

First Sunday of Advent December 2, 2018

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Taking Care of Business

On this first Sunday of Advent, the first day of the new Church year, I have a really important message for you. Are you ready for this? It's been brought to my attention by Management that—you're not busy enough.

Well, the Scriptures don't say it in those words. But children and adults alike are on such jam-packed schedules that it is doing violence to our spirits. We are busy, indeed—but the question that Jesus forces us to face today is: what is the business of our busyness?

We have become almost robotic in "taking care of business" each day. And the more frantic we become, the less we are able to take care of the real business of the heart. Remember what Marley said to Ebenezer Scrooge when Marley appeared wearing a huge, heavy chain, woven of "cashboxes, keys, padlocks, ledgers, and heavy purses..."? (Seriously—"heavy purses"!)

Marley wears this chain for misusing his chances to make a difference for others in life. "The common welfare was my business; charity, mercy, forbearance, and benevolence were, all, my business. The dealings of my trade were but a drop of water in the comprehensive ocean of my business!" (Chap. 1)

When Jesus says, "Keep awake," he means take time in silence to pray and choose carefully how to spend your and your family's time. God has a bigger plan at stake. Do our choices build up God's priorities? Or do they waste the short and precious time we have been given to create a more just and loving world, as God's partners? When Jesus returns at "an unexpected hour," may he find us not breathless with exhaustion—but with hopeful expectation!

Parish Schedule		
Dec 03 Mon	9:00 AM <i>Int: Sylvia Forner †</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 11:30AM-1PM Confessions 10AM Walking With Purpose Bible Study 1:00 PM SENIORS SOCIAL Christmas Potluck 7PM Walking With Purpose Bible Study
Dec 04 Tues	9:00 AM <i>Int: Gordon Aucoin †</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 6:00 PM WWP Christmas Social 3-4:30 PM Kids for Christ Assembly 7:00 PM Spanish Choir Practice
Dec 05 Wed	9:00 AM <i>Int: Wilf Zinger †</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 9:45 AM Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena 10:00 AM LEGION OF MARY 6:30 PM PREP & RCIA
Dec 06 Thurs	9:00 AM <i>Int: Alvin & David Miller †</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 10AM Walking With Purpose Bible Study 10:30 AM Mass @ Zion Manor 7:00 PM Holy Days Choir Practice in Church
Dec 07 Fri	9:00 AM School Mass <i>Int: Christian Denver Reyes †</i> 6:30 PM First Friday Mass <i>Int: Wilf Zinger †</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 2-6:30 PM FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION
Dec 08 Sat	9:00 AM <i>Int: Raymond Smith †</i> 4:30 PM <i>Int: Dan Gibbons</i>	8-9:00 AM Men's Faith Study Gathering 8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 9:30 AM Confessions 10 AM Baptism @ Church 1-4PM Legion of Mary Praesidium Gathering 4:00 PM Confessions 5:30 PM Fr. Paul's Anniversary Potluck
Dec 09 Sun	9:00 AM <i>Int: PB Parishioners</i> 11:00 AM <i>Int: Wilf Zinger †</i>	8:30-8:55 AM Confession 10:30-10:55 AM Confession 3-5:00 PM Spanish Prayer Group 6:30-9:00 PM AA Mtg @ Parish Centre

