Our Parish COMMUNITY

December 13, 2020
Third Sunday of Advent (B)
Is 61:1–2a, 10–11
1 Thes 5:16–24
Jn 1:6–8, 19–28

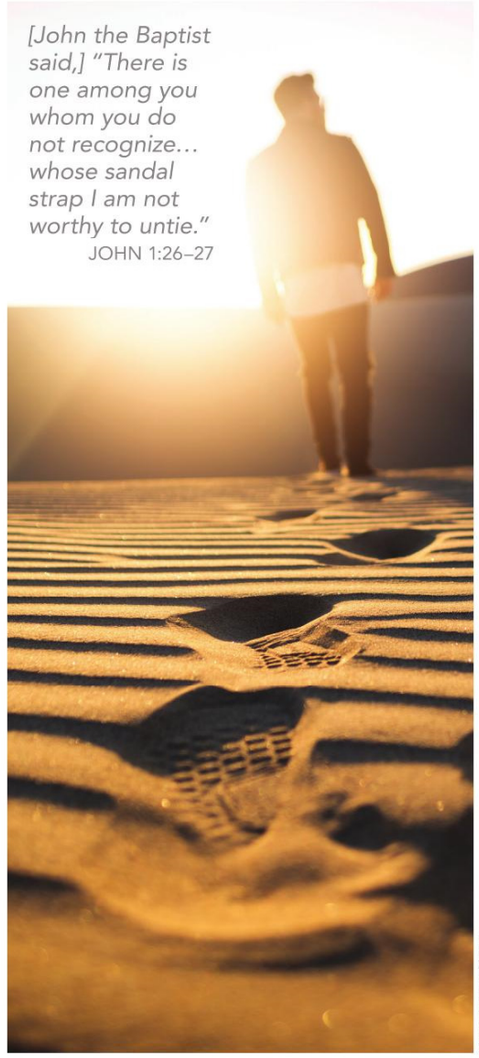
Who Are You?

So far the readings for Sundays in Advent have shown God leading the people into a new way of life—a way of righteousness and loyalty, of honesty and responsibility. Today the readings show the people beginning to see that the accomplishment of this transformation would come through the leadership of one individual. Who might that person be?

The passage from Isaiah describes a prophet, one anointed by God and bringing good news to the poor. When the Baptist appears on the scene in John's Gospel, people wonder if it might be him. He insists he is not the one, nor is he a prophet. Then, "Who are you?" (John 1:19) Recalling the passage from Isaiah read on the First Sunday of Advent, John tells them he is the one repairing the road, getting it ready for the long-awaited one to arrive. He adds that his baptism is a baptism of repentance. He is readying them to be what Paul describes as "perfectly holy...blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thessalonians 5:23).

We now see that these readings are preparing us for salvation. We are now told that such divine graciousness will be inaugurated by an individual, one who has not yet been identified. Will it be a powerful king? A mighty warrior? A spectacular prophet? Those in the time before Christ didn't know. We now know that it will be someone powerful enough to initiate a revolutionary change in the lives of the entire people. Now waiting gets exciting.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA



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FOR Reflection

- *How might you envision this long-awaited one? What do you think the nation needs in a leader?*
- *What kind of revolutionary transformation do you think we need today?*

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OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL PARISH

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday
9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Tuesday , Wednesday & Thursday
9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. & 1:00p.m.- 5:00 p.m.
Friday
CLOSED

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 7:00 p.m.
Sunday
9:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY LITURGIES

Tuesday to Friday
9:15 a.m.

PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Paul Conway
Deacons: Rev. Mr. Walter Morrow (retired)
Diocesan Order of Women: Raymonde Brant
Secretary: Sue Solomon

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Dan Drazenovich
Vincent LaRue
Outreach Member
Christian Formation Member
Randy Johnson
Finance Member
Liturgy Member

ADORATION CHAPEL

Closed until further notice

PRAYER LINE REQUESTS

to place a prayer request, please phone:
Laverne..... 942-7630 (ans. machine)
Betty.....649-3611 (ans. machine)

CHURCH ENVELOPES

If you would like to begin using parish donation envelopes, please contact the parish office.

