

SACRED HEART OF JESUS

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2016

Mass Times

Saturday 6:00 pm St. Peter's Mission
Sunday 9:00 am Sacred Heart Church
11:00 am Sacred Heart School

DAILY: Monday **No Mass**
Tuesday 7:00 pm
Wed. & Thurs. **No Mass**
Friday 8:00 am

Confessions

Tuesday, 6:30pm to 6:45pm
Saturday 5:30pm to 5:45pm (St. Peter's)
Sunday 8:30am to 8:45am
and by appointment

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday 7:30 pm to Friday 8:00 am

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

(DECEMBER 6TH TO DECEMBER 11TH)

Tuesday 7:00 pm CWL Members: CWL
Friday 8:00 am Eileen Aquilina: Maria & Fred Grech

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday 9:00 am † Purificacion: John Muia
11:00 am For the People

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Mark Morley
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Gospel Quotation:

"Repent, for the kingdom
of heaven has come near."

Pastor's Message

TAKE BACK THE SPIRIT OF ADVENT

Advent has a two-fold nature: it prepares us for celebrating Christmas, when we recall Christ's first coming among us, and it orientates us to look forward to his second coming. Thus, Advent is a season of joyful expectation, the joyful expectation of Christmas in four weeks' time, and the joyful expectation of Christ's return at the end of time. This season draws us into a deeper relationship with Christ our King and thereby strengthens our resolve to bring about the Kingdom in our midst by doing God's will on Earth as it is in Heaven. However, we may find it difficult to enter into this spirit of joyful expectation. This time of preparation for our celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas can be filled with many distractions that diminish the spirit of Advent. On this First Sunday of Advent, our confirmation candidates were given "Take Back the Spirit of Advent" tee-shirts to wear during their enrollment. May their commitment prepare to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost remind all of us that there are things we can do to take back the spirit of Advent. Below you will find a description of a parish project that can be done individually or as a family. On the Fourth Sunday of Advent, you will invited to share your work with other parishioners. Taking back the spirit of Advent and celebrating the true meaning of Christmas takes planning. Here are some dates to save for events happening in our parish:

Sunday, December 11th, 10:30am at Sacred Heart School: **Children's Christmas Pageant**,
Thursday, December 15th, 7:00pm in Coulson Hall: **Bishop Robert Barron's The New Evangelization**,
December 24th and 25th: Christmas Mass (for Mass times see flyer included in today's bulletin),
Friday, December 30th, 6:00pm at St. Peter's: The Feast of the Holy Family featuring the image of the Holy Family by Giovanni Balestra (1774-1842),
Sunday, January 8th, 11:00am: **Children's Christmas Mass** featuring the Sacred Heart School choir.

Please mark these dates in your calendars and plan to take back the spirit of Advent.

Fr. Mark Morley

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PARISH PROJECT: TAKE BACK THE SPIRIT OF ADVENT

You are invited to become a sleuthhound – which is a fancy name for PI (Private Investigator).

Purpose: To help you, your family and friends rediscover the Spirit of Advent amidst the hustle and bustle of society's emphasis on shopping and parties during the Christmas season.

Procedure: How would a sleuthhound begin to sleuth?

A clever sleuthhound should investigate such matters as:

1. What is the Spirit of Advent within the Christian tradition?
2. How is the Spirit of Advent being portrayed in our society today? What has been taken away that we want to take back?
3. List or discuss how the Spirit of Advent is being proclaimed in your community: in your parish, school, among your family and friends, etc.

Suggestion on Procedure: Make an Advent scrapbook with your family or friends using the three questions above to guide your research and creativity. On the fourth Sunday of Advent, bring your Advent scrapbooks to Church to share with others after Mass (December 17/18). A special space with tables will be provided for this.

Note: Although all parishioners are invited to participate in this project, we hope that the confirmation candidates will play a primary role in this project. Please pay close attention to the homilies during Advent and read our Parish bulletins (valuable information for the Advent project).

Useful Resources/Links

http://www.cccb.ca/site/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=2117&Itemid=1226&lang=eng

<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/advent/index.cfm>

So, sleuth away all ye who wish to Take Back the Spirit of Advent!

