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Second SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Dec 8, 2019

Pastor :

Rev. Father Hamish Currie

Assistant Pastor :

**Rev. Father Clarence
Narendra**

Parish Secretary :

Sue St. Jules

Office Hours :

8:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Sunday Masses :

**Saturday Vigil Mass : 5:00 PM
Sunday : 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
and 8:30 PM**

Weekday Masses : 8:00 AM

No Mass on Wednesday

Sacrament of Penance :

Saturday : 4:15 PM to 4:45 PM

Baptism :

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

Marriage :

Please make marriage arrangements **6 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.

Knights of Columbus :

**Kerry Pavoni
705-575-2044**

CWL President :

**Louise Bichler
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Liturgical Music / Choir :

**Bruce Douville
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Bulletin Announcements :

Email yours to
pbcathedral@on.aibn.com
Before 11:00 AM Wednesday

Prayer Line :

**Corona McNally
705-575-6975**



CHRISTMAS EVE MASS SCHEDULE	CHRISTMAS DAY MASS SCHEDULE
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH	WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25TH
5:00 PM (WHEN CHURCH IS FULL DOORS WILL BE CLOSED)	9:00 AM
7:30 PM	11:00 AM
MIDNIGHT	

Blessing Nativity Scenes December 21/22

The Christmas Crib (crèche) dates back to St. Francis of Assisi. It was in 1223 that the first crèche was celebrated in the woods of Greccio near Assisi, on Christmas Eve. Nativity scenes in our homes has become a tradition throughout the world. Pope Francis encourages us to have a Nativity Scene in our homes and more importantly explain the Christmas story to our children and grandchildren. What a wonderful way to evangelize (share the faith). You are invited to bring the "Baby Jesus" to mass on the Fourth Sunday of Advent (December 21/22). We will bless the statues and our efforts to tell "The Nativity Story".

Weekdays Scripture Readings: 9th December to 14th December 2019

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	Genesis 3.9-15, 20	Luke 1.26-38
Tuesday	Isaiah 40.1-11	Matthew 18.12-14
Wednesday	Isaiah 40.25-31	Matthew 11.28-30
Thursday	Zechariah 2.10-13	Luke 1.39-47
Friday	Isaiah 48.17-19	Matthew 11.16-19
Saturday	Sirach 48.1-4, 9-11	Matthew 17.10-13



Monday, Dec 9 **8:00 AM**
 Mary Smeader by Denis & Gerri Chateau

Tuesday, Dec 10 **8:00 AM**
 Jeanne (Blakeslee) Fioretti by Phyllis DiBattista

Wednesday, Dec 11 **No Mass**

Thursday, Dec 12 **8:00 AM**
 Lanie Kennedy by His Mother Marlene & Les

Friday, Dec 13 **8:00 AM**
 Jim McBurney by The CWL

Saturday, Dec 14 **5:00 PM**
 Livio Frani by By Dora Frani & Family

Sunday, Dec 15 **9:00 AM**
 Rosaria Esposito by The Esposito Family

11:00 AM
 Intention of All Parishioners

8:30 PM
 No Intention requested

2020 ENVELOPES

ARE AVAILABLE NOW
 IN GATHERING PLACE HALL
 AT THIS TIME PLEASE
 ALSO CONSIDER SETTING UP
 PRE-AUTHORIZED PAYMENT
 (FORMS ARE AVAILABLE)

This week at Precious Blood
 Our Lady of the Rapids Gift Shop
 will be open on Sunday,
 before and after 11:00 AM Mass
 Coffee will be served
 after 9:00 AM Mass

JOURNEY CONTRIBUTIONS
 Expenses continue, please
 continue your contribution to

Sunday Collections
December 1, 2019

\$3,828.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Dec 14/15	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Greeters
Saturday 5:00 PM	Kathleen MacDonald Kathy Hamilton	Robert Dugas Linda Simonini Anne Greco	Bernie Lysiak Richard Bubinas John Slobodecki Jean Guy Coudert Paul Logan	Barb Matthews
Sunday 9:00 AM	Donna Bos Nick Turco	Paula Smith Alfredo Bruni Denise Colizza	Brian Lidstone	Agnes Cote Sandra Suurna
Sunday 11:00 AM	Andrea Greco Vinnie Greco	John Bruno Bambi Alexander Maria Santelli	Ted & Norma Wall Tony Pino Phil Bellerose	Myrtle Corelli Kathleen Carlson
Sunday 8:30 PM	Rico Iacoe		Gino Filice Terry Zuccato	

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UPCOMING EVENTS AT PRECIOUS BLOOD

The Choir will practice on Dec 12th at 7:30 PM

The Rosary is recited after each weekday Mass

Parish Hall Party Wish List for Gathering Place December 8th 2:00–4:00 PM

ADVENT DAY OF CONFESSIONS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10/19 8:30 AM TO 7:30 PM

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE



Join the League! Members and new members are welcome to **join the league for 2020**. The membership envelope (blue) can be found in the parish envelopes or there is an application form in St. Anne's Room. The annual fee is \$25. If you have any questions please contact Anne Kasch (759-8670) or Maureen Gooderham (945-0852).

