

UP AND COMING CELEBRATIONS

Evening Prayer

Come and join us for an evening of prayer, song and Scripture as we begin the beautiful season of Advent. It will be held **Wednesday Evening, November 30 at 7 PM at St. Rose Worship Site**. This service will include the 'Celebration of Light,' where each person will be given a candle and we will burn them in unison.

Reconciliation Service

On **December 7 at 7 PM a Reconciliation Service** in preparation for Advent and Christmas will be held at **St. Matthew's Worship Site**. You are invited to come join with others as we acknowledge our need for healing and reconciliation. Please mark your calendars!

Saint John High School Choir

Once again, under the direction of Trish Gallagher, the Students from SJHS will come and perform for us all the classics of the season, including some of their own selections. This has become a beautiful tradition at **St. Rose Worship Site, Wednesday, December 15 at 6:30pm**. A free will offering will be taken.

As the Advent season draws near, once again, we have produced the *Journey through Advent* video series, which includes reflections on the Gospel readings of each Sunday in Advent

Originally proposed by the Executive Committee, *Journey Through Advent* is a joint project between the CCCB's *Office national de liturgie*, the *National Liturgy Office*, and the *Office for Evangelization and Catechesis*.

Beginning today, the links to the videos, in [French](#) and [English](#), will be released on the CCCB website each Monday for the upcoming Sunday celebration. We will send the links to you each week.

The three offices are very grateful to Bishop Joseph Dabrowski and Archbishop Paul-André Durocher for their generosity in preparing and recording these spiritual and pastoral reflections.

We hope that *Journey through Advent* will provide you and the faithful in your dioceses an opportunity for reflection and pastoral preparation to welcome the Lord Jesus at Christmas.

For further information, please contact Mrs. Margaret Shea-Lawrence at m.shea-lawrence@cccb.ca

Sincerely yours in Jesus Christ,

Father Jean Vezina, General Secretary

Join us this Advent for Permission: The Series

Advent is one week away! We all know Advent can be super busy and stressful as we prepare for Christmas. Join us each Sunday of Advent for **Permission: The Series** and make time and space for Jesus in your Advent. Register today! [Permission: The Series - Companions of the Cross \(companionscross.org\)](http://companionscross.org)

HORIZON RECOVERY CENTRE (LONEWATER FARM)

The Women's Society is coordinating donations for Horizon's Recovery Centre. Donations will be gratefully accepted on the altar of both worship sites up to and including Sunday December 11, 2022. If you have any questions please contact Jill at 639-0007.

PLEASE NO mouthwash, aftershave or cologne as they often contain alcohol.

Suggested items are:

Shampoo, conditioner, other hair products, combs, hair brushes, toothpaste, tooth brushes, floss, safety razors, shaving cream, deodorant/antiperspirant, face cloths, nail clippers, winter hats, scarves, gloves/mittens, socks, gift bags, candy or any type of treats for stockings, board games, DVDs, small gift cards for prizes. Also appreciated is goodies, snacks, or restaurant takeout gift cards that the boys could enjoy at our little party!

Any extra items are used throughout the year as many of our clients arrive with little to nothing in the way of possessions and are commonly in need of basic toiletries.

COLLECTIONS - THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!

Nov 20, 2022 Regular \$2,040.00 Loose - \$257.00 Food Bank - \$70.00 Missals - \$74.00

Avenue 'B' - \$100.00 Diocesan Priests Illness - \$605.00

PAD Weekly Average - \$1,694.00 PAD BLDG - \$179.00

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO CONTINUE TO DROP OFF OR MAIL THEIR MONETARY DONATIONS. WITHOUT THIS EFFORT WE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO MEET OUR EXPENSES.

WOMEN'S SOCIETY BAKE SALE!!

This Sunday, Nov 27 before & after the 11am Mass at St. Matthews Worship Site. All items \$5.

Come & get your Christmas baking!

Women's Society monthly meeting is on Tuesday Nov 29, 1:30pm in the Rectory Hall. All women of the parish are welcome to attend.

Cribbage Games at St. Matthews Hall Wednesday evenings at 7pm. All Welcome!!

Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord..." Our prayers and condolences go out to the family of Gunter Hoellwarth

MASS SCHEDULE 2022

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| Nov 29, 2022 | Tue | St. Matthews Worship Site | 7pm | Gloris Arseneau |
| Dec 01, 2022 | Thur | St. Rose Worship Site | 12:10pm | Ken Mittelholtz Patricia McIntyre |
| Dec 03, 2022 | Sat | St. Rose Worship Site | 4pm | Eva Gogan Ralph Magee |
| Dec 04, 2022 | Sun | St. Rose Worship Site | 9am | Kay Connolly |
| Dec 04, 2022 | Sun | St. Matthews Worship Site | 11am | Doris Fury |

THE 2022/2023 SUNDAY MISSALS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE ENTRY WAY OF BOTH WORSHIP SITES - PRICE IS \$6.00

First Week of Advent

The **First Sunday of Advent** begins a new liturgical year and the beginning of a season filled with the riches of our scripture readings. For the next few weeks, as we focus on **Isaiah**, we read of the promise of peace offered to the people of God: “They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks.” **Matthew's gospel** is the story of Noah and a caution from Jesus to prepare “for an hour you do not expect.”

