

SACRED HEART OF JESUS

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Second Sunday of Advent

December 10th, 2017

Mass Times



Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am
(Sacred Heart Catholic School) 11:00 am

DAILY: Monday **No Mass**
Tuesday 7:00 pm
Wednesday **No Mass**
Thursday **No Mass**
Friday 8:00 am

Confessions

Tuesday, 6:30pm to 6:45pm
Saturday 4:30pm to 4:45pm
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 12TH TO DECEMBER 17TH)

Tuesday 7:00 pm Intention of Donor
Friday 8:00 am Intention of Donor

Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday 5:00 pm † Paul Haines: Maria & Bob Kurylo
Sunday 9:00 am † Anne Truba: Sofia Santilli Di Cosmo & Family
11:00 am For the People

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Mark Morley
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Gospel Quotation:

"Prepare the way
of the Lord"

Mk.1.1-8

Pastor's Message

ADVENT, DISCIPLESHIP AND CONFIRMATION ENROLLMENT

The season of Advent has a two-fold nature that reflects both our directional and cyclical notions of time. It reflects our directional notion of time as we anticipate Christ's second coming, when the world will end and God's kingdom will reign. And it reflects our cyclical notion of time as we prepare for our yearly celebration of Christmas, when we recall Christ's first coming among us. Nevertheless, both these notions of time emphasize that Advent is a season of joyful expectation. Now that we have begun a new liturgical year, we are reading from the Gospel of Mark. As we will see, a major theme in Mark's Gospel is discipleship. At baptism, we become members of Christ's Body, the Church. At First Communion, we began being nurtured and strengthened to live the Christian life by the gift of the Eucharist. At Confirmation, we are sealed by the Holy Spirit and given the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Having completed the Sacraments of Initiation, we are sent as disciples of Christ to evangelize.

In the section on the dignity of the human person, the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that: "Faith is the theological virtue by which we believe in God and believe all that he has said and revealed to us, and that the Holy Church proposes for our belief, because he is truth itself." [1814] The Catechism also teaches that: "The disciple of Christ must not only keep the faith and live on it, but also profess it, confidently bear witness to it, and spread it." [1816]

It is fitting that we celebrate the Rite of Enrollment for Confirmation on the First Sunday of Advent. As we embark upon the year of the Gospel of Mark and focus on the theme of discipleship, the young people of our parish are given an opportunity to present themselves to us as candidates for the sacrament and commit themselves to preparing for it by prayer and study. After professing our faith together in question form, they state their intentions together, and we respond by praying for them and offering our support to them. As they bear witness to the faith, it is an opportunity for all of us to deepen our commitment to following Jesus Christ as disciples who not only keep the faith and live on it, but also profess it, confidently bear witness to it and spread it. Go and announce the Gospel.

Please see Advent Homily Themes, Extended Confession Times and Christmas Mass Times below. Note the 5:00pm Christmas Eve Mass for Children at the School starting with carols at 4:30pm. I encourage you to plan ahead and stay awake. Enjoy a blessed Advent!

Fr. Mark Morley

Re-print from Dec. 2, 2017

Homily Themes for each Sunday in Advent

Second Sunday: Jesus is the Son of Man

Gaudete Sunday: Joyful Expectation

Fourth Sunday: What is Being Worshipped Here?

Extended Confession Times (in the Church)

Sunday 8:30am to 8:45am

Tuesday 6:15pm to 6:45pm

Saturday 6:15pm to 6:45pm

Christmas Eve Masses

5:00 pm For Children in Sacred Heart School (Contemporary Music with Carols starting at 4:30pm)

9:00 pm Sacred Heart Church (Organ Music with Incense)

Christmas Day Masses

9:00 am Sacred Heart Church (Organ Music)

11:00 am Sacred Heart Church (Folk Music)



"ADVENT REFLECTION" - "Let us approach with an

PARISH UPDATES

PERPETUAL ADORATION: Reminding everyone to drop into Adoration anytime from Tuesday 7:30 pm to Friday 8:00am, or consider joining for a regular hour. We are still looking for a courageous person, to join a rotation of 2 parishioners for Fridays 1:00-3:00 AM . Grace received is doubled for Adoration during these hours! For information call Jane Hosdil, 519-827-1929

2018 DONATION ENVELOPES: Your Offertory Envelopes are now available for pick up in Coulson Hall, today, Saturday December 9, 2017. 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, 2017. If you wish to order personalized envelopes, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you. *Italo*

FAMILY CHOIR: If you are interested in joining and/or supporting a new youth group in the parish, or if you and/or your children are interested in joining the 11:00am Sunday Mass Family Choir, please contact me at: pastor@sacredheartrockwood.ca . Thank you, *Fr. Morley*

Today: GINGERBREAD HOUSE RAFFLE: Gingerbread House will be raffled off on Dec. 10, after 9:00 Mass, in Coulson Hall. Proceeds going to the "9am Mass Music Ministry". Tickets: 1 for \$2.00 or 3 for \$5.00 . Also: special Christmas angel decorations, created by Rose Corrigan, will be sold.

THE ANNUAL ADVENT HYMN FESTIVAL WITH THE DIOCESAN CHOIR will be held at the Cathedral Basilica on December 10, 2017, beginning at 7:00 p.m. It is a beautiful and prayerful way to celebrate the Advent season in word and song and to prepare worthily for the celebration of Christmas. Special guest choir: St. Michael Spanish Choir (Oakville). All are welcome.

FROM SACRED HEART SCHOOL

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 8th, 2018.

Kindergarten Eligibility

- must be four years of age on or before December 31, 2018 to attend Junior Kindergarten
- must be five years of age on or before December 31, 2018 to attend Senior Kindergarten

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

Please note: Students currently attending a Wellington Catholic Junior Kindergarten program are NOT REQUIRED to register for Senior Kindergarten. Should you have any questions about registration procedures or requirements, please call your school.

This Week's Events

December

- 11 Rosary for Peace - Sacred Heart (7:00pm)
- 12 Tuesday MASS (7:00 pm)
- 13 Euchre Matinee: (1:00 pm Coulson Hall)
Christmas Pageant (6:30pm Coulson Hall)
- 14 Parade of Lights
- 15 Seniors' Program at Rockwood Library
(11:30am to 1:30pm)
- 16 Christmas Pageant rehearsal
(1:00pm Coulson Hall)

Did You Know?

- * The Feast of St. Nicholas is celebrated on December 6th
- * Bishop Nikola of Myra became famous for his goodness and acts of charity
- * He is very popular in Holland where he arrives on a boat on December 6th
- * He rides ashore on a white horse
- * St. Nicholas is the patron saint of Greece and Russia

CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

Please remember those less fortunate when shopping for groceries. Rockwood Food Bank is in desperate need of non-perishable food items to stock their shelves for the Christmas season. Please leave items in Coulson Hall for delivery.

Charles Vince

Prayer Calendar for Priests

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

- Mon. - Rev. Malcolm Katzenberger
- Tues. - Rev. Arthur Scidmore
- Wed. - Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (C.M.I.)
- Thurs. - Rev. Gary Schlack
- Fri. - Rev. Mervin Perera
- Sat. - Rev. Thomas Manninezath, C.M.I.

expectant Hush rather than a last minute Rush".