



Dear Lord –

We pray today for peace in our world, and an end to violence. May there be peace in our homes and hearts so that we may live and work together in a spirit of peace and harmony.

Remind us all that we share your world with others, many less fortunate than we are and who may be resentful. Help us to understand their frustration which often expresses itself in violence and anger. Purify the minds and attitudes of men and women in leadership, especially the media, so that they present a better more peaceful view of our world, rather than the violent image that agitates those troubled in spirit.

May the world know the peace of Christ, without which society loses its direction and ignores our deep desire for peace.

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer. Amen.

December 4, 2022

Welcome To

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ADVENT TO CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 2022 - 2023

Once again, we are presented with an opportunity to gather with family and friends preparing to receive the wonderful “Gift” of our Father. The “Gift” goes on revealing as much as we are open to receiving the Lord with a curious heart ever willing to discover the depth of this love the Father has for us. The bible is our Father revealing Himself to us the mystery of His existence and love. Therefore, we take His Word as the basis of our journey during this season to know the truth about this love our Father has for us. Christmas will never be the same if our journey during the season of Advent is never new. The newness of the “Gift” depends on our response to His invitation to enter into a deeper relationship with Him who is giving us the “Gift”.

There is nothing that has been held back from us
to have a truly meaningful relationship with our Father.

On our part, we ought to hold back nothing from our Father. In the letter to the Hebrews we are told, “For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.” (Heb. 4:12). For the newness of the celebration to happen, we need to be bold to take our Father’s Word into our daily lives to enlighten it with wisdom. The awakening to the Word is necessary as it is to repent from the kind of life we are living in order to realise the fullness of the love of our Father through His “Gift”. During this time of Advent for Christmas, we go back to the Word of God, for the Word is for all of us a light to our darkened path.

Together let us wish for an insightful time of preparation for Christmas.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday December 3 7:30 pm
 + Dexter Rico – The Family

Sunday December 4 9:00 am
 + Gerry Cadrin – Elaine & Family

Sunday December 4 11:00 am
 Mass For All People

Monday December 5 No Mass

Tuesday December 6 7:00 pm
 Int. Laurret Young for Health & Healing - Mariane

Wednesday December 7 9:00 am
 + Holy Souls in Purgatory

Thursday December 8 9:00 am
 + Raymond Turner – Randy & Brenda Friedt

Friday December 9 9:00 am
 + Ora Harroun

Saturday December 10 7:30 pm
 + Dexter Rico – The Family

Sunday December 11 9:00 am
 + Frank Bertsch – The Family

Sunday December 11 11:00 am
 Mass For All People

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR THE SICK

Adele Wieggers, Rita Whelan, Doreine Kulpa, L.N., S.H., N.R., M.F., Maysyn Linnen, Anne McConnell, Claire Riseing Virdi, Nomencio Dungca, Brant Broschinski, Julia Aglieco, John K, Kathryn, Phil Holick, Dorothy Leibel, Genevieve Wangler, Barry Walz, M.N., Milton Hauk, David Wieggers, Bernice Joss, Marilyn Pavka, Noemi Gonzales, Yvonne A. Blaine Joss

Parish Advent Reconciliation 2022

December 14th – Notre Dame Parish – 7:00 pm
 December 15th – St. Vital 7:00 pm

The next KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Sunday Brunch will be in January.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

CWL Meeting
 Tuesday, December 6, 2022 following the 7pm Mass
Parish Finance Council Meeting
 Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2022 @ 7:00 pm
Knights of Columbus #7336
 Wednesday December 14, 2022 @ 7:30 pm
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
 Wednesday January 25, 2023 @ 7:00 pm

The **CWL December Meeting** will be on Tuesday, Dec. 6th following the 7 pm Mass. This will be our Christmas party. We will have door prizes as well as treats. All are invited. New members welcome!

Bishops Annual Appeal: "Walking Together in Hope" October 16, 2022 – December 31, 2022 Every gift is greatly appreciated! OUR PARISH GOAL: \$29, 455.00.

As of November 29, 2022, we have received 29 pledges. The amount pledged to the 2022 Bishop's Annual Appeal by parishioners of your parish is: \$9,170.00. Doing the little things in life in Christ's name can be a great way for us to take the steps necessary to become a better disciple. St. Thérèse Lisieux once said, "You know well enough that our Lord does not look so much at the greatness of our actions, nor even at their difficulty, but at the love at which we do them." Please give generously to this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal as you are able.

Vocations Corner – 2nd Sunday in Advent – A

A Vocation View: Isaiah says: "The earth shall be filled with knowledge of the Lord." Who taught you knowledge of the Lord, and who are you teaching today?

Prayer: For all those especially chosen by Christ to "prepare the way of the Lord" in their hearts and the hearts of His people as priests, deacons, brothers and sisters, we pray to the Lord.

