

First Sunday of Advent, Dec. 2nd, 2018

SCHEDULE:

Saturday, Dec. 1st, Advent Weekday:

- 9:00 am Mass — Soul of Alan Cormack †
Requested by Debbie Schiller
- 4:00 pm Choir Practice ♪ ~ Parish Hall
- 4:00 pm Reconciliation (Confession)
- 5:00 pm Mass — Pro Life
- 6:00 pm Youth Ministry Luncheon Preparation

Sunday, Dec. 2nd, First Sunday of Advent:

- 8:30 am Mass — Soul of Len Bracko †
Requested by Barb Bracko
- 10:30 am Mass — Intentions of the Parishioners
- 11:30 am Youth Ministry Luncheon @ POP'S DINER ~ Parish Hall

Monday, Dec. 3rd, St. Francis Xavier, Priest:

- 10:00 am Consoling the Heart of Jesus

Tuesday, Dec. 4th, Advent Weekday:

- 10:00 am to 5:00pm — Adoration
- 1:30 pm Mass @ Stanford Place — Intentions of Alice Gregoire
Requested by Rosa Gerard

4:30 pm Cenacle Rosary

7:00 pm Mass — Cancelled

7:00 pm Penitential Service @ St. Mary's Parish, Ladysmith

Wednesday, Dec. 5th, Advent Weekday:

- 9:00 am Mass — Soul of Wilfred Cody †
Requested by Cecilia Cody

6:00 pm Penitential Service @ Trinity Catholic Church, Nanaimo

- 6:15 pm Children's Religious Education

Thursday, Dec. 6th, Advent Weekday:

- 9:00 am Mass — Soul of Lorraine Shayer †
Requested by Victor Shayer
- 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus General Meeting ~ Parish Hall

Friday, Dec. 7th, St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor:

- 9:00 am Mass — Intentions of Gwen Martin
Requested by Francie Lockhart
- 9:30 am Benediction, Exposition & Divine Mercy Devotion
- 7:00 pm Youth Ministry

Saturday, Dec. 8th, The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary:

- 11:00 am Mass — Intentions of Rosemary Fontenla
Requested by Raymonde Lortie
- 11:30 am C.W.L. Christmas Luncheon ~ Parish Hall
- 4:00 pm Choir Practice ♪ ~ Parish Hall
- 4:00 pm Reconciliation (Confession)
- 5:00 pm Mass — Intentions of the Parishioners

Sunday, Dec. 9th, Second Sunday of Advent:

- 8:30 am Mass — Pro Life
- 10:30 am Mass — Soul of Ljubomir Sestan †
Requested by Pat & Miljenko Sestan
- 5:00 pm Annual Christmas Light-Up & Children's Festival

Advent Reflection Booklets: Waiting in Joyful Hope 2018—19 by Genevieve Glen. \$2.00 each; Available at the back of the church.

2019 Collection Envelope Boxes: Collection Envelope boxes are available for pick up in the hall. If you are a new parishioner, new 2019 envelope boxes are at the back of the church.

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Pastor's NOTES

The Advent season is now upon us as we are living today waiting for the return of Christ and to celebrate Christmas when he was born. "In a season where listeners are preoccupied with preparations for Christmas the readings draw us in to look at life as it is happening right now. Looking carefully, we see the themes of love, hope, peace, and joy are present, but so are the themes of destruction and restoration, exile and freedom, promise and fulfillment." Sourcebook 2019 (For Sundays and, Seasons, and Weekdays Liturgy Training Publications.

Remember with the Advent reconciliation services starting to happen this coming week there is no Tuesday evening mass at 7:00 pm as I will be in Ladysmith. Next Saturday the morning mass is at 11:00 am not the normal 9:00 am. In closing next Sunday at 5:00 pm is the Annual Christmas Light Up and all are invited and bring an appies to share.

