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5:00 PM Saturday Vigil Mass

9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 8:30 PM

Weekday Masses:

8:00 A.M.

No Mass on Wednesdays

Sacrament of Penance:

Saturday 4:15 to 4:45 P.M.

Baptism:

Usually on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Please make arrangements *one* month in advance by contacting the Parish Office.

Marriages:

Please make marriage arrangements six months in advance by contacting the Parish office.

Papal Blessing:

Please allow at least 6 months for Papal Blessing to arrive after the request has been made.

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Email yours to

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before 11:00 A.M. Wednesday

Advent Week I

November 27, 2016

Dear Friends

A helpful way to enter the very special season of Advent is to "get in touch with ourselves." We can often be out of touch with what is going on in our hearts. It may sound odd, but Advent is often obscured by Christmas preparations. It is a busy time, and our heads are not only filled with details to remember, but with all of the expectations, our hearts dance from joy to worry, peace to conflict— in the challenges of family and relationships.

We hear readings from Isaiah that speak of the hope of Israel. The images are darkness and gloom, hunger and thirst, war and conflict; expressing the powerlessness and anxiety we feel when vulnerable and defenceless. There are, however, images of a future day – the day that can only be called "the Lord's", when every tear will be wiped away, when there will be plenty to eat and drink, when there will be no more conflict and no more war. God's salvation will be made known and God's victory will be complete.

These are very precious days for us to come into intimate contact with our own need for salvation. It is a time to make friends with our tears, our darkness, our hunger and thirst. What name can I give to the "restlessness" in my heart? What is the emptiness I keep trying to "feed" with food, with fantasy, with excitement, with busyness? What is the conflict that is "eating at me"? What is the sinful, unloving, self-centered pattern for which I haven't asked for forgiveness and healing? Where do I need a peace that the world cannot give?

Use the book of meditations provided in the bulletin today. Take part in the Parish mission December 5-7 at 7:00 PM Plan to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation at all-day confessions December 13. Meditate on the rich texts of Isaiah, listen to and hear the promises. When my heart and my hands are open – Advent can begin within me.

Father Hamish

Scripture Readings: Nov 28 to Dec 3, 2016

Monday	Isaiah 4.2-96; Matthew 8.5-11, 13++
Tuesday	Isaiah 11.1-10; Luke 10.21-24
Wednesday	Romans 10.9-18; Matthew 4.18-22
Thursday	Isaiah 26.1-6; Matthew 7.21, 24-27
Friday	Isaiah 29.17-24; Matthew 9.27-31
Saturday	Isaiah 30.19-21, 23-26; Matthew 9.35-10.1, 5a, 6-8++



Monday, November 28

8:00 A.M.

†Gloria Russell by CWL

Tuesday, November 29

8:00 A.M.

†Beatrice Gauthier by Phyllis DiBattista

Wednesday, November 30

No Mass

Thursday, December 1

8:00 A.M.

†Luisa Iacoe by Jennie Colizza

Friday, December 2

8:00 A.M.

No Intentions

Saturday, December 3

5:00 P.M.

†Louise Adams by Her Son Mark Lemieux

†Kathy Scott by Robert & Annette Dugas

†Neil McInnis by Mark Lemieux

Sunday, December 4

9:00 A.M.

†Annette Kilty by the Family

†Lena & Francisco Greco by Giovanna Sculzo

11:00 A.M.

Intention of Parishioners

8:30 P.M.

No Intention requested

JOURNEY LOTTERY

It is our hope that approval will be received from the Diocese for the balance of the additional funding necessary to complete the first phase of the 'Gathering Place' and a start of construction in the spring. It will be an important facility for all Catholics and the community as a whole. An important part of the fundraising necessary will be for all of us to take an active role in driving the 'Journey' Lottery to success. We have started a Take-a-Book and Sell-a-Book campaign for which we require additional volunteers and participation in taking and selling a book of lottery tickets. This is an important initiative to make the 'Journey' and the 'Gathering Place' a reality. Now is the time! For books of tickets or to purchase tickets, call Jessica at 705-450-4483 or Sue at 705-256-8474.

Sunday Collections
November 20, 2016

\$4,076.45

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Dec 3/4 2016	Lectors	Eucharistic Minister	Ushers	Greeters
Saturday 5:00 PM	Moyra O'Pallie Maureen Montanini	Terry Colizza Al Lucio Monique Staruck	Bernard Lysiak Richard Bubinas John Slobodecki Paul Logan	Phyllis Delaney Phyllis Wilson
Sunday 9:00 AM	Bernie Doran Dawn Malone	Louise McGuire Terry Lou Legros Maureen Gooderham	Rudy Wheatley Brian Lidstone	Evelyn Theriault Barb Matthews
Sunday 11:00 AM	Sonya Masotti Fil Lettieri	John Bruno Thi Quy Tran Maria Santelli	Ted & Norma Wall Phil Bellerose Tony Pino	Myrtle Corelli Gertrud Wurzer
Sunday 8:30 PM	Ivan McCaig	Maria Pasqua	Gino Filice	

**JOURNEY
WINNER**

**November
20, 2016**

Helen Kwolek

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Advent Mission at Precious Blood Cathedral

Facilitated by Fr. Alex Saurianthadathil

Theme: Creating a Culture of Mercy

December 5, 6 & 7 from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Let us gather together to celebrate the Mercy of God.

THIS WEEK AT THE PRECIOUS BLOOD CATHEDRAL

The Craft Group will be meeting on November 30th from 12 noon until 3:00 PM

Choir practice Thursday December 1st at 7:45 PM

The Rosary is recited after each weekday Mass

DID YOU KNOW:

Candles may be purchased in the sacristy to be placed in the candle stand in front of the Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help to the front and right of the altar.

Knights of Columbus 11608

The Knights of Columbus Council 11608 will be holding their monthly Pasta and Meatball supper at the Grand Gardens on Dennis Street on December 6/16 from 5:00—7:00 PM. Cost is: Adults/\$9.99 and Children \$5.99.

The monies raised from this supper will be used to support The Journey. Hope to see you there and thank you for assisting us in our charitable endeavors.

Catholic Women's League**Blood Donor Clinic**

We thank the ladies who worked at the Blood Donor Clinic this month.

Snowflake Bazaar

Thank you to all who helped in any way with our successful bazaar. We could not have done it without you—knitters, quilters, bakers, crafters and those who donated to the Silent Auction.

Annual Christmas Potluck

Please remember to mark the date for this wonderful event.

When Thursday December 8th

Where: Seniors center on Bay Street

Time: 5.30 pm

Please bring your special dish and a friend or family member

We thank Father Hamish and Father Kumar if they are able to join us

Children's Liturgy: Adult assistance is needed for the sessions. If you can help out please call Janice at 705 949 5939.

Children's Liturgy: Children's Christmas Pageant

Christmas Day at 11:00 am. mass.

See Children's Liturgy Leader or call Janice at 705 949 5939 for more information.

Practice on December 12th and 19th from 6:00—6:30 PM

Please plan to attend.

In the Community

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 13655—Hosting Chicken Dianna Dinner & Bake Sale by the CWL Monday December 5th from 5:00 to 6:00 PM at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish Hall
Adults \$10.00, Children 12 & under \$5.00, Children under 5—free.

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The 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.

In the **Second Sunday of Advent** we hear **Isaiah** write of peace and prosperity that will come when the "root of Jesse" blossoms. "Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them." **Matthew's Gospel** brings us the famous Advent reading of John the Baptist serving as a voice of one crying out in the desert, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."

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You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.



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