Stewardship Reflection

"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand."
Luke 21:28

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation of the birth of Jesus, his first coming, as we await his second coming. In this Advent season, use the sacrament of reconciliation to strengthen your relationship with Jesus. It's never too late.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR: sick & shut in; Norman Jansen, Debbie Davis, Mary Deguara, Gene Leclair, David Thiele, Leandro Rodino Jr., Mike Makarenko, Delorus Lee, Aurora Pereira, Dawn Epaarachchi, George Davies, Gracie Formby, Jim O'Brien, Velma Cronin, Silvia Galagher, Helen Gaska, Pat Horbay, Bernadette Leclair, Mabel O'Donnell, Dario Dira, Carol Armstrong, Rejeanne Lajoie, George Blakey, Lily Gallant, Lucy Gallant, Carol LeBlanc, Corry Van Den Brand, Roy Gregory, Jenna Faykosh, Artemio Abrogena, Sue Broerken, Roy MacLeod, Christopher Lasell, Norah Aucoin, Norma MacInnes, Margaret Mccreadie, Cheryl McDonald, Andrea Haley, Louise Jones, Brenda Curran, Fran & Maureen, Gary Hopper, Mary Hollman, Daniel Gibbons, Catharina Noble, Vera McAleese, Lori Beaulieu Smith, Angela Todo, Anna-Lisa Bailey, Filipina Signorelli, Mary Kennedy, Rosa Santos, Buena Lipat Carandang, Susan Harasyn McEvoy, Maximiliano O'Brien & all sick & shut in of our parish. May our Lord sustain, comfort & heal them through faith.

Welcome to Precious Blood Parish!

Registered in November: Dennis & Karen Carandang, Gloria & Richard Chin & Criste Duque
Baptized in November: Bowen Gray Chu—Congratulations!



PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP) - Thank you to all the confirmation students who ran the games room at the Parish Bazaar you did a great job. Thank you to the grade 5 class for the wonderful friendship tea they served to our guests from Bethshan gardens it was beautiful. Christmas play rehearsals have started please see teacher emails per class. All prep families invited on Dec 12 for our play and family pot luck social @ 6.30pm thank you Karla



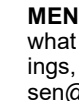
Come to Pancake Breakfast on December 2. All proceeds will go towards Youth Ministry efforts. Youth Ministry and the Hispanic Community bring the fiesta of Our Lady of Guadalupe back to our parish on December 15. Get your tickets now! Ticket sales end December 5.



LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN LWC invites children from 3yrs to 6yrs to participate in the Sunday Gospel in a prayerful and meaningful way designed in language that they can understand. Our Ministry is offered at our 11am mass each Sunday. Adult volunteers are always needed - please email Maria Harkison at mharkison@gmail.com.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA) Please pray for our catechumens who celebrate the Rite of Acceptance this Sunday. Topic for Wed, Dec 5: Ecumenism: The Church and other Religions. Join us in the Cenacle Room, 6:30-7:45pm. Everyone welcome.



MEN'S FAITH STUDY For any man trying to figure out how to be a Christian. Come learn what it means to follow Jesus by learning from St. Paul's life and teaching. Saturday mornings, 7:45 -8:45 am in the Parish Centre. Contact Darren Friesen @ darrenxfriesen@gmail.com.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GIFT CARD PROGRAM - McDonald's gift cards are NOW AVAILABLE. All proceeds from gift card sales benefit the vestibule expansion project. We have collected \$1,621 to date.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE Next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 8, 2019. Please join in the celebration of Fr. Paul's 25th Ordination Anniversary Saturday, Dec 8 at 5:30 pm Questions? Please email preciousbloodcwl@gmail.com. God bless.



ST. THERESA'S CIRCLE would like to thank all those who donated to the bazaar bake sale it was a great success. Also a note about the Dec. meeting which has been changed from Dec. 18th to Dec. 11th. at 1:30 p.m. Hope to see you all there.



PARISH PRAYER GROUP will have a Christmas Party on Dec. 11. Everyone is welcome. No prayer meeting on Dec 18—Christmas break. We will be back on Jan. 15.



HOLY DAYS CHRISTMAS CHOIR PRACTICES Thursday nights at 7 pm in the church. Please come and join us to make our parish Christmas celebrations special.

Read the Bible in One Year	
Follow the suggested readings daily for 365 days to read the complete Catholic Bible. WEEK 42	
SUN	Jeremiah 3-4; Sirach 9 ; 2Timothy 2
MON	Jeremiah 5-6; Sirach 10:1-18 ; 2Timothy 3
TUE	Jeremiah 7-8; Sirach 10:19-30 ; 2Timothy 4
WED	Jeremiah 9-10; Sirach 11:1-17 ; Jude
THU	Jeremiah 11-12; Sirach 11:18-34 ; John 1:1-23
FRI	Jeremiah 13-14; Sirach 12 ; John 1:24-51
SAT	Jeremiah 15-16; Sirach 13:1-13 ; John 2

**FIRST FRIDAY
EUCCHARISTIC
ADORATION**

on Dec 7, 2-6:30 pm.

