

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

66 I am the
 Immaculate
 Conception
 Our Lady is the Immaculate Conception



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

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

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 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
2nd 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/>

Avent semaine 2

"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	PEACE  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	JOY  Third Sunday of Advent (Saint John of the Cross)

COLLECTIONS		QUÊTES
November 30, 2025 Offerings*	\$2938.00	Offrandes 30 novembre 2025 Amélioration des bâtiments
Building Fund Candles	105.00 260.60	
*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

1st 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.

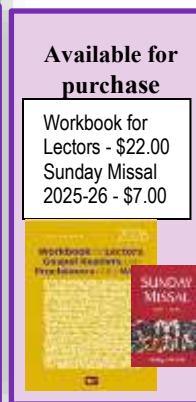
2nd Reading:
James 5: 7- 10
Strengthen your hearts for the coming of the Lord is near.

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



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