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December 13th, 2020

E-MAIL: olgoodcoun@shaw.ca
WEBSITE: olgoodcounselssm.com

RECONCILIATION

(At this time by appointment only)

SACRAMENT OF INITIATION

(Baptism) *REGISTRATION FORMS* are available for pick up in the foyer of the church.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the parish office.
A MINIMUM OF SIX MONTHS NOTICE IS REQUIRED.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If you are sick and go to the hospital, please call the parish office 705-942-8546. This will allow us to arrange that you have the Sacrament of the Sick and a Pastoral Visit. Also, Eucharist is brought once a week to those in the hospital by a Pastoral Team member.

"ON CALL" PRIEST

A priest is available in the city for emergencies 24/7.
You can notify the chaplain, nurse or nursing home coordinators to contact the priest ON CALL.

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CHURCH

Our Lady of Good Counsel has resumed Masses

The church will be open 30 minutes before the scheduled Mass is set to begin.

Attendance **must** be reserved by **Thursday 12PM** by **phone**

before the service

Please call the following contacts for the mass you would like to attend

For **Saturday's at 7:00PM** please contact: **Raffaela 705-206-3968**

For **Sunday at 9:00AM** please contact: **Shelly 705-942-3551**

For **Sunday at 11:30AM** please contact: **Rose-Marie 705-253-8797**

55 people being the ***maximum*** number who can attend

(including 10 ministers)

All people must wear a mask in order to enter the church.

If you are experiencing:
a cough
a fever
a sore throat
headache
shortness of breath

please **DO NOT** attend.

Tips of the Month for December for our Common Home

1. Instead of using wrapping paper for gifts, wrap them in seasonal tea towels with a nice ribbon, or just tie a reusable ribbon around them. It's the gift that counts, not the wrapping that is often non-recyclable.
2. Drive your vehicle slowly around the block to heat it up faster than letting it idle for the same amount of time.
3. Install a programmable thermostat

Brought to you by Our Lady of Good Counsel Green Church Committee

Bishop Thomas Dowd's Installation

You will be able to view ***LIVE*** Bishop Thomas Dowd's Installation
December 17th, 2020 at 2:00p.m.
Live Salt + Light Television
Salt + Light Website - https://slmedia.org/

JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT

The Bishops of Canada have produced videos for the Lenten Season.
The links to the videos, in French and English, will be available on the CCCB website
www.cccb.ca
Each Monday, the link for the upcoming Sunday celebration will be released.

Great News…we are now set-up to receive ***e-transfers*** for donations **.**
Please check with your bank on setting this up and ***please note*** that some banks do **charge a fee** for this service .

This is the information needed to set up the church as a
Recipient:
Name: Our Lady of Good Counsel Church
Contact Method: (Email only) - olgoodcoun@shaw.ca

This Week's recap of parish activities:

Mon., December 14th	9:00 a.m. **Parish Office Open**
	4:15 p.m. **Rosary** - Grotto - Church Parking Lot
Tues., December 15th	9:00 a.m. **Parish Office Open**
	9:15 a.m. **Celebration of Eucharist** - Church
	4:15 p.m. **Rosary** - Grotto - Church Parking Lot
Wed., December 16th	9:00 a.m. **Parish Office Open**
	9:15 a.m. **Celebration of Eucharist** - Church
	3:00 p.m. **Eucharistic** Adoration - Church
	4:15 p.m. **Rosary** - Grotto - Church Parking Lot
Thurs., December 17th	9:00 a.m. **Parish Office Open**
	9:15 a.m. **Celebration of Eucharist** - Church
	12:00 p.m. **Choir Practice** - Parish Hall
	4:15 p.m. **Rosary** - Grotto - Church Parking Lot
Fri., December 18th	**Parish Office Closed**
	9:15 a.m. **Celebration of Eucharist** - Church
	4:15 p.m. **Rosary** - Grotto - Church Parking Lot

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sat., December 19th	3:00 p.m. **Rosary** - Cross on St. George's Avenue
	7:00 p.m. **Celebration of Eucharist** – Church
Sun., December 20th	9:00 a.m. **Celebration of Eucharist** - Church
	11:30 a.m. **Celebration of Eucharist** - Church

Eucharistic Adoration

As we wait for word on the re-opening of our Adoration Chapel,
Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish will have
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
1 hour per week on Wednesdays only, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
in the church proper, **(not in the chapel).**

Protocol will be the same as attending Mass. The church doors will be open at 2:30 p.m. A **mask** must be worn, and we ask that you stay for the whole hour. You will be ushered in and ushered out.

