Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 9th at 5:15 pm
Pat & Ted Devine+ (Andrea)

Sunday, December 10th at 9:00 am
For the People

Monday, December 11th No Mass

Tuesday, December 12th No Mass

Wednesday, December 13th at 7:00 pm

Confirmation Mass

For Confirmation Candidates

Thursday, December 14th at 9:30 am
Deceased Members of the Quan Tran Family+

Friday, December 15th at 9:30 am

Graham Northcott+ (Katie & Chris Legere)

Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 16th at 5:15 pm

Kelly Leclair+ (Ann)

Sunday, December 17th at 9:00 am
For the People

Saturday, December 16th at 5:15 pm

Lector: Shirley McDonald / Gail Raymond Eucharist: Ben Greenwood Greeters: Shirley McDonald / Giselle van Putten Offertory Procession: Terri Smith / Bernice Gallagher

Sunday, December 17th at 9:00 am

Lector: Peter Hanley / Paul Godfrey Eucharist: Nathalie Scott Children's Liturgy: Pageant Practice Greeters: Lyle Arcand / Stan Petric Offertory Procession: Knights of Columbus

Dates to Remember

- Parish Potluck Dinner: Tues., Dec. 12th at 5:30 pm
- Christmas Pageant Practice: Sun., Dec. 17th at 9:00 am
- Euchre: Tuesday, Dec 19th at 7:00 pm
- Knights of Columbus: Tues., Jan 2nd at 7:00 pm
- CWL Annual General Meeting: **Tues., Jan. 9th at 7:00** pm

Bingo

- Jan. 3^{rd} at 1:00 pm: Chris Eggink & Danna Dobson

<u>Food Drive</u>

Each month our parish will collect for the Food Bank. **The next parish Food Drive is January 6/7.** Please make cheques payable to: "*Partners In Mission Food Bank*". Please return any unused blue bags to back of church, needed to continue our food drive! These bags were meant for the food drive – sorry for any misinterpretation.

Hockey Pool

To follow our parish hockey pool- go to: https://www.officepools.com/nhl/classic/auth/2023/regular/BlessedSacrament2324/hockey



Welcome to our Parish!

We are glad you are attending Mass here! The parish office is busy preparing Offertory Envelopes for 2024. If you are not using Offertory Envelopes, please call Donna at: 613-389-2009 or email at: blessedsacrament@cogeco.net to have a box of envelopes registered in your name.

Summary of Fr. Americo's Homily

In this Second Sunday of Advent, we see in the Gospel, John the Baptist bringing us the good news about the Lord's imminent coming. He makes an explicit call to us. A call to repent for the forgiveness of our sins. Advent is the time to reconcile with God, whom we may offend through our words and actions. Repentance and reconciliation are very important conditions for us to welcome Christ worthily. This is what the prophets Isaiah, John the Baptist and the Apostle Peter mean by "preparing a way for the Lord" and "leading lives of holiness and godliness." If we repent sincerely in this season, the salvation that Jesus brings will be ours and we do not need to be afraid of the Day of the Lord. So we will be ready for it.

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy is held on Sundays during 9 am Mass. Children ages 3-7 will listen to children's bible stories, learn prayers and do crafts. Spread the word! High school students can earn volunteer hours by helping with Children's Liturgy. If you would like to volunteer, please call the parish office as soon as possible. 613-389-2009.

Parish Potluck Dinner

Tuesday, December 12th starting at 5:30 pm. Please bring your favourite main dish to share with those attending!! Dessert (pies) and beverages will be provided. Sponsored by the CWL. CWL memberships for 2024 may be renewed at the dinner. Members who renew before Jan. 31st will be eligible for the Early bird draw for a renewal of their fee!

Christmas Pageant

We would love your children's participation in the Christmas Pageant. Pageant takes place, December 24th at 5:15 pm at Blessed Sacrament Church. Mandatory rehearsal Sunday, December 17th at the 9 am Mass. To register your children please email the parish office at blessedsacrament@cogeco.net by December 11th.

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve: Blessed Sacrament 5:15 pm and 9 pm; St.

Linus at 7 pm.

Christmas Day: Blessed Sacrament 10:00 am. **New Year's Eve**: Blessed Sacrament 5:15 pm **New Year's Day**: Blessed Sacrament 10:00 am

A Note from the Bishop

Christmas and New Year's are always holy days of obligation and this year they both fall on a Monday. The two separate obligations to attend Mass (Sunday and one for Christmas/New Year's) are both important and are met by attending two separate Masses per weekend. The Sunday obligation can be fulfilled by attending Mass on Saturday evening or Sunday morning. The Christmas/New Year's obligation can be fulfilled at Mass on Sunday evening or Monday. However, the same Mass cannot meet both obligations.