The sign-up sheet will be in the vestibule of the church. The Blessed Sacrament cannot remain unattended. Our goal is to have at least 2 committed people for each hour. Please call the office if you can't make your committed time. Come and "adore Jesus" during this Advent season. "How sweet and full of comfort are the moments spent before the Blessed Sacrament."

St. John Mary Vianney

AROUND THE PARISH

ADVENT GOSPEL REFLECTION by Bishop Barron Pick up a copy of this journal for this Advent season. Cost is \$2 only. Please put your donation in the Sunday collection basket

SUNDAY MISSALS FOR 2018-2019 are now on sale. Please get your copy at the Vestibule after Mass or from the Parish Office Monday through Friday. 1 for \$4, 2 for \$7, 3 for \$10.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL is currently taking names of those who may need a little extra help during the upcoming holiday season. If you (or a family you know) are in need this Christmas, please contact the Parish Office. All info received is confidential. If you would like to donate towards this cause, stay tuned for our annual "Giving Tree" program.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION Please pray for our ministers who are mandated to serve this new Liturgical year at all Masses this weekend.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE FIESTA is on Dec. 15 following the 4:30 Mass. Tickets are \$20/adult, \$10 for kids 6-12. Kids 5 & under-FREE. **Last day to buy tickets is Dec. 5. HURRY!!**

CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASS Join us for Mass for 9 consecutive days before Christmas from Dec 15-23. Mass starts @ 4:30 pm on Dec. 15, 22 & 23 and 7 pm on Dec 16-21. Fellowship follows after all Masses.

PARISH BAZAAR Thank you to everyone who participated and made our Parish Bazaar a wonderful and successful event. Around \$5000 was raised to go towards the Vestibule Expansion. God bless all the generous hearts that made the event possible.

VESTIBULE EXPANSION Approval in Principle has been granted by the Archdiocese for this Project! Please continue to pray and support this endeavor which will roughly cost \$400,000. Donate to Project Advance (pledge card or online), support our shopping card program or use the Building Fund envelopes available in the vestibule.

PROJECT ADVANCE 2018 Our parish has currently raised \$54,958.80 with 16% (or 159) of our families participating. Give online at www.projectadvance.ca or by completing a pledge card and dropping it in the collection basket **before Dec. 31 for the 2018 tax year.** Thank you!

Archbishop Michael Miller encourages us to say the Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel. In the present moment of the Church's life, let us implore the angel's heavenly assistance in our struggle.



St. Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, Thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Thurs., Dec. 13	St. Matthew's Parish	7:00 p.m.
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Fri., Dec. 14	Precious Blood Parish	7:00 p.m.
Tues., Dec. 18	Immaculate Conception	7:00 p.m.
Wed., Dec. 19	St. Bernadette Parish	7:00 p.m.
Thurs., Dec. 20	Good Shepherd Parish	7:00 p.m.

For HOSPITAL VISITS, please contact : DEACON RAUL ABELLA @ 778-512-9163

CATHOLIC SERVICES

Couples for Christ/Migrant Workers Ministry: Cesar/Beth Alejandria-778-389-163 msg 778-574-4390	Vocations Office: 604-443-3254/ vocations@rcav.org Domestic Abuse Help Line: 604-640-7546
Catholic Cemeteries: 604-531-2141	Pro-Life/Crisis Pregnancy: 1-877-889-6626
Euthanasia Prevention Coalition Helpline: 1-855-675-8749 / www.epcc.ca	NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES Billings Method: David /Keely Wray- 604-574-2256
Retrouvaille (for troubled marriages): retrouvaillevancover.com	Creighton Method: fertilitycarevancover.ca
Courage (apostolate for individuals with same sex attraction): courage@rcav.org	Encourage (apostolate for family & friends of loved ones with same sex attraction): encourage@rcav.org