will grow good fruit; but some apple-trees grow wild and sour, producing only bitter crab-apples, good for little. John the Baptist warned people of his day, and the warning still holds good for today, that the axe will be laid to the root of the trees: each of us must face our personal death and judgement. The useless tree, bearing either bad fruit, or none at all, will be thrown in the fire; the good tree, presumably, has a higher future, like being used in building a fine house. In the other picture of judgement painted by the Baptist, Christ will separate the wheat from the chaff, storing the grain, but burning the rubbish on the dump-heap.

### 3. What sort of fruit?

What does God want from us? Which kind of behaviour will be to our credit on the day of judgment? We know the answer, in theory: we could reel off the list of "Fruits of the Spirit" – charity, joy, peace, patience, chastity, honesty, self-control. But theory and practise are often divided by a long distance. Are we actually making an honest effort to produce this good behaviour in our personal life? An elderly bishop used to sum up the problem of good works in this way: "We know the right thing, no doubt; but we don't DO it." Or St. Paul: "I do not achieve the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. In my inmost self, I delight in the law of God, but I see in my members another law, at war with the law of my mind" (Rom. 7.) Each of us has a struggle to wage within ourselves, in order to remain faithful to Christ, and bear good fruit.

### 4. With God's Help

Another side to the question: our conversion to better things does not depend on ourselves alone, thank God. The energy and force to succeed comes from Him, through Jesus, the living branch, the Saviour. As the prophet Isaiah foretold, Our Lord is full of the Holy Spirit, to spread peace, joy and holiness among his followers. He shares that Holy Spirit with us, if we only ask him, trust him, believe in him. In the words of today's Gospel, he will baptise us with the Spirit, and with fire; he can put new life into our efforts, and above all give us the power to really love. Like the sap of life that flows through the vine-stalk and into each branch, no matter how small.

### 5. Improving our Yield

Are we willing to do what is needed, to improve our yield of goodness in God's sight? To prune away useless leaves (too proud /greedy /fond of alcohol etc.), and remain closely united to the true vine, Christ? To bear the good fruit expected of us, this is the real success that makes life worthwhile; it is the best way to the happiness God has in store for us ("upon my holy mountain.") "May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you so to live in harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus," that together we may all be saved on the day of judgement.



Peace

### Prayers for Lighting the Advent Wreath Candles

Second Week

God of power and mercy open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.



### 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 !



### Music Ministry Schedule 10 am

2025	2026	
Dec 14 – French	Jan 4 – English	Feb 1 – English
Dec 21 – Youth	Jan 11 – French	Feb 8 – French
Dec 28 – French	Jan 18 – Youth	Feb 15 – English
	Jan 25 – French	Feb 22 – French
		Mar 1 – Youth

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Day	Time	Place	Mass Intentions		Feasts / Solemnities
Saturday samedi Dec 6	10:30 am 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
Monday Lundi Dec 8	6:00 pm	Church	+Al Bourget	Maurice & Elaine Sylvestre	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday mardi Dec 9	9:00 am	Church	+Jeannette Raby	Joyce Cervinski	St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin
Wednesday Mercredi Dec 10	10:30 am	Hospital	+Betty MacMullin	Vince & France MacDonald	Our Lady of Loreto
Thursday jeudi Dec 11	9:00 am	Bonnylodge	+Mary Legault	Mureet & Janel	Saint Damasus 1
Friday Vendredi Dec 12	6:00 pm	Church	+Louis Tellier	Gabrielle Tellier	Our Lady of Guadalupe
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	<b>JOY</b>  Third Sunday of Advent (Saint John of the Cross)

COLLECTIONS		QUÊTES
November 30, 2025 Offerings*	\$2938.00	Offrandes 30 novembre 2025
Building Fund	105.00	Amélioration des bâtiments
Candles	260.60	
*Does not include e-transfers		

*First Friday Mass  
Feb 6 2026 at 6 pm  
Eucharistic Adoration  
to follow till 7:30 pm*



### Next Week's Readings Dec 14

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

Isaiah 35: 1- 6A,10  
God himself will come and save us.

**Responsorial Psalm:**  
Ps 146:6c - 7,8 - 9a,9b-10  
**R:** Lord, come and save us.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:

James 5: 7- 10  
Strengthen your hearts for the coming of the Lord is near.

#### Gospel

Matthew 11:2-11  
Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for one another?

### 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.