

First Sunday of Advent, Dec. 3rd, 2017

MASS SCHEDULE



Saturday, Dec. 2nd, Advent Weekday:

- 9:00 am Mass — Intentions of Maureen Grecht Requested by the Catholic Women's League
- 10:30 am Funeral Mass — Hans Kratz †
- 1:00 pm Youth Ministry — Hall Set Up
- 4:00 pm Choir Practice ~ Parish Hall
- 4:00 pm Reconciliation (Confession)
- 5:00 pm Mass — 60th Wedding Anniversary of Don and Margaret McKay
- 6:15 pm Youth Ministry — Advent Luncheon Preparation

Sunday, Dec. 3rd, First Sunday of Advent:

- 8:30 am Mass — Intentions of the Parishioners
- 10:30 am Mass — Soul of Caterina & Tony Carelli † Requested by the Family
- 11:30 am Youth Ministry — Advent Luncheon

Monday, Dec. 4th, Advent Weekday:

- 6:15 pm Children's Religious Education
- 6:30 pm Youth Ministry / Music

Tuesday, Dec. 5th, Advent Weekday:

- 10:00 am to 6:30 pm — Adoration
- 1:30 pm Mass @ Stanford Place — Soul of Nellie Kulchiski † Requested by Eloise Morrison
- 6:30 pm Cenacle Rosary
- 7:00 pm Mass — Soul of Wilfred Cody † Requested by Cecilia Cody

Wednesday, Dec. 6th, Advent Weekday:

- 9:00 am Mass — Souls of Betty, Ida & Joyce † Requested by Gail Olyniuk
- 6:30 pm Penitential Service @ Trinity Catholic Church, Nanaimo

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

- 9:00 am Mass — Soul of Abraham † Requested by Jaimol & Joe Scaria and Family
- 7:00 pm Penitential Service @ Christ the King, Courtenay
- 7:00 pm R.C.I.A.—St. Paul's Room
- 7:30 pm Knights of Columbus General Meeting ~ Parish Hall

First Friday, Dec. 8th, The Immaculate Conception of the B.V.M.

- 9:00 am Mass — Soul of Yvette Receveur † Requested by Brenda Gorman
- 9:30 am Benediction, Exposition & Devotion to Divine Mercy
- 11:00 am Funeral Mass — Alan Cormack †
- 1:00 pm C.W. L. Hall Set-Up

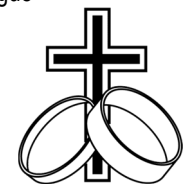
Saturday, Dec. 9th, Advent Weekday:

- 9:00 am Mass — Souls of Bernice & Brooks Lamb † Requested by Joyce Lamb
- 11:30 am C.W.L. Christmas Luncheon
- 4:00 pm Reconciliation (Confession)
- 5:00 pm Mass — Soul of Peter Gamroth † Requested by Bernice Urwin
- 6:15 pm Youth Ministry

Sunday, Dec. 10th, Second Sunday of Advent:

- 8:30 am Mass — Intentions of the Parishioners
- 10:30 am Mass — Intentions of Jacob Brilling Requested by the Brilling Family

...Attention: All Parishioners — Please be reminded to **lock all doors and windows** prior to leaving. Thank for your consideration.



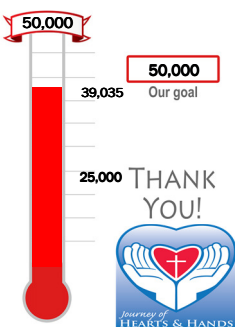
Pastor's NOTES

Greetings to All:

The 100 copies of the **Daily Reflections for Advent and Christmas** are all gone. Let me know what you think of them and the order could be increased for the Lenten season. The suggested cost for the booklets was a toonie. Thank you to all who supported the special collections the last two weekends for the Rohingya persecution in Myanmar; for you have raised over \$4600.00 dollars. The total that you as parishioners have given to support the Diocesan Appeal as of this week is just over \$39,000.00 The generosity of the parish is seen again with the emergency appeal and this year's diocesan appeal. We are still short of the goal of \$50,000.00 and would appreciate if you could give a contribution to the appeal. The local projects that the appeal will support is helping with the cost of the new church carpet and donations to the Salvation Army and Manna ministries. There are brochures in the entrance area of the church that give all the information and the ways for you to give your gift. Jane Brown has an Epicure Feeding the Funds with Food this week at her house and a portion of the sales will go to the church building fund. The info is in the bulletin.