Fr. Mike

...Journey of Hearts & Hands: Serve One Another,

Thank you to all who have donated to date. It's still not too late. Any monies donated are entitled to tax receipts and if your donation is received prior to December 31, 2018, the tax receipt is applicable to this year's taxes. Pledge envelopes can be placed in the blue box at the back of the church or mailed directly to the Diocese of Victoria. All pledge donations will benefit our own parish projects:

1. Church Front Drainage Tile Replacement
2. Financial Assistance to families planning to attend the Annual Diocesan Family Conference
3. Provision for greater financial assistance to the Salvation Army and Manna Ministries

Parish Goal: \$50,000 Number of Pledges: 161
Amount Pledged: \$39,235.00 % of Goal: 78.47
Current Family Households: 553

...Last Minute Christmas Shopping: Saturday, Dec. 8th and Sunday, Dec. 9th following all Masses —

The CWL will provide an opportunity for all parishioners to purchase hand crafted sewing and knitted items. All items will be on sale in the parish hall...*Eloise Morrison, C.W.L.*

...New Year's Day Celebration: Jan. 1st, following the 10:30am Mass — All parishioners are invited to participate in our traditional bell ringing and fellowship. A letter of invitation has been given to our neighbours at St. Columba. Please bring a few Christmas goodies to share. And if you are able to assist with the festivities organization and clean up, please contact the parish office. A very Merry and Blessed Christmas to all parishioners.



Knights of Columbus

Next Executive Meeting: Thursday, Dec. 20th, 7:00pm in Luke's Room.

Next General Meeting: Thursday, Dec. 6th, 7:00pm in the Parish Hall.

The **Knight's Choir:** is scheduled to sing on the first Sunday, 8:30AM Mass of each month.

Find Out How You Can Serve: in the spirit of fellowship and charity. For those interested in joining the Knights of Columbus, please contact **Wayne Sapieha** (250-586-7480) or **Al Walsh** (250-738-0319).

"The Lord manifests Himself to those who stop for some time in peace and humility of heart. If you look in murky and turbulent waters, you cannot see the reflection of your face. If you want to see the face of Christ, stop and collect your thoughts in silence, and close the door of your soul to the noise of external things."

...*St. Anthony of Padua*

...*Jack Chambers*



...Children's Religious Education: Wednesday, Dec. 5th —

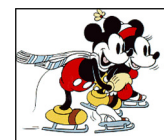
Dress Rehearsal for the annual parish light up and music program. All children, *please be in attendance and on time, with music and instruments as needed.* **Sunday, Dec. 9th, Family Mass 10:30am.** The Annual Parish Light Up / Christmas Party and Children's festival of song, **Sunday, Dec. 9th, 5:00pm.** Bring a potluck dish to share for the party following.

...*Laura Gaetz, Children's Religious Education Coordinator*

...Youth Ministry: Annual Advent Luncheon — Sunday, Dec. 2nd,

after the 10:30am Mass. Help support the Youth fundraise for their retreats. **POP's DINER,** luncheon by donation.

...*Matthew Morrison, Coordinator of Youth Faith Formation*



...Annual Parish Christmas Skate: Monday, Dec. 17th,

from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. Please bring a Christmas goodie to share...**EVERYONE WELCOME!** (Skating fee and rentals provided).

...Misa De Gallo: Simbangbid Filipino Mass — Sunday,

Dec. 16th, 3:00pm. Fr. Mel Bayron will celebrate Mass; followed by carol singing, fellowship and refreshments in the parish hall. Everyone is welcome. ...*Dita Pennykid*

...Volunteers Needed: Church Christmas Decorating Day — Sunday, Dec. 23rd at noon.

All parishioners are welcome to help us prepare for Christmas. Please contact Phyllida Drummond, 250-752-3337 or Beverley Garton, 250-951-9926 if you are able help out. Thank you.

...Diocese of Victoria: Going Into Hospital? If so, please be certain that when registering you tell the registration staff that you are Catholic so the parish pastor and visitors will know how to find you. Or, have someone call the parish office and share the necessary information. For those being transferred to a hospital in Victoria, this is especially important.