Eucharistic Adoration will continue each Wednesday 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. until further notice. All are welcomed.

As we are limited to the number of people attending, we ask that you register by calling at least 2 days in advance.

If interested please call Roberta at (705) 946-0169 or email caymalone@yahoo.ca

God Bless!

"Our soul can find in the Blessed Sacrament all the joys and consolations it desires".
St. Teresa of Avila

SHALOM PLACE presents the O! Antiphons.

Each evening from **December 17 to December 23**,
Shalom Place will celebrate the O! Antiphons
with a presentation on its website - https://www.shalomplace.ca.

Join us to not only bring intensity to your Advent preparation, but to bring it to a joyful conclusion as we anticipate Emmanuel, God-with-us.
See the website for an introduction to the O! Antiphons.
Registration is not necessary.
Just log on to the website and follow the links.

Shalom Place Spirituality Centre

Pause... Reflect... Grow in Awareness...

The happiness you are seeking, the happiness you have a right to enjoy, has a name and a face: it is Jesus of Nazareth.

— Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, August 18th 2005

MASS TIMES BETWEEN CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS

For Christmas we will be offering *5 masses* over the two days.
There is a maximum of 60 people allowed at each mass.
You will need to ***register and obtain a ticket*** for the proper mass you attend

Thursday December 24 @ 4pm FULL
Thursday December 24 @ 7pm FULL
Thursday , December 24 @ 10pm call 705-253-8797
Friday, December 25 @ 9am call 705-942-8546
Friday December 25 @ 11:30am call FULL

When you call, you will give your name (and for each person attending), telephone number and how many from your household that will be attending the mass that are able to sit together.
You will be asked if you will pick up your tickets at Mass or from the office..
The tickets will be ready for **December 12/13, 2020**

Masses for the weekend are :
Saturday, December 26 @7pm call 705-206-3968
Sunday, December 27 @10am call 705-253-8797

Please call to register

Masses for the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God (holy day of obligation):

Thursday December 31 @ 4pm call 705-942-3551

Friday January 1 @10am call 705-253-8797

Masses for January 2 and 3, 2021 will be as usual. Please call to register

Saturday, January 2 @ 7pm call 705-206-3968

Sunday, January 3, 2021 @ 9am call 705-942-3551

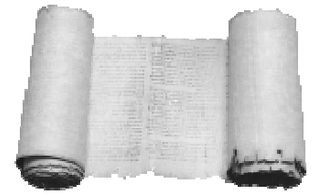
Sunday, January 3, 2021 @ 11:30am call 705-253-8797

Thank you for your patience and understanding through this pandemic.

Know that you are lifted up in prayer each day

The Two Parts of Advent

Part 1: up until December 16



While most liturgical seasons have the gospel as their main focus, during the first weeks of Advent, the Church gives us daily readings from the prophet Isaiah. With the eyes of faith, these foretell the coming of the Messiah. Rather than a continuous gospel narrative familiar to us for most of the year, this part of Advent offers a wide variety of gospel readings that support the first reading of the day. After almost two weeks of Isaiah readings, we hear the foretelling of a Messiah from other prophets from the Hebrew scriptures - in Sirach, Numbers, Zephaniah and returning to Isaiah. With each passing week, the prophets speak more clearly of the coming of a Savior.

So, in reading the first reading, for the first part of Advent, we listen to the anticipation, expectation, hope and promise. In listening to the second reading, we listen for the fulfillment or connection with the gospel.