Advent Season Reconciliation Services in the parishes are starting this coming week. I will be helping at four of them and ours is on **Thursday Dec. 14th at 6:30pm**. I will be having four of the priests for dinner at the house prior to the service that evening. Rosemary has in the bulletin and in the calendar when the other services are in case you cannot make it to ours on Dec. 14th. In closing Alan Cormack died earlier this week and his funeral mass will be here next Friday Dec. 8th at 11:00 am with a reception to follow and internment at the Qualicum Cemetery.

...Fr. Mike



Journey of Hearts & Hands: Grateful to God...Generous to Neighbour:

There is still time to give a gift or pledge. Please complete the pledge form at the back of the church. Your pledge will assist us in reaching our parish goal of **\$50,000**, benefiting our own parish projects. Thank you:

1. New Church Carpet
2. Financial Assistance for families to attend the Diocesan Family Conference
3. Greater financial assistance to the Salvation Army and Manna Ministries

Parish Goal: \$50,000 **Number of Gifts: 168**
Amount Pledged: \$39,035 **% of Goal: 78.07%**
Current Family Households: 545

...Office of Religious Education: All parishioners are invited to check out the following Advent sites:

- * <https://butedhalo.com/video/advent-in-two-minutes>
- * <https://catechistsjourney.loyolapress.com/category/liturgical-seasons-feast/advent>
- * <https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever> — well worth viewing!

...Glen Palahicky, Director, Office of Religious Education

...Sunday 2017—2018 Missals: are available at the back of the church. **Cost: \$3.00 each.** Please recycle missals through your home recycling.

Knights of Columbus



Executive Meeting: Thursday, Dec. 21st, 7:00pm, St. Luke's Room

Next General Meeting: Thursday, Dec. 7th, 7:30 pm, in the Parish Hall.

Knights of Columbus Appreciation Night: Saturday, Dec. 16th, 6:15

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



New improved 2018 Lifestyle Books available now. Price is \$27.00 taxes included. Contact Tony Antoniuk 250-752-9152 or Ray Misanchuk 250-607-8950.

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 Sapiha** (250-586-7480) or **Al Walsh** (250-738-0319).

"If we would please this Divine Infant, we too must become children, simple and humble; we must carry to Him flowers of virtue, of meekness, of mortification, of charity; we must clasp him in the arms of our love." ...St. Alphonsus

...Jack Chambers

...Volunteer Ushers: The Sunday, 10:30am Mass is in dire need of additional volunteers to usher. Kindly consider offering your time and talents to this ministry. Please call Ray Marsh at 250-752-9228. Thank you.



...Volunteers Needed: **Sunday Coffee & Fellowship** — The parish is seeking volunteers to prepare coffee, tea, etc. following the 10:30am Mass for the **fourth Sunday** of each month. If you are available and interested in volunteering to serve in this worthy ministry, please contact the parish office. Thank you.

...New Socks Needed: The Catholic Women's League would like to include a pair of warm, new socks into each sandwich bag prepared for the homeless in November and December. If you are able to help, please bring your new socks to the parish. ...Viola Cyr, C. W. L.

...Parish Bulletin: The parish is considering a plan to email the bulletin directly to parishioners in 2018, and thereby help reduce printing costs. If you would like to add your name & email to the list, please contact the parish office. Thank you. (A smaller number of copies will be printed.)

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS ...Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

The current schedule can be found at the back of the church. If someone you know is thinking about volunteering in the church, ask them to consider becoming an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist. For information and training, please contact Julia Murrell, at 250-738-0614. Thank you for your consideration.

