

St. John Bosco Parish

A Community of Spirit and Faith
First Sunday of Advent, November 28th, 2021

LIVE  EXPECTANTLY

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This weekend marks the beginning of Advent. The word advent means arrival or coming, which is why the gospel takes an eschatological tone. In Catholic theology there are two Advents. The first is Christ's arrival in the world at Christmas, which we commemorate through Advent. The second is Christ's return at the end of time where he will come to judge the living and the dead. The Advent we currently experience.

Much like we prepare our hearts for Christmas, we must also prepare our hearts for Jesus' second coming. In the gospel Christ reminds us that we must be on guard and not squander the time we have on earth. We are called to avoid the worries of this life and put aside the distractions that draw our hearts away from God. Jesus makes it clear that those who fail to prepare will be found wanting when he comes as judge. "Yet the Son did not come to judge, but to save... By rejecting grace in this life, one already judges oneself, receives according to one's works, and can even condemn oneself for all eternity by rejecting the Spirit of love" (CCC 679).

Our ability to overcome these trials is dependent upon our spiritual vigilance. As our loving savior Jesus does not wish to lose a single sheep, which is why he pleads with us to be alert and hold fast to prayer. Protecting our hearts means making Christ our priority. We can begin to prepare by going to mass regularly, seeking the sacrament of confession, spending time in personal prayer and silence, reading scripture, and learning about our faith (especially in areas of morality). If we are going to prepare our hearts during this second advent, then we must take the words of Christ seriously. Otherwise, we may not have the strength to escape the judgement that will take place. We must be diligent and learn to recognize the voice of our Lord. For it is his voice that lovingly calls us home.

Sunday Mass: 10am

Mass Intention November 28th: + Mickey Nevill

Adoration: Thursday 10am – 1pm (8am-7pm December 16th)

Readings for Sunday December 5th

Baruch 5:1-9; Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6

Our Mission: Love God, Love Our Neighbour, Make Disciples

Our Purpose: As a community, we seek to help people **Worship** God, **Connect** with others, **Grow** in faith, **Give** with joy, and **Share** the gospel, so that all may come to know Jesus and recognize that it's good to be Catholic.

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Confessions: As requested or before the 10am mass.

Parish Nurse Ministry: If you, or someone you know, has health issues and could benefit from a visit from our parish nurse, please contact the office.

Prayer Intentions: Wendy Evers, Daena Giannios, Lionel Kuppenbender, Cecile Lanovaz, Anita Langford, Gilliosa Loftus, Brenda Nixey, Gary Nyholt, Lawrence Paul, and all who are sick or suffering. If you know someone who needs to be added or taken off of the list, please contact the parish.

Dates to Remember

December 1st Mom's Connect Group 10am

December 6th K of C 7pm

December 13th CWL 7pm



Fr. Marvin Online

In an effort to stay connected, and offer spiritual support to our parish, Fr. Marvin has been posting weekly online reflections. They can be viewed on our Facebook page or by subscribing to our YouTube channel.

You can access our channel by following the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-1TzamPU4OJeuxwCkqjA>

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS



Reverse Collection

Once again St. John Bosco will be distributing Christmas Hampers to those in need. We require your help to supply the necessary food items for each hamper. On **Sunday November 28th** until **Sunday December 12th** the Giving Tree will be set up in the entrance of the Church.

We invite you take a \$20 donation card off the Giving Tree and return it to the parish by placing it in the Sunday collection basket. All proceeds will go towards buying food items for the Christmas Food Hampers. Please return the envelopes by Sunday December 19th

For those who would like to donate to the hampers but are not able to attend mass, donations can be made by dropping an envelope off in the mail slot at the parish labeled "hampers," by December 19th.

Due to COVID-19 this year's Christmas Hampers will look very different from years past. In order to overcome various challenges, we will once again only be handing out a total of ten hampers to local members of our parish.

Hamper Delivery

Christmas Hamper set up and delivery will take place on Wednesday December 22nd. If you would like to assist with set up or delivery, please contact Diane C. or the parish.

Thank You

Thank you for supporting the Christmas Hampers during this challenging time. COVID has been difficult on many people, this is a wonderful chance to share Christ's love with them.

ADVENT CONFESSION AND ADORATION

This year we are taking a different approach to our Advent Confession and Adoration services as they will be a part of our regular Men's and Women's Nights. Therefore, we will be offering two evenings for Adoration and Confession.

Faithful in All Things

The Women's Group will be meeting Tuesday December 14th at 7pm. The evening will consist of Adoration and Confession, with Christmas Cheer to follow. The evening is open to all the women of the parish.

Going the Distance

The Men's Group will be meeting Thursday December 16th, it will consist of a short talk on Confession, with Adoration, Confession and Christmas Cheer to follow. The evening is open to all the men of the parish.

"Confession heals, confession justifies, confession grants pardon of sin; all hope consists in confession; in confession there is a chance for mercy"
St. Isidore of Seville

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve: Friday December 24th 6pm

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Christmas Morning: Saturday December 25th 10am

Holy Family: Sunday December 26th 10am

Mother of God: Saturday January 1st 10am

Epiphany: Sunday January 2nd 10am

MOM'S CONNECT GROUP

The Mom's Connect Group is a time for young mothers from our parish to connect and support each other through prayer, and fellowship. The group will gather from 10am until 11:30am in the Church. The group will meet the first and third Wednesday of every month, beginning on December 1st. Children are welcome, please bring your own snacks. For more information contact Anne-Marie H.

CWL CLOTHING DEPOT

The CWL Clothing Dept is requiring donations of NEW items for its annual Christmas sale. Needed items are toys, socks, underwear, gloves, toques, sheets, comforters, towels, jewelry, health and beauty items, household items and individually wrapped candy.

Donations help those who are struggling to make ends meet, giving them a joyous opportunity to shop for Christmas gifts for their loved ones. Parents can choose toys and gifts at an affordable price, enjoying the freedom and dignity of making their own purchases, while children with only a few coins can buy a gift for their loved ones.

The sales starts on November 12 and runs until December 23rd. Items can be dropped off between 10am and 12pm Monday to Friday at 619 20th Street West. Please ring the back doorbell when delivering items. Thank you.

CWL MEMBERSHIP

The 2022 CWL Memberships (\$30.00) are due and renewable now. Letters are being sent out. Memberships returned to St John Bosco CWL by December 5th 2021 are eligible for a draw for a FREE membership! New Members are always welcome! Catholic women 16 years or older are encouraged to join ... if only for a silent membership, we welcome you ... every membership counts. We are about Faith, Service and Social Justice as well as the power of prayer. Check out these websites: www.cwl.ca and www.cwlsc.ca. If you have any questions or don't receive a letter, then please contact Arlene Rey (306) 664-4426.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Matthew and Romario who were baptized into our parish community last weekend.