Part 2: December 17 - 24

In these last eight days before Christmas, the relationship between the readings changes. Now the gospel brings us to our celebration of Christmas. The gospels are taken from the infancy narratives of Matthew and Luke. Each of these days, the first reading is taken from the Hebrew scriptures, and chosen to match the gospel. In many cases we can imagine Matthew or Luke having the first reading open on their desks while they wrote the gospel.

So, we can read the gospel first and then read the first reading. The sense of anticipation and fulfillment builds as we read the story of the preparation for Jesus' first coming into this world for us.

Taken from the "Praying Advent Resources" on the Creighton University's Online Ministries website:
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MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF..... Monday, December 14th 30th to Sunday, December 20th, 2020

Date & Time	Mass Intention	Readings	Readers	Adult Altar Servers	Ushers	Cleaners
Mon., Dec 14th	**No Service in parish on Mondays**	Numbers 24.2-17; Ps 25.4-9 Matthew 21.23-27				**LITURGY SCHEDULES** for **December** are available on our parish website and copies are available in the Sacristy. Contact Geri Plecash for the ministry scheduling at 705-297-7044 (either call or text) or gplecash@hotmail.com
Tues., Dec 15th **9:15 a.m.**	**Loretta Tonon** by Nancy & Eddie Zuccato	Zephaniah 3.1-13 Ps 34.1-22 Matthew 21.28-32	Doris Belanger	Geri Plecash		
Wed., Dec 16th **9:15 a.m.**	**Bob Service** by Tony & Chris Fera	Isaiah 45.6-25 Ps 85.8-14 Luke 7.19-23	Judith Beduhn	Randy Johnson		
Thurs. Dec 17th **9:15 a.m.**		Genesis 49.2-10 Ps 72.1-17 Matthew 1.1-17	Arlette Beaulieu	Margaret Twentyman		
Fri., Dec 18th **9:15 a.m.**		Jeremiah 23.5-8 Ps 72.1-19; Matthew 1.18-24	Margie Skulech	Dennis Smith		
Saturday **Dec 19th** **7:00 p.m.**	**7:00 p.m.** **Peter & Alicia Chant** by Daughters **The Deceased Members of the Lombardo, Muia, Popielarz & Pilat Families** by The Lombardo Family **Stan Lazarovitch** by daughter Carol	Fourth Sunday of Advent Year B	**7:00 p.m.** **TBA**	**7:00 p.m.** Tony Fera	**7:00 p.m.** Carol McFarlane Brian Kelly	**7:00 p.m.** Lois Lemieux Denise Armstrong Fran Yarduk Carla Jerico
Sunday **Dec 20th** **9:00 a.m.**	**9:00 a.m.** **Intentions of all parishioners** by Pro Populo Mass **Helen Durica** by husband Joe **Holy Souls in Purgatory Olar, Nault, Caple and Haight Families** by Rodney & Eva Olar	2 Samuel 7.1-16 Ps 89.1-28 Romans 16.25-27	**9:00 a.m.** Yvan Besner	**9:00 a.m.** Dennis Smith	**9:00 a.m.** Tony Bortone Richard Luciani	**9:00 a.m.** Yvan Besner Eva LaBlance Cathy LaBlance Arlette Beaulieu
11:30 a.m.	**11:30 a.m.** **Ken Frechette** by Norma Poirier **Angela Tombari** by The Family **Ernie Poirier** by Jean-Louis & Lois Lemieux	Luke 1.26-38	**11:30 a.m.** Matthew Lance	**11:30 a.m.** Randy Johnson	**11:30 a.m.** Andrew Deluney Quinto Medaglia	**11:30 a.m.** Denise Deluney Andrew Deluney John Wagner Jamie Yarduk

Note: If you see a **TBA** in your ministry posted in this bulletin and you are available to volunteer for that date, please contact the **PARISH OFFICE**. Thank you.

"Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament has His Hands full of graces and He is ready to bestow them on anyone who asks."

St. Peter of Alacantara

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED
especially for
Carmine Florio, granddaughter of Natasha DeActis
Rocco DiRenzo, brother of Blanche Dilabio
Mike Cadran, brother of Berta Cadran
and
ALL OUR DECEASED FAMILY & FRIENDS.
Please remember to pray for: all the **sick & Shut-ins** in our parish Community.