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# 1st Sunday of Advent (Year B) November 29, 2020

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Parish Schedule	
Mon, Nov 30 St. Andrew Mass Intention: <i>Lorraine Marshall †</i>	<p><b>Latest COVID restrictions</b> <b>ALL MASSES ARE TO BE CELEBRATED WITHOUT A CONGREGATION</b></p> <p>(Intentions originally scheduled for 11 AM Sunday Masses will be re-scheduled for a later date.)</p> <p><b>CONFESSIONS BY APPOINTMENT</b></p> <p><b>Saturday 4:30 PM Mass LIVE STREAMED</b></p> <p><b>2021 DONATION ENVELOPES</b></p> <p><b>Now available for pick up at the Church Vestibule open Mon-Sat, 7:15A-4P &amp; Sundays, 7:30A-12NN</b></p> <p><b>Parish Office Open BY APPOINTMENT</b></p> <p><b>Mask required</b> <b>Call 604.574.4363 before visiting.</b></p>
Tues, Dec 01 Mass Intention: <i>Clara Ng †</i>	
Wed, Dec 02 Mass Intention: <i>James &amp; Lucia Borkowski</i>	
Thur, Dec 03 St. Francis Xavier Mass Intention: <i>Francesca &amp; Elsa Martin †</i>	
Fri, Dec 04 St. John Damascene Mass Intention: <i>Anna Tam †</i>	
Sat, Dec 05 Mass Intention: <i>Jason &amp; Tonia Borkowski</i> 4:30 PM Mass Intention: <i>Felisa Rafael †</i>	
Sun, Dec 06 2nd Sunday of Advent (Year B) Mass Intention: <i>Precious Blood Parishioners</i>	

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**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES**  
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*He will keep you firm to the end irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus*

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### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*"Therefore, keep awake for you do not know when the master of the house will come..."*  
(Matthew 25:40)

Jesus exhorts us to "keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming." One tremendous way we can keep awake is to receive God's merciful love in the sacrament of reconciliation especially this Advent. Let us take this season of preparation to become better stewards by properly preparing our own souls for the coming of Christ in our lives. ©2020 Archdiocese of Toronto

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** sick & shut in; Norman Jansen, Debbie Davis, Mary Deguara, David Thiele, Leandro Rodino Jr., Delorus Lee, Aurora Pereira, Dawn Epaarachchi, Gracie Formby, Jim O'Brien, Velma Cronin, Silvia Gallagher, Helen Gaska, 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, Andrea Haley, Brenda Curran, Fran & Maureen, Gary Hopper, Mary Hollman, Catharina Noble, Lori Beaulieu Smith, Angela Todo, Anna-Lisa Bailey, Rosa Santos, Susan Harsyn McEvoy, Maximiliano O'Brien, Ney Antonio Villegas, Katherine, Berna Bradley, Polly Voon, Xenia Mallari, Carolyn, Peter Taillon, Ana Defrias, Richard Jones, Barbara Taylor, Stan Begley, Ed & Eleanor Carrol, Ed Cosico, Joyce Krahnbel, Peter Scott, Gigi Swalehe & Dar Maddatu & all sick & shut in of our parish & all in need of our prayers. May our Lord sustain, comfort & heal them through faith.

# First Sunday in Advent

**BE ON YOUR GUARD, STAY AWAKE, YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN THE TIME WILL COME.**

**The Pope Speaks**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today we begin the journey of Advent, which will culminate in Christmas. Advent is the time we are given to welcome the Lord who comes to encounter us, and also to verify our longing for God, to look forward and prepare ourselves for Christ's return. He will return to us in the celebration of Christmas, when we will remember his historic coming in the humility of the human condition; but he enters our heart each time we are willing to receive him; and he will come again at the end of time to "judge the living and the dead". Therefore, we must always be vigilant and await the Lord with the hope of encountering him. Today's liturgy introduces us to this evocative theme of vigilance and waiting.

In the Gospel Jesus exhorts us to take heed and watch, so as to be ready to welcome him at the moment of his return. He tells us: "Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come.... stay awake ... if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep" (vv. 33-37).