...Adoration / Church Entry: Attention all parishioners — Effective immediately entry on Tuesdays for Adoration will change due to safety concerns. The existing ramp doesn't have a railing on both sides. Please use either the **main front door entrance or the wheelchair accessible ramp at the back of the church building.** Thank you.

...Children's Religious Education: Christmas Light-Up play rehearsal, Monday, Dec. 4th. Please be on time. Church Light-Up with children's play, Monday, Dec. 11th. EVERYONE WELCOME! 6:00pm Pot Luck / Appetizer Christmas party to follow in the parish hall.



Annual Parish Christmas Skate, Monday, Dec. 18th, from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. Please bring a Christmas goodie to share...EVERYONE WELCOME! (Skating fee and rentals provided).

Catholic Women's League, 1937—2017 Celebrating our 80th Anniversary

PRAYER REFLECTION:

Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous! ...Carol Low-Hykaway, CWL



Mark Your Calendars:

Christmas Luncheon: December 9th - 11:30am
 ...Gail Olyniuk, CWL President

...2017 Tax Receipts: Please be advised that the 2017 Tax Receipts will include all donations received up to and including, Sunday, December 31st, 2017. In preparation for this year's tax receipts there are a few wonderful parishioners who have used one or more of the following envelope numbers: 16, 40, 232, 345, 419, & 480. Kindly contact the parish office to provide your name and address. Without knowing who you are; unfortunately a tax receipt can't be issued. Thank you.

...Epicure Fundraising for our Parish: You are invited to "FEED the FUNDS with FOOD" Dec 3rd-9th, 10-4 daily, or call 250 586-7506 for an evening appointment at 866 Temple St.. Proceeds to the Parish Building Fund.

...Update on Vintage Voices: Last week, we thoroughly loved bringing our songs and energy to the wonderful residents of Stanford Seniors Village, and judging by their enthusiastic response, I believe that they thoroughly enjoyed our presentation. In January, we will begin rehearsals for our March presentation. We desperately need musicians — pianists, guitarists and players of any other instrument. Please contact me if you can lend a hand (or two) to this worthy cause. We also need tenors, baritone and basses to augment our male section. And, of course, we welcome more sopranos and altos. Come join us and have fun!

...Sylvia Wedepohl, Wedepohl@shaw.ca

...Social Justice: **Structural / Social Justice** — In 1987 St. John Paul II introduced the notion of **structural** or **social sin** into our official teachings (SS 36). In 1991 he named the disordered use of Earth's resources, encl. built in obsolescence (CA37), as a structural or social sin of capitalism. Let us strive to "keep Christ in Christmas" through remembering this as we ponder gifts for our loved ones. ...Yvonne Zarowny

...Therese—The Story of a Soul: Saturday, Dec. 9th, 7:00pm, at St. Mary's Church Hall, 1135 4th Ave., Ladysmith, B. C.

Prayer List:

...Please pray for Francis Barnum, Benita, Geoff Benetto, Lou Biggeman, John & Lisa Boag, Kay Boag, Calle Badenhorst, Bernadette Boisvert, Anna Bryan, Beverley Carpenter, Al Deamer, Eileen Dobson, Florence Doyle, Jacqueline Drozkerr, Menanteau Dullisear, Gloria Enright-Arrouse, Jim Enright, Terry Evans, Frances Fernando, Rebecca Finlay, Brenda Fougere, Denise Gervais, Bonnie Grad, Tanya Greene, Rose Marie Hague, Donovan Hanlon, Tina Holzwarth, Jackie Hrebicek, Ingrid Kamp, Jens Kamp, Gert Klopper, Veronica Klopper, Kelly Low, Raymonde Lortie, Bonita Moeller, Fran Mills, Shirley Newman, Terry Nishimura, Naomi Overvorde, Marlen Pineda, Elien Plumb, Dianne Quittenton, Terry Receveur, Iris Richardson, Shiela Rigby, Rosina, Claire Saby, Carlos Triay, Georgian Vojtech, Judy Welch, Paula Zilkie, and a **Special Prayer Intention for the Reverence for Life. May we defend it and promote it from conception to its natural end.**