PARISH UPDATES

CHRISTMAS CAKES: Christmas cakes will be for sale again as a fundraiser for Campaign Life, for the pro-life cause. Cakes are \$15.00 , You can also purchase a cake as a Christmas Gift. Cakes are available after all Masses. Please support our cause. Thank you. Mary Spiteri

GINGERBREAD HOUSE WORKSHOP: There is still time to sign-up for the workshop. Join in the fun of making a gingerbread house. To reserve your spot and create your gingerbread house that you will take home please sign-up. Sign-up sheets are in Coulson Hall. Bring your apron and \$18 for the workshop. For more info. please contact Yvonne Chin at 519-856-9688.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION UPDATE: Advent starts today, have you considered giving Christ a Christmas gift? Perhaps an hour of your time spent with Him in Adoration? The following hours are available. Tuesday 11-12pm, Thursday 9-10pm, and starting in January, Thursday 7-8pm. Don't forget to visit anytime. For additional information call Jane Hosdil 519-856-2398.

2017 DONATION ENVELOPES: Your offertory envelopes will be available for pick up in Coulson Hall, beginning Sunday December 11, 2016. The envelope packages are arranged in numeric order. If you are currently using envelopes, a boxed set has been prepared for you. The envelopes will be kept in Coulson Hall till December 31, 2016. If you have not been issued a personalized package and wish to begin using envelopes, please contact the Parish office. Thank you.

CATHOLICISM: The New Evangelization: The Catholic Faith is about an encounter so overwhelming that you want to tell the whole world. It is an encounter with Jesus Christ. Throughout history, the call of Christ has sent people to the corners of the earth with a message of great joy, a message that has built civilizations, inspired cultures and even sent some to prisons and to their graves. We have the same call - that's the New Evangelization. This new documentary series from Bishop Barron's Word on Fire explores the Church's mission and the challenges of contemporary culture. See our Faith in action in this 90-minute film video that tells us what the "New Evangelization" is and then takes us on a fascinating tour to witness examples of new ardor, new expressions, and new methods of evangelization in action. Come and join us on Thursday, December 15th at 7:00pm in Coulson Hall to watch the video and discuss how it might be applied to evangelization in our own parish. Fr. Mark Morley

WELLINGTON CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARD

JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN AND SENIOR KINDERGARTEN AT WELLINGTON CATHOLIC... WE HAVE FAITH IN EDUCATION. The Wellington Catholic District School Board will be accepting registrations for kindergarten at our schools beginning January 9th, 2017.

Kindergarten Eligibility

- must be four years of age on or before December 31, 2017 to attend Junior Kindergarten
• must be five years of age on or before December 31, 2017 to attend Senior Kindergarten

Please bring: 1. child's birth certificate, 2. parent or child's Baptismal certificate, 3. child's health card/immunization record/custody papers (if applicable), 4. proof of tax support for families new to the system (i.e. most recent tax bill)

Should you have any questions about registration procedures or requirements, please call your local Catholic school. We look forward to welcoming you to our Wellington Catholic family.

This Week's Events

December

- 5 Rosary for Peace - Sacred Heart 7:00pm
6 Tuesday MASS (7:00pm)
8 Euchre Matinee: (1:00 pm Coulson Hall)
9 Seniors' Program at Rockwood Library (11:30am to 1:30pm)
11 Children's Christmas Pageant (10:30am Sacred Heart School)

Next Catechism Class Date

December 7 at Coulson Hall - 6:45pm

Did You Know?

- * The liturgical year begins with the Advent Season
* Advent starts four Sundays before December 25 and ends at the Christmas Vigil Mass.
* We remember the long years of waiting by the people of Israel for the Messiah, the messages of hope in the prophets, and how Mary and Joseph were faithful to God's plan.
* Advent is a time of joyful preparation and expectation.
* Purple is the liturgical colour of Advent

GINGERBREAD HOUSE RAFFLE

Yvonne is also making a beautiful Mansion Gingerbread house as a raffle. Tickets will be available after each mass starting on Sunday November 27th . The draw will be held on December 11th after mass. Ticket prices are one for \$2.00 or three for \$5.00. Proceeds of the raffle will be designated to the Building Fund.

Yvonne Chin

Prayer Calendar for Priests

Every day, in our diocese we are invited to pray for a priest serving in our parishes

- Mon. - Rev. Janusz Roginski, S.A.C.
Tues. - Rev. Robert Love
Wed. - Order of Preachers (Dominican)
Thurs. - Rev. Andrew Lopatniuk
Fri. - Rev. Francis Trzupsek
Sat. - Rev. Mark Sullivan