The person who is on his guard is the one who, amid the worldly din, does not let himself be overwhelmed by distraction or superficiality, but lives in a full and conscious way, with concern first and foremost for others. With this manner we become aware of the tears and the needs of neighbors and we can also understand their human and spiritual strengths and qualities. The person who is on his guard also turns toward the world, seeking to counter the indifference and cruelty in it, and taking delight in its beautiful treasures which also exist and are to be safeguarded. It is a matter of having an understanding gaze so as to recognize both the misery and poverty of individuals and of society, and to recognize the richness hidden in little everyday things, precisely there where the Lord has placed us.

The watchful person is the one who accepts the invitation to keep watch, that is, not to let himself be overpowered by the listlessness of discouragement, by the lack of hope, by disappointment; and at the same time he wards off the allure of the many vanities with which the world is brimming and for which, now and then, time and personal and familial peace is sacrificed. It is the painful experience of the people of Israel, recounted by the Prophet Isaiah: God seemed to have let his people err from his ways (cf. Isaiah 63:17), but this was a result of the unfaithfulness of the people themselves (cf. Isaiah 64:4b). We too often find ourselves in this situation of unfaithfulness to the call of the Lord: He shows us the good path, the way of faith, the way of love, but we seek our happiness elsewhere. Being attentive and watchful are prerequisites so as not to continue to "err from the Lord's ways", lost in our sins and in our unfaithfulness; being attentive and being watchful are the conditions that allow God to permeate our existence, in order to restore meaning and value to it with his presence full of goodness and tenderness.

**May Mary Most Holy, role model for awaiting God and icon of watchfulness, lead us to her son Jesus, rekindling our love for him.**

(2017) <https://www.thepopespeaks.com/popes-previous-homilies-for-1st-sunday-of-advent/>

**CHRISTMAS MASS SIGN UP now open!**  
Visit [www.pbparish.ca](http://www.pbparish.ca) to sign up for Christmas Mass.  
**Christmas Mass is dependent on the restrictions in place at that time.**

**December 12 Dedicated as Day of Mercy**

The Archbishop has set aside December 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, as a dedicated Day of Mercy. The purpose of this day is to allow Catholics to recognize the need for, and availability of, the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Advent. The particular day itself will see vast opportunities throughout the Archdiocese for people to get to Confession. At Precious Blood Parish, confessions will be available at 9:30 am - 10:00 am and 4:00 pm - 4:25 pm subject to current restrictions being lifted.

**COAT DRIVE FOR COVENANT HOUSE**

The weather is increasingly getting colder and it will only get worse. Many children and adults go without warm clothing. It is difficult to see a child who only has a light jacket in freezing temperatures. It is for this reason we are having a COAT DRIVE on **Sat, Dec 5, 10-11:30 AM & Wed, Dec 9, 6:30-7:30 PM (during PREP night) at the PARISH CENTRE.** We are collecting new or gently worn coats to give to Covenant House Vancouver. CCS & PREP Confirmation students will be helping to collect your donations. Thank you for your generous donations and please call Karla Erickson, PREP Coordinator at 604-574-9623 if you have any questions about the coat drive.

**\*\*DUE TO LIMITED STORAGE SPACE AND COVID PROTOCOLS, DONATIONS WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED ON DATES STATED. THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING.\*\***

**THIS WEEK WE BEGIN A NEW LITURGICAL YEAR**  
**2020-2021 Sunday Missals still available @ Parish Office**  
**1 for \$4 / 2 for \$7 / 3 for \$10**

## NEW CAMERA IN THE CHURCH!

This will serve our parish both for live streaming and security surveillance in the future. #churchneverstops #parishneverstops



## PRECIOUS BLOOD PRO-LIFE MINISTRY SUPPORTS



#109-20611 Fraser Highway

Please donate Girl's clothing size 12 months to 2T in good condition, baby Body Wash and diapers size 5 & 6. Please deliver your donations Monday to Friday, 10am-4pm or call 604.427.3939 if you are unable to drop off. The building is located on Fraser Highway about their office faces 206th street

# The SSVP Giving Tree

Choose a star from our Advent Giving Tree!

Gift Cards can be purchased through the PB Knights of Columbus Gift Card Program.

Submit an order and the cards will be kept for us at the parish office. Otherwise please drop off your donations at the parish office during work hours.

Thank you for helping the less fortunate in our community!

Make a transfer, bring cheque or cash,  
That's all we ask.  
Just buy a card, any card.  
It's not too hard.  
For clothing or restaurant, or gas or food.  
Whatever your mood.  
You know in the end it's like helping a friend

**K OF C GIFT CARD PROGRAM**  
Call Earl @ 604-576-6306  
Or email @ [ecoatta@telus.net](mailto:ecoatta@telus.net)  
Thank you for your support!

