

PARISH MINISTRIES

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| <u>Altar Linens</u> | |
| Colleen Grum | 692-7841 |
| <u>Altar Servers</u> | |
| Daniel Giguere | 736-7889 |
| <u>Amor Dei</u> | |
| Deltra Van Dongen | 489-0124 |
| <u>Baptism</u> | 692-7611 |
| Michelle Dixon | |
| <u>Catholic Women's League (CWL)</u> | |
| Carol Dailey | 825-6485 |
| <u>Children's Liturgy</u> | |
| Elena & Nadia Wilson | 692-1187 |
| <u>Children's Mass</u> | |
| Marc Paradis | 323-2397 |
| <u>Confirmation</u> | |
| Geills Kaluza | 692-1672 |
| <u>Development & Peace</u> | |
| Carroll Woods | 489-0852 |
| <u>Emergency Food Cupboard</u> | 692-6333 |
| <u>Finance Council</u> | |
| Andre Lefebvre | 692-1146 |
| <u>First Communion</u> | |
| Elizabeth Murphy | 491-3334 |
| <u>Knights of Columbus, Council # 11752</u> | |
| Jim Kile | 612-3561 |
| <u>Ladies' Auxiliary and Funeral Hospitality</u> | |
| Ann O'Neill | 491-1751 |
| <u>Liturgical Environment</u> | |
| Claudia Ressler | 255-3221 |
| <u>Liturgical Music Ministry</u> | |
| Bob Russell (Sat.) | 692-3233 |
| Colleen Campbell 11 a.m. | 868-2214 |
| <u>Maintenance</u> | |
| Vince Thomson | 425-2713 |
| <u>Marriage Preparation</u> | |
| John & Janice Villeneuve | 822-9916 |
| <u>Mary in the Morning Sat. 7:30 am</u> | |
| Don & Daisy Langdon | 298-9016 |
| <u>Mass Ministry Scheduling</u> | |
| Scott Wilson | 692-1187 |
| <u>Pastoral Care Team</u> | |
| Marc Wood | 692-3667 |
| <u>Pastoral Council</u> | |
| Charles Slade | 692-1936 |
| <u>Pro- Life</u> | |
| Doneen Brazier | 491-5433 |
| Jane Brownrigg | 692-6662 |
| <u>RCIA and Adult Faith Formation</u> | |
| Barry Gauthier | 692-0620 |
| <u>Responsible Ministry</u> | 821-0941 |
| David D'Angela | |
| <u>Seniors' Homes Pastoral Visitation</u> | |
| Roxy McCarthy | 692-3678 |
| <u>Youth</u> | |
| Colleen Menton | 692-1839 |

Dec. 17, 2017 Third Sunday of Advent

Celebrations Of The Eucharist (Masses)

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| Sat. Dec. 16 | 4:30 p.m. | Repose of the soul of <u>Karel Van Hees</u> by Marianne Van Hees and Family |
| Sun Dec. 17 | 9:00 a.m. | Repose of the soul of <u>Loretta Becker</u> by HeatherAnn Wilde Repose of the soul of <u>Sarah Ariss</u> by Barb Ledden Repose of the soul of <u>Deacon Jeff Nelson</u> by Janet Nelson and Family |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Repose of the soul of <u>Simon Salib</u> by Noelle and David McGahern-Adams Repose of the soul of <u>Mike Sirois</u> by a parish friend Repose of the soul of <u>Margaretha Reszler</u> by the Ressler Family |
| | 7:00 p.m. | <u>Parishioners of St. Leonard Parish</u> |
| Wed. Dec. 20 | 9:00 a.m. | Repose of the soul of <u>Rosa Caroleo</u> by Barry Gauthier and JoAnne Christie |
| Thur. Dec. 21 | 9:00 a.m. | Repose of the soul of <u>Anne Brown</u> by Eileen Brown |
| Fri. Dec. 22 | 9:30 a.m. | |
| Sat. Dec. 23 | 4:30 p.m. | Repose of the soul of <u>Donald Murphy</u> by Michelle and Richard Dixon Repose of the soul of <u>Mabel Wynne</u> on the 17 th anniversary of her passing by Mebel Valme |
| Sun. Dec. 24 | 9:00 a.m. | Repose of the soul of <u>Sarah Ariss</u> by Barb Ledden Repose of the soul of <u>Gary Layman</u> by the family |
| | 11:00 a.m. | <u>Parishioners of St. Leonard</u> |
| Christmas Eve | 3 p.m. | Repose of the soul of <u>Deacon Jeff Nelson</u> by Janet Nelson and family Intentions of the <u>Gauthier/Christie Family</u> by Barry Gauthier and JoAnne Christie |
| | 4:30 p.m. | Repose of the soul of <u>Julie McCurdie</u> by the Lacelle Family Repose of the soul of <u>Sarah Ariss</u> by Barry Gauthier and JoAnne Christie |
| | 7 p.m. | Repose of the soul of <u>Fred Savory</u> by Donna Savory and family Repose of the soul of <u>Patrick Keen</u> by Barbara and David Keen Repose of the souls of <u>Pat and Betty McCarthy</u> by the Bill McCarthy Family |
| | 10:30 p.m. | Holy Souls in Purgatory by Agatha Thissen Repose of the souls of <u>Valentine & John Michalko</u> by the children |
| Christmas Day | 8 a.m. | Repose of the soul of <u>Deacon Jeff Nelson</u> by Janet Nelson and family |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Repose of the souls of the <u>Deceased Parents and Grandparents of the Lappa Family</u> by John and Gabrielle Lappa Intentions of <u>Blanche Keating on her 100th Birthday</u> by her daughter Maureen Sandrock |

