

**Pastor:** Rev. Father Hamish Currie

Parochial Vicar: Father Chadwick James Franklin

> Parish Office: Monday-Friday

9:00 AM to 1:00 PM Kim Gignac

Sunday Masses: Saturday Mass: 5:00 pm Sunday: 9am & 11am

> Weekday Masses: Morning Mass: Tues to Fri at 9am

**Saturday: By Appointment** 

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.

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> CWL President: Louise Bichler 705-945-8259

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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

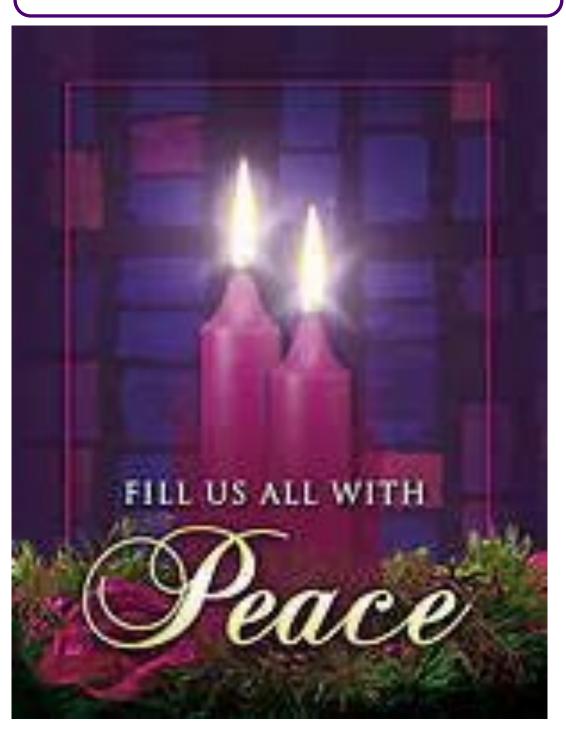
# **Precious Blood Cathedral**

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## **The Second Sunday of Advent**

**December 5, 2021** 



# Precious Blood Cathedral Mass is every SATURDAY at 5 PM and SUNDAY at 9AM and I I AM

### TO RESERVE A SEAT:

Email pbcathedral@on.aibn.com or call 705.256.8474
Reservations must be made each week.

## Volunteers needed for masses!

Please contact the office.

## **December Holiday Mass Times**

Friday, December 24th - Christmas Eve at 5:30pm and 7:30pm. The 4:00pm mass is Full

Saturday, December 25 - Christmas Day at 9am and 11am Sunday, December 26 - Boxing Day at 9am and 11am

Friday, December 31- New Year's Eve at 5:00pm Saturday, January 1, 2022 - New Year's Day at 10am Sunday, January 2, 2022 at 9:00am and 11am

Reserve your seat!

Masks must be worn to enter the church. Thank you.

Daily Morning Masses - Tuesday to Friday
At 9:00am

#### NO RESERVATION REQUIRED

No Daily Morning Masses Friday, December 24 and Tuesday, December 28 to Friday, December 31

#### Weekdays Scripture Readings: Dec 6 to Dec 11, 2021

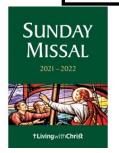
Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	Isaiah 35.1-10	Luke 5.17-26
Tuesday	Isaiah 40.1-11	Matthew 18.12-14
Wednesday	Genesis 3.9-15, 20	Luke 1.26-38
Thursday	Isaiah 41.13-20	Matthew 11.11-15
Friday	Isaiah 48.17-19	Matthew 11.16-19
Saturday	Sirach 48.1-4, 9-11	Matthew 17.10-13

## Help!

We are in need of a Volunteer Coordinator for **Extraordinary Ministers.** 

If you are able to help, please contact the office by email: pbcathedral @on.aibn.com or phone: 705-256-8474

Thank you!



### The Sunday Missals for the 2021-2022

are available to purchase in the office.

Sunday Missals-Living with Christ has all the prayers and readings for Sunday Mass and Holy Days (does not include weekdays)

Sunday Missal \$7.00

## **Coffee Sundays**

The first Sunday of each month—join us after the 9am and I I am mass for coffee in the Gathering Place.

Next Coffee Hour:

December 5, 2021 is cancelled due to Covid restrictions

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## CWL Membership Dues Please drop your dues off at the office by Dec 31, 2021.

#### **BAKELESS BAKE SALE**

A bit of news we have today, a BAKELESS BAKE SALE is on the way.

On these busy days, now who would bake? Pies, Cookies or even a cake?

You'd be surprised if you counted the cost, of materials, heat, and the time you have lost.

Cooking for a sale is extra work, yet nobody really wishes to shirk. So we have thought of a plan that is very grand, and feel quite certain you will understand.

Will you in an envelope please put a price, of a pie or cake or something nice? Without fuss or bother you have done your part, we are sure you will give with a willing heart?