...*Fr. John Laszczyk, Vicar General*

...The Craig Bay Choristers: Friday, Dec. 7th, 7:00pm, at Knox United Church. Tickets: \$15.00 Adult / children under 12 free ~ Available from Mulberry Bush bookstores or at the door. Partial proceeds to Oceanside Hospice.

...Adoration: "For this spiritual combat, we can count on the powerful weapons the Lord has given us: faith-filled prayer, the celebration of the Mass, Eucharistic adoration, sacramental Reconciliation, works of Charity, missionary outreach." Pope Francis, Apostolic Exhortation Gaudete et Exsultate ...*Dianne Sisonenko, Adoration Co-Coordinator*

PRAYER REFLECTION:

Humility is not thinking less of yourself; It is thinking of yourself less. (James 3:18)

...*Carol Low-Hykaway, CWL*

Executive Meeting: Thursday, 9:45am, Jan. 24th, 2019, in St. Matthew's Room



Christmas Dinner: Saturday, Dec. 8th, 12:00pm — Door Prizes

Tickets: \$15.00 ~ parish hall / We will be presenting years of Service Pins; I hope you will be at Christmas Dinner, to receive yours". Thank you. Peace,

...*Gail Olyniuk, CWL President*

...Email Scam Alert: Over the past week a number of email scams have surfaced. Each following a similar format...The initial content will start with 'Hello. How are you doing today. Please can you do me a favor?' coming from a familiar name. If you are on the receiving end of one of these scams, please do not send money.

...Diocese of Victoria: Celebrate a French Christmas at St. Jean-Baptist Parish! Join Fr. Rolf Hasenack O.P. on Christmas Day, beginning with caroling at 1:00pm, followed by Christmas Mass at 1:30pm. Then stay and enjoy a Christmas Potluck after Mass. Continue the festivities on January 1st, 2019 at 1:30pm with a New Year Mass; followed by another sumptuous potluck. Will join us? Venez nous voir et partager un repas avec nous?

...*Rafael Oei, Executive Assistant, Office of the Bishop & Chancellor*

...2018 Tax Receipts: Please be advised that the 2018 Tax Receipts will include all donations received up to and including Sunday, December 30th, 2018. Envelope #'s 16, 40, 49, 54, 165, 232, and 454 are still listed as "Unknown Persons". If one of these envelope #s belongs to you, kindly contact the parish office to provide your name and address. Thank you.

Sunday Missals: The 2018 / 2019 Living with Christ missals are available at the back of the church. Cost: \$3.00 each. Thank you.

Wi-Fi: The parish upgraded its' wi fi. ASCENSION***01 is the new password. Please change your device password at your earliest convenience.

Prayer List:

...Please pray for Francis Barnum, Benita, John & Lisa Boag, Kay Boag, Calle Badenhorst, Anna Bryan, Carlos Castro, Beverley Carpenter, Kieth Carpenter, Andrew Cormack, Eileen Dobson, Menanteau Dullisear, Jim Enright, Frances Fernando, Rosemary Fontenla, Brenda Fougere, Denise Gervais, Bonni Grad, Tanya Greene, Clarita Gutierrez, Donovan Harlon, Ron Hawley, Tina Holzwarth, Jackie Hrebicek, Joan, Kelly Low, Christina Lucas, Matt Manthei, John McCurrie, Caleb McIntyre, Bonita Moeller, Kevin Moreland, Shirley Newman, Terry Nishimura, Edward O'Neill, Naomi Overvorde, Marlene Pineda, Eileen Plumb, Iris Richardson, Vincent Robertson, Donna-Marie Saindon, David Schram, Avon Shields, Shiela Rigby, Rosina, Crystal Smyth, Skip Thomas, Jean Turner, Georgian Vojtech, Ella Walter and a **Special Prayer Intention for the Reverence for Life with dignity. May we defend it and promote it from conception to its natural end.**