

# SACRED HEART OF JESUS

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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# First Sunday of Advent



November 27, 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

(NOVEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup> TO DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>)

Tuesday 7:00 pm † Andrea & Palmira Nasato: Luigia Bertolo  
Friday 8:00 am Emerita Kassian: Mary Effinger

### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday 9:00 am † Ilio Marzo: Theresa Lockerbie  
11:00 am For the People

### Gospel Quotation:

"Before the flood they were  
eating and drinking ....."

### PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Mark Morley  
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# 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 11<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am at Sacred Heart School: **Children's Christmas Pageant**,  
Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm in Coulson Hall: **Bishop Robert Barron's The New Evangelization**,  
December 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Mass (for Mass times see flyer included in today's bulletin),  
Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup>, 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 8<sup>th</sup>, 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.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

PLAYPEN DRIVE: It's time for our Playpen Drive Again! The Baby items we receive are taken to Michael House in Guelph. Drawing on Christian values Michael House pregnancy center provides shelter and support, during pregnancy, child birth, and/or early parenthood to women in need and will seek to help them make healthy decisions for their own lives and their children's in our community. They offer a caring home and provide for emotional, physical and spiritual needs for crisis pregnancy and early parenting. Please be as generous as you can. "Baby item may be dropped off in the playpen located in Coulson Hall". Duration : Nov.12 to Dec.4th.

Mary Spiteri

JESSE TREE: The CWL will be placing a Jesse tree in the church on Nov. 27th. This is the 3rd annual Christmas Jesse tree. Your gifts will be helping a family of 5 to 7 people plus 5 local people who are in need through East Wellington Community Services. Please take an angel from the tree and then place your unwrapped gift under the tree with the angel attached. Thank you.

CWL, Rockwood and Oustic

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

EUCHARISTIC 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. Thursday, 9-10 pm, and starting January, Wednesday 1-2am, and Thursday 7-8pm. Don't forget to visit anytime.

For additional information please call Jane Hosdill 519-856-2398

KOFC COUNCIL 14201: Thanks to all who participated in the Samaritan's Purse shoe box program. We collected 36 boxes to send to needy children around the world. Also, I still have 18 packs of Christmas Cards (\$8.00) and 5 Keep Christ in Christmas lawn signs(\$15.00), if anyone wants any, please call me at 519-856-0716

Dave Bell- Knights of Columbus

**GINGERBREAD HOUSE WORKSHOP AND MORE**

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.



Where? Coulson Hall  
When? Dec. 17, ( 11am to Noon) or (1pm to 2pm)

RAFFLE: Yvonne is also making a beautiful Mansion Gingerbread house as a raffle. Tickets will be available after mass starting on Sunday November 27<sup>th</sup> . The draw will be held on December 11<sup>th</sup> 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*

This Week's Events

November

28 Rosary for Peace - Sacred Heart 7:00pm

29 Tuesday MASS (7:00pm)

30 Euchre Matinee: (1:00 pm Coulson Hall)

December

2 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

EUTHANASIA/ASSISTED - DID YOU KNOW?

Now that Canada has legalized assisted suicide/euthanasia, did you know that doctors in Ontario are forced to provide direct referrals for patients seeking to end their lives? Doctors who object to helping to kill their patients see a direct referral as being an accomplice to assisted suicide. No foreign jurisdiction in the world that has legalized euthanasia/assisted suicide has forced health care workers or facilities to act against their conscience. 8 other provinces in Canada have adopted protocols to protect doctors and institutions.

Visit [www.CanadiansforConscience.ca](http://www.CanadiansforConscience.ca) to learn more and to write directly to the Ontario government.