This is the end of our little tale, please wish us success for our BAKELESS BAKE SALE

Sponsored by Precious Blood Cathedral Catholic Women's League
PLEASE RETURN YOUR ENVELOPE BY DECEMBER 12th

It can be put in the Sunday collection basket or brought to the church office.

On behalf of our president Louise Bichler we thank you for all your support

AIR HUGS TO ALL AND PLEASE BE SAFE

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Thursday, December 9, 2021

**†Bernice Wennerstrom by Gerri & Denis Chateu** 

Saturday, December 11, 2021

**†John Paul Greco by Ann Greco** 

†Lynda Salerno by Gerri & Denis Chateau

Sunday, December 12, 2021

**†Joan O'Leary by CWL** 

**†Angela Pagnotta by Anthony & Lena Pino** 

"Look!
The virgin will conceive a child!
She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means God is with us."

Matthew 1:23

#### **Sunday Collections**

November 27-28 2021 Weekend \$2561.50

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#### The Rosary at Our Lady of Fatima Grotto

**Rosary:** The Rosary will be prayed at **4:15pm EVERY DAY.** Sunday to Friday at the Grotto of Our Lady of Fatima in the parking lot of Our Lady of Good Counsel AND on Saturdays, it will be at the Cross by St Basil school.

To avoid having the same channel open at the same time, We are going to change the channel from which the **Mass will be transmitted**. **The radio channel for the Mass will be 92.3 FM**. New posters with both frequencies noting Mass 92.3 FM and Rosary 92.5 FM will be posted.



## The Second Sunday of Advent

"Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God forever." Those words from Baruch are in the first reading for the Second Sunday of Advent. Luke's Gospel offers us a first look at the promise of John the Baptist as he cries out, "Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

Tuesday is the Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church. Wednesday is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, with its own special readings.

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 lifethreatening 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.

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## **Daily Prayer This Week**

Finding intimacy with God in the midst of our busy lives begins with getting in touch with our own desires. Advent is a wonderful time to ask myself, "What am I looking for? What do I desire? What longing can I recognize in my heart?" The answers to those questions will be our best guide for daily prayer. The readings this week offer some possible ways to talk with the Lord about our desires.

We can begin by trying to get in touch with a part of my heart that is divided, perhaps with a desert separating the two parts. For example, is there a disconnect between my primary commitments and the amount of time and attention that I give to them? Is there a distance between who I say I am and who I actually am? Do I experience something missing between what I believe and how I live those beliefs? We all have these contradictions and inconsistencies within us. These are the places into which we can let our Advent desiring grow. This week, we can imagine the prophet saying, "There will be a path between what is separate or divided or at a distance in your life!" or "What is desert, barren, dry and life-less in you will come to life!" We can hear, "You will find freedom and comfort, where you have been finding yourself in a captivity to pattern and routine, where you have felt weak and weary." "Learn from the Lord and learn real wisdom."

When one or more of these desires really strikes a chord in our hearts, Advent begins for us. Each morning this week, we can turn to our God, when we first wake up, while in the shower or getting dressed, and simply ask: "Come, Lord. Come into this place, into this embarrassing place of need in my life." We may be able to be specific and ask, "Please, Lord, come and be with me and bring life and hope into my morning as I face this meeting." As we go to work or do laundry or shop, or head home from work, we might ask, even more specifically, for the grace to love - to take the liberating journey across the desert - and let the Lord bring us home to a place of comfort, healing and peace.

Advent is about our coming to a felt sense of our need for a Savior and letting our Savior into our hearts to save us. Advent comes alive for us as we identify our desires and let them be expressed as longing and expectant hope. Into this space our Lord comes with good news, healing and a peace the world can't give. As we taste our desires and longing grow, we can give thanks each evening before we go to bed, to acknowledge we are being given a great grace of a growing intimacy with our God, right in the midst of our very busy days.

## **Prayer Line**

Anyone wishing to have prayers for a special Intention, or someone who is ill, having surgery, for the deceased, or any other intention

#### **Shawl Ministry**

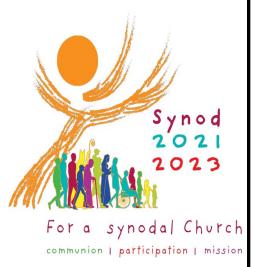
If you know of someone who is in hospital or at home or at the Hospice that is in need of comfort from a shawl.

# National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Aboriginal People and Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Patron Saint of the Americas Feast Day

Sunday, December 12, 2021

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church 1082 Hwy 17E, Garden River, Ontario

Celebration of the Mass - 11:30AM



## **Synod 2021-2023**

Pope Francis is inviting the universal Church to participate in this important Church event. In our diocese, we will mark the opening of the Synod on the third Sunday of Advent. In January 2022, you will be invited to participate during the consultation phase, by sharing your ideas about the Church. Let us pray for the success of the Synod and may we welcome the Holy Spirit to guide us on this synodal journey together.