



December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Welcome to St Anthony's & St. Joseph's!

<b>SUNDAY READINGS</b>
<i>First Reading: Isaiah 40: 1~5, 9~11</i>
<i>Psalms 85: Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.</i>
<i>Second Reading: Peter 3: 8~14</i>
<i>Gospel: Mark 1: 1~8</i>

**THIS WEEKEND**

Saturday Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>  
4 pm \* Personal Intention

Sunday Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>  
9 am + Nicole Grennon  
11 am + Gary Bird



Please note that facial coverings, as well as physical distancing and gathering restrictions are mandatory.

**REFLECTION**

The first lines of the first reading are especially apt in this Advent during a pandemic: "Comfort my people...speak tenderly to Jerusalem and proclaim that her service is at an end." As an Old Testament reading, this text seeks to console the Israelites in exile. God is holding a people heartbroken at the loss of

their kingdom. He is saying their kingdom is not the only way. He invites the people, through Isaiah, to make space for another way for God to come.

In light of the coming of Jesus, John the Baptist employs the next verse in the same text to show those waiting for the Messiah that the way is going to change again. Both Jerusalem and John the Baptist are not needed today in the same way. How often do we cling to "the way things have always been"? This Advent and Christmas need to look very different from our usual way. Will we let God comfort us and show us a new way to anticipate and welcome Jesus?

**ARCHDIOCESE**

**DAY OF RECONCILIATION AND GRACE**

In our parish the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be by **appointment only** starting December 14<sup>th</sup> to December 18<sup>th</sup>. To avoid any crowds during COVID19 you are asked to book a time by either contacting the parish office or booking directly with Father Oswin.

**PARISH HALL RENOVATIONS**

Update from the Building Committee ~ As you may know the first part of St. Joseph's Church renovations are complete; the new front addition of the church, new front stairs, 3 new washrooms, an electrical and janitors room and a handicap/casket lift. The second phase of the renovation is a complete renovation of the hall. This includes new furnaces (can't be completed too soon!) in a new furnace room and a completely new kitchen. The work started earlier this week and is progressing quickly. As

you can expect, there are some challenges working on a 110 year old building. We are confident that the work will be completed as quickly as possible, and the furnaces should be up and running sometime in the next week or so. Committee members are; Rev. Oswin Fernandes, Tom Adams (Chair), Blair Kelly, Gary Landry, Gerry Schroeder, Kirk Schuller

**CHRISTMAS HAMPERS**

It was previously mentioned that the parish would not be asking parishioners to shop for angel gifts and groceries during this Pandemic. Instead we will support the Christmas Hampers fund this year with a parish monetary donation only. Christmas Hamper envelopes are included in all 2020 donation boxes and monetary donations (cheques or e-transfers) specifically noted will be accepted until Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. A cheque will then be presented to the Anglican church.

**FLOWER COLLECTION**

December 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> we will be accepting monetary donations for flowers at Christmas. There are flower envelopes available for your use for a tax receipt.



**DECORATING ST. JOSEPH'S**

Looking for elves to help with decorating the church on **Saturday December 19<sup>th</sup>**. We will meet in the church at 10 am. If you can spare a little time it would be much appreciated!

**RELIGIOUS CALENDARS**

Thank you to Tom Mangan from Mangan Funeral Home for once again providing the

parish with beautiful Catholic Expressions calendars for 2021 for a donation to the church of only a toonie.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

We join in prayer with those who have requested that Masses be offered for their loved ones, \* living or + deceased.

December	Time	Mass for
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup>	4:00pm	+ Nguyen Family Souls
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	+ Lucia, +Giovanni & + Fedele & + Maria
	11:00am	+ Bessie Brogan-Schroeder
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup>	4:00pm	+ Miguel Faller
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	+ Alice Krohmer
	11:00am	+ Ann Melo
Christmas Eve	3:00pm	+ Doedens Family Souls
	4:30pm	Pro Populo
At St. Anthony's	7:00pm	+ Findlay Family Souls
	9:00pm	+ Enss Family Souls

Please remember to **book your Christmas Eve, Day and New Year's Day Masses**. Call & leave a message or email the parish office ASAP!

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Bob Bernier, Hugh Charpentier, Fern Gosselin, and Bob MacPherson. If you would like a name added, please contact the office.

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION**

Building Fund	\$ 245.00
Christmas Hampers	390.00
E Transfers for Nov.	1,525.00
Missals/Calendars/Candles	79.00
PAG for November	775.00
Offertory	1,315.00

Thank you for your generous support! Please remember your parish in your Will or Estate Plan.