 It has been a very busy month at **Cloverdale Catholic School!** I continue to be so proud of our students and staff for their hard work and dedication in keeping everyone healthy and safe. We continue using the gift of technology as a virtual community to celebrate masses and assemblies. This month:

- ◆ We had a beautiful Remembrance Day assembly led by our Grade 5 class.
- ◆ We celebrated Missions Week using the slogan "We Can!" We raised money for the new school that is being built in Burkina Faso. We dressed like saints, had a coin tower building competition, collected recyclables, and made rosary bracelets to sell. Our students worked so hard and were so passionate, and their efforts paid off- we raised well over \$2000 for the new school!

We are preparing for the season of advent, and look forward to the coming of our Lord!  
~ Clive Heah, CCS Principal ~



It is with the help and generosity of our volunteers and donors through the Catholic community that Domestic Abuse Services OLGCS is able to provide safe-shelter at Eva's House for survivors of domestic abuse. Visit our **Christmas Legacy Giving catalogue** Nov 1- Dec16 to continue your support through this difficult year by . Give something life-changing to a family this Christmas and receive a little something back for a loved one. [www.DomesticAbuseServices.ca/shop](http://www.DomesticAbuseServices.ca/shop)

 **ESTATE & MEMORIAL PLANNING PRESENTATION, Thur, Dec. 3, 11 am via Zoom.** This free presentation provides general information for preparing or updating your will and learning about the beauty of the funeral rite, and formulating pre-need arrangements. You'll be pointed to complementary guides, tools and practical resources.

**PARISHIONERS RECEIVE 10% OFF SACRED BURIAL SPACE IN NOVEMBER** Offering envelope users at our parish receive 10% off burial space if purchased during the month of November. To find out more, call 604.531.2141 or visit our website to set up a one-hour appointment. Visit [www.rccav.org](http://www.rccav.org)



Register for the following online events  
[beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events)

**INTO THE DEEP:De-Mythifying Palliative Care, Fri, Nov 27, 7-8:30 pm via Zoom.** This presentation will provide knowledge of what palliative care is, its benefits and how it can be assessed.

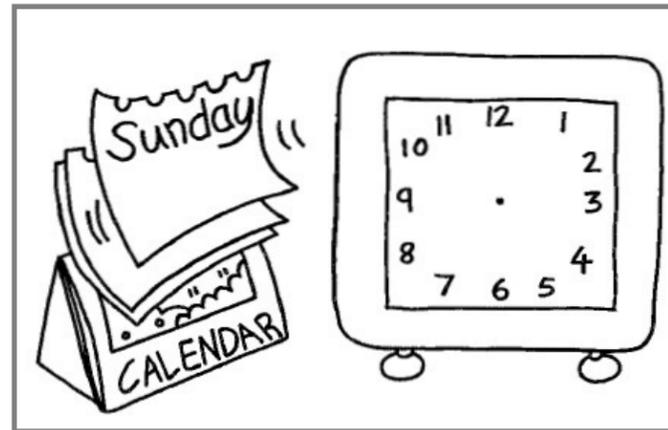
**ADVENT RETREAT: ERO CRAS-"Tomorrow, I Will Be", Fri, Dec. 4, 7-9 pm via Zoom.** Join Fr. Juan Lucca & Barb Dowding explore the rich symbols in Advent and share intricate details of the Christmas liturgy to help prepare for Christmas.

**THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS, Thur, Dec 17, 5:30-7 pm on Zoom.** This webinar geared towards re-orienting our hearts to have the sentiments of the divine towards ourselves, our family and suffering.

# Kid's Korner

Jesus said to his disciples: "Keep alert for you don't know when the time will come. It's like a man traveling; when he leaves, he pus his servants in charge, each with a particular job and tells the doorkeeper to be on guard. So, keep awake- you don't know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, at midnight, at cockcrow or at dawn. He may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you, I say to all: **Keep awake!**" (Matt. 13: 33-37)

Write today's date on the calendar and draw some hands on the clock to show the time.



Circle each sleeping person.



Only God knows when Jesus will come again!

**Stay awake!**

We must watch for Jesus and be ready to welcome him whenever he returns!

Draw lines to match the same shapes.



Jesus told us to 'stay awake'! How many people have fallen asleep?