Action: IN TALKING WITH YOUR CHILDREN, remember to raise the call to Church ministry? The process of answering God's call begins in childhood. Throughout adolescence & adulthood, the attitudes assumed in childhood begin to influence the course of one's life. A vocation or a talent will not grow to fruition unless it is nurtured in childhood and adolescence by a parent.

We are very blessed to be able to gather again for our annual **St. Joseph Calasanctius PARISH ADVENT POTLUCK** on Sunday, December 11th. We will gather at 5:30 pm. Bring your family and friends for this wonderful supper. You are welcome to bring a non-perishable food item for the Food Drive.

The next **YOUTH MASS will be December 11th @ 11:00 am**
 Youth are encouraged to attend the Mass and stay for refreshments afterwards.

CWL MEMBERSHIPS DUE NOW

Memberships are \$40. Please leave them in the collection basket or drop off at the parish office.

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME!!

New Sunday Missals, Advent Reflections Books & CWL Calendars

are now available in the narthex.

SOUP KITCHEN - Your contributions of extra produce for the soup kitchen would be appreciated. Please drop produce off at the parish office. Thank You.

RCIC 2023 SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

@ St. Joseph's Parish (First Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation) for grades 3-7 students Please contact the Parish Office @ 306-446-1695 or stjosephcalasanctius@gmail.com to register for this program which will start in Jan. 2023.

BAKE SALE - WYD

World Youth Day (WYD) is the gathering of young people from all over the world with the Pope. It is also a pilgrimage, a celebration of youth, an expression of the universal Church and an intense moment of evangelization for the youth world. WYD is happening in Lisbon, Portugal in the summer of 2023.

Joshua Pyle, Sophie Pyle, John Mendez, and Giovana Mendez from St. Joseph Parish will be traveling to this event and will be doing a number of fundraisers in the parish to help with the cost of travel. The first fundraiser will be a BAKE SALE Sunday Dec 11 after each mass.

St. Joseph Social Justice Committee Food

Drive During Christmas school break children in food insecure homes are particularly at risk as they don't have their schools to watch over them and assist when needed. Social Justice Committee is holding a collection for Battlefords District Food & Resource Centre the weekend of December 10th & 11th focusing on items for the 'Children's Backpack' program. The backpacks will be assembled prior to the break so school children in 'food insecure' homes will have food to carry them through until the regular Friday backpack program resumes. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated.

Musical celebration @ St Vital Church
Sunday, December 4th at 2:30 pm

Featuring Dave McQuaid, Erin McQuaid, John Chipak and other talented performers.

A variety of music will be featured! This is a family event! Bring your friends! Donations are greatly appreciated! Proceeds for roof repair.

Empty Stocking Fund Food Hampers

Do you, or someone you know need help this holiday season? The registration is now open: **Monday to Friday 1-3 pm. From November 21 to December 9th 2022.** at the Food Bank, 1171 101st St. See poster for further details.

40 questions on MASS Rev. Joseph Vũ Thái Hòa 10. Why does the priest bow to kiss the altar?

The altar is the most important place of the church, and the central point of the liturgy of the Eucharist. The altar is deemed to be so important because it is the place where God and man meet and are united to each other, where God comes to man and man comes to God. The altar also symbolizes Christ, perfect communication of a meeting between man and God, because in the person of Christ, there are both divinity and humanity. Moreover, the New Testament affirms that Jesus is "cornerstone" on which all are built (Eph 2: 20). Therefore, an altar in stone or with a stone thereon stands for Christ. To the Jews, the altar is both a place for offering sacrifice and a banquet, where the people of God eat and drink. If the altar has so rich a meaning, small wonder that the priest makes a profound bow to kiss the altar at the beginning of Mass. That is an act of reverence towards Christ and His sacrifice.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS

MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Mass: @ 7:00 pm & 10 pm

Christmas Day Mass: @ 10:00 am

New Years Eve Mass: @ 10:00 am

****NO 7:30 pm Mass on NYE – Dec. 31st**

New Years Day Mass: @ 9 am & 11 am

JPII GRADUATES OF 1988 Attention to anyone who graduated in 1988 from John Paul II Collegiate. We are organizing a 35 year high school reunion. The celebration will include catered dinner and a dance at the Rustic 9 on Saturday, July 29, 2023, with mass the next day. Graduates and Plus Ones welcome, as are those who taught that year. Please email interest to chantellavoie@icloud.com, and please share this information with other graduates so that we can formally invite everyone to whom this applies.

Collections			
<u>Date</u>	<u>Envelopes</u>	<u>Loose</u>	<u>Total</u>
Nov. 6/22	\$ 1775.00	\$ 84.00	\$1775.00

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