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MASS TIMES

Mon–Fri — 7:45am
Sat — 7:45am, 4:00pm
Sun — 7:45am, 10:00am, 12:00pm

RECONCILIATION

After weekday Masses (Mon-Sat)

ADORATION

Holy Cross Perpetual Adoration Chapel

24 hours a day, 7 days a week

PARISH CENTRE OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Fri — 8:30am - 12:00pm

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First Sunday of Advent November 29, 2020

1st Reading:

Isaiah 63.16b-17; 64.1, 3-8

Psalm 80

Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

2nd Reading:

1 Corinthians 1.3-9

Gospel:

Mark 13.33-37

Fellow Parishioners,

Well we find ourselves in yet another lockdown and separated again from the precious sacraments of our faith on this, the first Sunday of Advent. These are indeed challenging and unprecedented times, and we may be left to wonder how we will get by and what our lives will look like on the other side. Personally, I did pretty well the first lockdown. While my house did not get clean and I did not get the pet monkey I so desperately want, I did bond with my children – my youngest is still not speaking to me over the haircut I gave him, but I am sure that will sort itself out eventually. I learned a lot about panda bears watching all those animal videos. Have you ever watched panda bears? They are extremely entertaining and very playful – I might want one of those if I can find a way to stop him from clawing my face off when he gets irritated – apparently they can get irritated quite easily and I have been known to bring that out in people.

I don't find myself doing so well this time around. Perhaps because the protocols are so much more restrictive this time. The Church is locked up and the Adoration Chapel is closed. I feel a bit adrift and I confess to being envious of those people who are quite content to hunker down in their homes either by themselves or with family. I speak to so many people who have taken this time to strengthen their prayer life, to read scripture and to find themselves much closer to Christ than they were when they were able to receive the Sacraments and attend Mass.

The reading for the First Sunday of Advent speaks of the coming of Christ; to be prepared because we do not know the hour. I think that element of uncertainty is a little bit of what many of us feel right now. Each Sunday since this all began we have prayed for protection from this pandemic – protection from sickness, protection for our loved ones but we do not necessarily think about protection from the evil that comes in the form of the despair, hopelessness, and anger that many of us feel right now.

As my dearly departed mother used to say, "this too shall pass", and it will but we cannot sit idly by waiting. We must be vigilant and not allow our current situation to steal our faith or our hope. Inside this bulletin you will find some links, some prayers and some reflections. It is my hope that some of this may speak to you and perhaps bring you closer to Christ during this Christmas season.

God Bless,

Sheila Cornick

Parish Life Director

"Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved."

LINK FOR FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT REFLECTION

<https://reflectionsonthesacredliturgy.com/2020/11/25/2020-11-29/>





ARCHBISHOP ALBERT LEGATT: COME LORD JESUS!

During this very particular Advent season, which starts this Sunday, His Grace, Archbishop Albert LeGatt invites us not to dwell so much on what we may miss out on, but rather to focus on what we indeed have. The very first Christmas, in the stable, was truly quite simple! Although large family gatherings will not be possible this Christmas, Christmas isn't cancelled. This year, we are called to live a Christmas much closer to the first: simple, humble, quiet.

Let us unite ourselves in journeying towards this manger, recognizing that although these are difficult times, our greatest treasure remains: Christ Jesus. During this Advent season, may your home be your sanctuary. May your heart be your tabernacle. And may Christ's presence shine through you into our world as you prepare your heart to receive Christ Jesus this Christmas.

To view this video or His Grace's previous videos, please visit the diocesan website homepage at: www.archsaintboniface.ca.

POPE'S PRAYER FOR PROTECTION FROM CORONAVIRUS

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us:

He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.



WORSHIP IN TROUBLED TIMES BY DEACON GILLES URQUHART

Holy Cross Parishioners, we encourage you to watch the YouTube video, "*Worship in Troubled Times*", which is about Christian worship during the COVID-19 pandemic, from Deacon Gilles Urquhart.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SmNBf0ErUb0&feature=youtu.be>

STRENGTH FOR THIS CHALLENGING TIME

Lord, we pray for your love and compassion to abound as we walk through this challenging season.

We ask for wisdom for those who bear the load of making decisions with widespread consequences.

We pray for those who are suffering with sickness and all who are caring for them.

We ask for protection for the elderly and vulnerable to not succumb to the risks of the virus.

We pray for misinformation to be curbed that fear may take no hold in hearts and minds.

As we exercise the good sense that you in your mercy provide, may we also approach each day in faith and peace, trusting in the truth of your goodness towards us.

(Source: <https://www.holyspiritewloe.com/>)

PARISH FINANCIALS

There are ways to still continue to support the parish during this pandemic:

1. **Direct Deposit**
If you are currently not signed up and you would like to give your donations through this program, you can visit our website at holycrossparish.ca, download a direct deposit form (<http://holycrossparish.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Customer-Agreement-Form.pdf>), and mail the form to us by regular mail or email it at office@holycrossparish.ca. If you do not have a void cheque, please contact the parish office.
2. **Mail your Offerings and donations (cheques only) payable to Holy Cross Parish. Post-dated cheques are accepted.**
3. **Drop off your Offerings and donations in our mailbox.**
4. **Give online at holycrossparish.ca**
Click on the "Give Online" tab, go under "Donation Methods" and "Online".
5. **If you do not want to use PayPal and wish to use your credit card, then go to the Archdiocese of St. Boniface website and click on "Donate to your parish during the COVID-19 pandemic", and you can donate to Holy Cross Parish on the Archdiocese of St. Boniface website.**

2021 PARISH ENVELOPES

Your new set of parish envelopes can be picked up in the parish office during office hours. We will place them in the Church once Masses resume. **Remember, once the new year begins, DISCARD your old set, as envelope numbers can change from year to year. Please do not use the 2021 parish envelopes until January 2021.** If you haven't requested a set of parish envelopes but would like one, please contact the parish office at 204-233-7367 or at office@holycrossparish.ca.

2020-2021 MISSALS FOR PURCHASE

New 2020-2021 Missals are available for purchase at \$6.00 for the upcoming Liturgical Year. They can be bought at the parish office.

MASS INTENTIONS

For everyone who has booked a Mass Intention during the Mass cancellations, we will reschedule your Mass Intention once we know when Masses will resume.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

**First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2020**



"Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time will come." (Mark 13:33)

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our time, our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth.

WARM HUG WINTER COLLECTION IN LIEU OF ADVENT TREE

ADVANCE NOTICE TO PARISHIONERS

Women and children in shelters are still in desperate need of mittens, scarves, hats, and socks in spite of COVID-19.



Between December 13 and the end of January, the CWL will gladly be accepting donations through the parish office (providing any restrictions), by depositing them in the designated bin **located between the office doors**.

Please accumulate your collection so that you can make only one deposit at the parish center.

Thank you for your support and be well and safe.

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