Wednesday is the **Feast of Saint Andrew, Apostle**, with its own special readings. Saturday is the Memorial of the great Jesuit missionary, **Saint Francis Xavier, S.J.**

Unlike most of the liturgical year, the focus during the first part of Advent is on the first readings, this week from **the Prophet Isaiah**. These readings are about promises. Isaiah is consoling, building up and preparing his people to have hope. “One nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again.” He promises “luster and glory” for the people: “and the fruit of the earth will be honor and splendor for the survivors of Israel.” Even though the family lines of King David and his father, Jesse, are almost wiped out, Isaiah proclaims hope: “On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom.” The prophet tells of feasting and security: “On this mountain the LORD of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines” and “A strong city have we; he sets up walls and ramparts to protect us.” Even Jesus' own statement about his mission is seen in the powerful images Isaiah uses to give us courage and hope: “On that day the deaf shall hear ... the eyes of the blind shall see ... the lowly will ever find joy in the LORD ... ” “On the day the LORD binds up the wounds of his people.”

The gospels for these weeks are chosen from several gospels. They are meant to match the first readings and to show the promises are fulfilled in Jesus. Jesus brings healing. He raises up the childlike. And Jesus calls and sends the twelve apostles to continue his ministry.

Daily Prayer This Week

It seems like a contradiction, but it becomes easy to stay focused during Advent. There are many distractions at this time of the year, we seem to get very busy, and at times have to go to a number of parties and social events. But, the heart of this season is all about expectant hope. So, we begin our Advent journey by giving ourselves some time to reflect this week on how much God promises us.

Each morning, while we are first coming to consciousness, we can focus for just a few moments, to name a desire, to name an emptiness or feeling of anxiety or worry. It is into places just such as these that our Lord came to be with us. So, this week, we can begin to invite our Lord to be Incarnate in our lives, in the places we need him the most.

Our goal this week is to let ourselves feel like those to whom the promises of our God are made. We want to get in touch with ourselves, especially those parts of ourselves that are in need of a Savior. We do this by keeping our focus on the places that feel like a desert, the places that feel like we've been through a war, the places that feel like a lifeless stump. When we have a hard time seeing, we ask for the grace to be able to believe the promise that we shall see. When we seem deaf, we place our trust in the One who assures us that we will hear. And when we feel beaten down and awfully lowly, we turn to the One who promises that we will “find joy in the Lord.” And, who among us doesn't have days on which we are aware of various kinds of wounds? On the day of promise, “the Lord binds up the wounds of his people.”

As we let these deep realities of our daily, busy lives come into focus and interact with the readings, something wonderful happens. We become more and more aware of our need for God. Very naturally and quite spontaneously, a prayer comes forth from deep within us, which we can say in the smallest moments of our busiest days. “Come, Lord.” “Come and save me.” “Come and be with me in all of these messy, empty, dry and disordered places in my life.” “Come, Lord. I feel my longing for you grow. I feel my hope grow. And, as I place my hope in your promises, Advent begins to come alive in me.”

All of this preparation can happen in the simplest way, before the first Christmas decoration goes up. And, for each moment of each day that we encounter a place that we desire, that we long for our Lord's coming, we can express our thanksgiving. Each night we might pray:

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear? The LORD is my life's refuge; of whom should I be afraid? (Ps. 27)

[Creighton U Online Ministries](#)

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday: 9 am to 4 pm
SMWS - Office Number - 738-2320
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Monday: both offices closed

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HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

ST. MATTHEWS & ST. ROSE WORSHIP SITES

We are a welcoming community of growing disciples who share our faith, support one another, and lead others to Jesus.

First Sunday of Advent –November 27, 2022

Sunday Exposition/Adoration: Dec 04 & 11, 2022 at St. Rose Worship Site 1 – 2pm

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONTACT INFORMATION

Holy Spirit Parish –Please contact Linda Spinney at 636-0677 or email her at holyspiriteducationsj@gmail.com

Gentle Path – Counselling Services – Pathways to Hope

Gentle Path Counselling Services provides counselling at the 28 Richmond Street Office and is now scheduling appointments at Horizon's Market Place Wellness Centre in the Lower West Side

We offer counselling for:

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| Anxiety | Addictions | Grief & Loss | Domestic Violence |
| Couples Counselling | Sexual Assault Trauma | Self Esteem & Body Image | Sexual Identity & Orientation |
| PTSD | Parenting | Depression | First Nations |
| Kids & Teens | Blended Families | Anger Management | Work Related Issues |

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