

November 29th, 2020 First Sunday of Advent

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday, November 28th

4:30 Deceased Members of the Cross family by Maureen and Ron Blizchuk

Sunday, November 29th

First Sunday of Advent

10:30 Frank H. Carlin by the Family

Monday, November 30th

St. Andrew

9:00 Kevin Devenish by Frances de Verteuil

Tuesday, December 1st

Wednesday, December 2nd

Thursday, December 3rd* *No Mass

St. Francis Xavier

Friday, December 4th

St. John Damascene

9:00 Giuseppina Fusco by Anna

Saturday, November 5th

4:30 Aline Chrétien by Dr. Gaston and Maria Schwarz

REFLECTION

Today we begin the beautiful and holy season of Advent. With all that we have going on this time of year, it's no wonder Advent that does not always seem to get the attention it deserves. But if we will commit to living this season well, we will experience a deeper conversion to Christ and find real transformation in our lives as Christian stewards.

Why? Advent calls us not only to look back in grateful contemplation of Christ's first coming, but it also calls us to look forward in preparation for His Second Coming. Advent is a time to reset and regroup, to repent over any misplaced priorities, to turn our minds and hearts back to God while we still have time. We do so not out of fear or guilt, but rather, out of gratitude for Love Incarnate lying in a manger bed.

Whatever we feel God calling us to do this Advent — committing to a daily Gospel reflection, visiting a lonely neighbor, or donating money to those in dire need — there is no time to waste.

Jesus makes this clear in our Gospel passage from Matthew. He tells the parable of a man going off on a journey. Before he leaves, he “places his servants in charge, each with his own work.” We, of course, are the servants in this parable, each with a mission to accomplish in building the Kingdom of God. Jesus warns us over and over in this passage to remain vigilant to the work He has given us to do because we do not know when we will be called to give an account for it.

Our lives are a gift. This holy season is a gift. Let us recommit to living the stewardship way of life. Love came down to us as a Baby. And He is coming again. Be watchful!

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Election of Wardens

On **Sunday, December 13th** immediately following the 10:30 Mass, a meeting of parishioners will be held in church for the purpose of electing two church Wardens to replace the two who are completing their term of office on December 31, 2020.

To be eligible to be nominated as a Warden, a person must be 18 years or older and a Roman Catholic who resides within the boundaries of the parish. Nominations, duly proposed and seconded, will be accepted at the meeting. The Wardens term of office is three years, renewable once. Please contact Father MacEachen for more information, or to propose a nominee.

Advent Mass of Concern November 29th

This weekend we show our concern for our less fortunate neighbours through donations to our annual “Advent Mass of Concern” In your Sunday envelopes; you will find one specific for this Mass. If you do not have Sunday envelopes, specially marked envelopes, labelled “Advent Mass of Concern” are available at the entrance to the church. Both cash and cheques are accepted. Cheques should be made out to Ascension of Our Lord Parish. Your generosity in supporting our Advent project will help feed and shelter the homeless and poor this Christmas.

Christmas Flowers to Decorate the Church

You are invited to make a donation toward the purchase of flowers to decorate the church and altar for the Christmas season. If you wish your donation to be made in memory of a loved one please include the names with your donation. Donations should be received at the latest by December 20th in order to allow us to plan the decor of the church during this holy season.

Sunday Missals 2021

The Living with Christ Sunday Mass books for the coming Liturgical Year are available for sale at the back of the church. The cost is \$5 each. The supply is limited so you are encouraged to purchase your copy as soon as possible & write your name in your book.

If you are currently not able to attend Mass in person, but would like a Missal, please contact the parish to make arrangements to obtain one.

Resources for Advent Reflection and Prayer

1. The “Praying Advent” website offers many helpful resources for individuals and families who want some help to begin the season of Advent and move through it well. There are a great variety of pages which will address the issues almost anyone is facing. In addition, there is a Daily Prayer for each day of Advent. Just Google “Praying Advent” or go directly to: onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Advent

2. Loyola Press Advent Resources www.loyolapress.com/liturgical-year/advent
Includes interactive Advent calendars for adults, children and families, Advent activities for children and inspirational articles for all.

3. Ignatian contemplation and reflective prayer encourage us in the season of Advent. Resources include: Advent Weekly Prayer reflections, Video Reflections & Podcasts <https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/advent/>

President Loyola High School

Loyola High School is seeking an experienced, collaborative, Ignatian leader for the position of President. Founded in 1896, Loyola High School is a Catholic, Jesuit, all-boys university preparatory school in Montreal. As Loyola approaches its 125th year steeped in tradition, we are seeking a new president with eyes on the future.” To view a detailed position description and to apply visit loyola.ca.

Mary Queen of the World Basilica: Sunday & Daily televised Mass in English

Salt + Light will be broadcasting the English Mass celebrated at Mary Queen of the World across Canada. Mass will run daily at 8:30am and Sunday at 8:00am. Bishop Thomas Dowd has called on Catholic Action to reach out to our English-Speaking Catholic community to participate in this new and exciting project. They need English lectors, one reader per service as is the current protocol. Contact Judy Wong at jwong@catholicaction.ca