| <u>Collections</u> | <u>Current Year</u> | <u>Current Budget</u> | <u>Last Year</u> |
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| Previous Week | 4,957 | 4,500 | 4,844 |
| Month - November | 20,200 | 18,000 | 18,400 |
| YTD - November | 226,900 | 219,500 | 214,700 |



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Gospel Reflection John 1.6-8
Bow to God In Humble Homage

"There is one ... coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." Untying sandal straps was no prestigious job. In the days of John the Baptist, those straps would have been especially unpleasant to deal with. Besides the usual odors that accompany sockless leather footwear, there would have been the grime and dirt from the sandy roads and paths that swirled around the people who went everywhere on foot. Taking off someone's shoes upon their arrival was the task of the lowly servants. So when John says he's unworthy of doing this task for the *"one who is coming after me,"* he is putting himself in a very humble position. And rightly so.

John realizes that the Christ—the Anointed One, the Messiah—is so far above him, so far above any of us, that we are truly unworthy of him. Indeed, the Son of God is not just the greatest of men; he is God-made-man and in his presence we most appropriately should bow in humble homage. Yet this God chose to stoop down to our human level and walk among us. He chose to get his sandals dirty. And still today he chooses to allow us to encounter him as a friend and companion.

But as John reminds us by his example, this encounter with the Lord is not the result of our own merits or accomplishments. We are sinners who stand in need of Christ's help. But thanks be to God, he is always willing to extend this help to us. As St. Paul says in today's epistle, *"May the God of peace make you perfectly holy."* Indeed it is God who does the perfecting, not us by our own power. So let us approach the Lord this Advent season with a spirit of hopeful humility, trusting that God alone can make us worthy of welcoming his Son.



Schedule of Christmas Masses

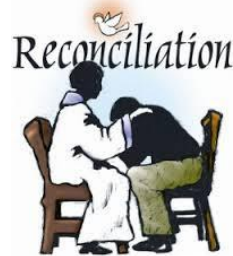
- Dec. 19: 7:00 p.m. Advent Reconciliation Service

- Dec. 24 : 3:00 p.m.
4:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m.
10:30 p.m.

- Dec. 25 : 8:00 a.m. (No music at this Mass)
10:00 a.m.

- Dec. 31 : 7:00 p.m.

- Jan. 1 : 10:00 a.m.
(Feast Day of Mary, Mother of God)



Advent Reconciliation
Tues. Dec. 19

Our advent reconciliation service will be held on Tues. Dec. 19 at 7:00 p.m. Four priests will be available for individual confession. Let us prepare our hearts for the coming of the Messiah

Chilawee Trails Camp
For Low-Income Families

Chilawee Trails is an overnight camp that runs in August for girls ages 9-14. The camp is located on beautiful Halfway Lake in Barry's Bay. Campers can participate in sports, daily Mass, swimming, rosary, crafts, confessions, canoe, and drama. A week of fun, friendship and faith awaits! Registration opens in March. If you are interested in helping campers from low-income families, please get in touch! For more information, visit chilaweetrails.ca.

Pilgrimage With Father Titus
Journey To The Holy Land - Israel
June 4 – June 13, 2018

Follow the footsteps of Jesus in an amazing journey to the Holy Land. Trace the roots of Christian tradition as we cross desert and mountains to the cities of Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Nazareth. Yesterday and today come together in this unique opportunity to deeply connect with the teachings of Christ through the land where he lived. Full itinerary is available on the bulletin board in church foyer. Contact Sandra Ayoub 613-863-9939

Youth Mass Launch Was a Great Success

Over 70 people came out with most of the youth and adults reporting that:

- The speaker (Matt Charbonneau) was good or very good
- The music (The Holy Tickers) was good or very good
- They'd like to have more guest speakers and talk on topics such as "How Can God Make My Life Better" and "Friendships and Healthy Relationships"

In support of this feedback another guest speaker is being arranged for early in the New Year. Watch for details in an upcoming parish bulletin.

Thank you to those youth who, at the Launch, offered their assistance to help at future youth masses. The more youth involved the more we can create a youth centred, fun, supportive environment.

2018 Sunday Offering Envelopes

The 2018 Sunday Offering Envelopes are available in the parish hall. Please put your name, address and telephone number on the first few envelopes you use. . If you are new to the parish and do not have an envelope number, you may take any box that is not labeled. To register, please fill out the initial envelope with your name address and telephone number and drop it into the collection basket.