A reminder to the **current and incoming executive**, there will be an executive meeting on **Monday December 9th at 12 pm** in the Gathering Place. Current executive, please bring your books if you are passing on information to the new executive.

Ladies who signed up to help serve coffee on the **Day of Confessions** on Dec. 10th, should check their email for schedule.

Thank you to all members who were able to attend the **Christmas Dinner** in our Gathering Place. Also thank you to all those who donated to the men's shelter.

Parish Gathering The Hall Christmas Wish List

You are invited to assist in equipping the hall with the necessities. There will be a list at the entrances to the church. Sign up for that which you would like to donate and bring to the Gathering.

Join fellow parishioners December 8th 2pm -4 pm in the Gathering Place.

For refreshments, carol singing and celebrating.

INTERIOR RENOVATIONS...

To have faith doesn't mean you get any less frustrated when you don't do your best, but you know that it's not life and death. Take what you're given, and when you continue to work hard, you will see results. That will give you the confidence you need to keep going.

Tom Lehman



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**ADVENT DAY OF CONFESSION
DECEMBER 10, 2019**

8:30—9:30 AM Fr Hamish & Fr Paul
 9:30—10:30 AM Fr. Clarence & Fr. Veselko
 10:30 -11:30 AM Fr Veselko & Fr Paul
 11:30-12:30 PM Fr Jean-Pierre & Fr Trevor
 12:30-1:30 PM Fr Boguslaw & Msgr Amadio

1:30—2:30 PM Fr Ron & Fr Angelo
 2:30—3:30 PM Fr Ron & Fr Trevor
 3:30-4:30 PM Fr Alex & Fr Boguslaw
 4:30-5:30 PM Fr Eric & Fr Alex
 5:30-6:30 PM Fr Clarence & Fr Pat
 6:30 - 7:30 PM Fr Paul & Fr Eric

**Celebrate Christmas with the Chamber Singers, Patty Gartshore, Director,
 Sunday December 15, 3:00 p.m. at St. Luke's Cathedral.**

The program includes the most beautiful music of the season, both traditional and new. There is as well an opportunity for audience sing-along. The choir will be accompanied by organist Stephen Mallinger playing the brand-new magnificent Beckerath Pipe Organ. Tickets are \$20.00/ Adults and \$5.00/ Students, available at Savoy's Jewellers or at the door.

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
 IN SOLIDARITY WITH ABORIGINAL PEOPLE
 FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

Thursday December 12, 2019 at 3:30 PM The Rosary & 4:00 PM Mass
 Immaculate Heart of Mary Church 1082 HWY 17E, Garden River, Ontario

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT
 CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD
 Sunday, December 15, 2019 at 7:00 PM
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Second Sunday of Advent

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.”

Thursday we celebrate the **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**.

We focus on the first readings from the Prophet **Isaiah** this week. With the Babylonian Captivity, the temple was destroyed, the leaders of the people were taken away to Babylon and a remnant was left behind. A life-threatening desert separated the people. In this context, Isaiah proclaims God's vindication of the people in exile. The desert will be reborn. A highway will bring their liberation. And the signs will be that there is healing and peace. “Comfort, give comfort to my people,” says the Lord. The valleys will be filled in, the mountains leveled - every obstacle will be overcome - to build a highway for our God to come and save us. The people can hardly believe the good news. They are weak and weary of their captivity. Isaiah proclaims, “They that hope in the LORD will renew their strength, they will soar as with eagles' wings.” He offers support: “I am the LORD, your God, who grasp your right hand; It is I who say to you, 'Fear not, I will help you.'” The people have been at a distance from the Lord for some time and were not obeying the commandments. The Lord says, “I, the LORD, your God, teach you what is for your good, and lead you on the way you should go.” The final first reading this week is a piece from the book of **Sirach** in which the prophet Elijah is praised. Elijah, who was destined to come again to restore order before the day of the Lord, is seen in the reading from **Matthew's Gospel** to be John the Baptist.

The gospels this week, taken from various evangelists, show Jesus as the fulfillment of the liberation promised. Jesus heals the paralytic. He tends to the lost sheep of his flock. He comforts us who labor and are burdened. Jesus teaches a true wisdom.

The **Third Sunday of Advent** repeats an Isaiah reading from earlier in the week, filled with promise, healing and a hope for our longing: “Then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing.... They will meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee.” In **Matthew's Gospel**, John the Baptist hears of Jesus' work and sends a message to his cousin: “Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?” Jesus replies that his work speaks for itself. “The blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them.”