

[Celebrate Christ! From Water to Life \(Family and Friends Activity\)](#)

Advent & Christmas: For each of the weeks during these two seasons, check out the readings and questions below and discuss them with your families or friends and see how the sacraments have impacted your life/their life. Don't forget to check out the specific pamphlets that go with each season. They can be found on the liturgy page of the Diocesan Website, and there are a few copies in the entrance.

The First Sunday of Advent: November 29, 2020 / Baptism Pamphlet

First Reading: Isaiah 63.16b-17; 1,3-8

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 80.1ab+2, 14-15, 17-18 (R.3)

R. Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.3-9

We wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Mark 13.33-37

Keep alert, for you do not know when the master of the house will come.

Discussion: How does your Baptism connect you to the reading today? What do you know about your own baptism? The date? The Godparents? The church?

Advent food Drive

We invite you to donate items to the **Empty Stocking Fund**. Suggested items will be listed here, each week of Advent. Cash and any item you wish to donate are appreciated. Please place your donation in the barrel at the back of the church.

Week Two: Dec. 6 - Dec. 12

Canned fruit or vegetables, canned meats, condiments and soup varieties, coffee, tea, hot chocolate and juice, Jello and puddings.

Notre Dame School

Notre Dame School Secret Servant missions for November were centered around prayer. The first week we prayed for All Saints and All Souls. We also highlighted our classroom prayer spaces. We also prayed for peace and for those who had fought for peace for our country, Canada. We made posters and poems for Remembrance Day. We began writing Advent prayers to prepare for the birth of Jesus. We will also be creating Advent bulletin boards and spaces to remind us of the importance of Advent. Check out Notre Dame School on Facebook to see our activities!

Prayer for Forgiveness & Healing

**Father of endless love,
Look upon your wounded church
and grant us forgiveness and mercy
for the abuse of children and
other vulnerable members of your church.**

**We ask your forgiveness also,
for all those who covered up crimes
against your beloved children
and who chose to put the reputation
of the church
before the pain and suffering of the
victim survivors.**

**We place before your healing love
the innocent ones and their families
Who have suffered untold harm in mind,
body, spirit and faith.**

**We place before your Son's most sacred
and compassionate heart all the innocent
any wrongdoing
yet tainted and shamed by the scandal.**

**We place before your justice
the perpetrators of abuse
and those who protected them.
Help them to accept their guilt
and to make whatever reparations
that are possible.**

**Guide your church in the care of the victim
survivors and in the protection of all
those to whom we minister.
Send the Holy Spirit to heal your church.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen**

**For prayer requests call the prayer line:
445-8338 or 441-4123**

Notre Dame de Lourdes Parish

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Nov. 28th & 29th, 2020

Pastor: Fr. Cuong Luong
[Confessions before mass or by
appointment Call 445-3836.](#)

Parish Secretaries:

Rose Balfour & Rose McDonald

Caretaker: *Craig Treiber*

Office Hours:

*Tuesday & Thursday only
9:00 – 12:00 & 1:00 – 5:00*

Parish Council Members:

Chairperson - *Glen Gantefer
Alan Corbeil, Nicole Bitner, Hélène Blais,
Dianne Kufeldt, Helen Kayfish*
Secretary - *Rose Balfour*

Parish Finance Members:

Chairperson - *Chris Pollard
Arun Chacko, Jaki Esquirol, Peter Pielak,
Irene Rathke, John Jangula*
Fundraising Chair: *Debbie MacGregor*

**Stewardship Bulletin Reflection
November 29, 2020 — First Sunday of Advent**



Today we begin the beautiful and holy season of Advent. With all that we have going on this time of year, it's no wonder Advent that does not always seem to get the attention it deserves, but if we will commit to living this season well, we will experience a deeper conversion to Christ and find real transformation in our lives as Christian stewards.

Why? Advent calls us not only to look back in grateful contemplation of Christ's first coming, but it also calls us to look forward in preparation for His Second Coming. Advent is a time to reset and regroup, to repent over any misplaced priorities, to turn our minds and hearts back to God while we still have time. We do so not out of fear or guilt, but rather, out of gratitude for Love Incarnate lying in a manger bed.

Whatever we feel God calling us to do this Advent — committing to a daily Gospel reflection, visiting a lonely neighbor, or donating money to those in dire need — there is no time to waste.

Jesus makes this clear in our Gospel passage from Matthew. He tells the parable of a man going off on a journey. Before he leaves, he **"places his servants in charge, each with his own work."** We, of course, are the servants in this parable, each with a mission to accomplish in building the Kingdom of God. Jesus warns us over and over in this passage to remain vigilant to the work He has given us to do because we do not know when we will be called to give an account for it.

Our lives are a gift. This holy season is a gift. Let us recommit to living the stewardship way of life. Love came down to us as a Baby, and He is coming again. Be watchful!

PARISH ACTIVITIES

WELCOME TO NOTRE DAME PARISH

To register, please call 306-445-3836.

CWL Members, it is vital to our organization that you renew your membership. Please do so as soon as possible. Membership fees of \$30, may be given to Betty Znack, dropped in the collection basket, or brought to the office.

Christmas and New Year Schedule 2020-2021

Confession: Due to Covid-19, there is NO penitential service for Advent and Christmas, however there is always *individual confession a half hour before each Holy Mass.*

That is, daily Monday to Thursday from 9:00 am to 9:30 am.

Saturday from 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Sunday from 10:30 am - 11:00 am

Sunday from 4:30 pm - 5 pm, and on

Wednesday, December 16 from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm.

Christmas Eve, Thursday, Dec. 24

St. André Parish: 5:00 pm

Notre Dame Parish:

5:00 pm, 7:00 pm & 9:00 pm

Christmas Day, Friday, Dec. 25

St. André Parish: 9:30 am

Notre Dame Parish: 11:00 am

New Year's Eve, Thursday, Dec. 31

Notre Dame Parish: 7:00 pm

New Year's Day, Friday, Jan. 1, 2021

St. André Parish: 9:30 am

Notre Dame Parish: 11:00 am

Advent

We are now in the season of Advent. The **diocesan website** has resources for use at home with your family. Please go to the website www.padiocese.ca/annualliturgypackage. The theme is ***Celebrate Christ! From Water to Life!***

The Campaign Life Coalition needs your help!
They work on issues that affect life, family and freedom. CLC addresses issues such as putting a stop to abortions and euthanasia. If you make a donation, you will receive their newsletter. Some envelopes are available in the church entrance. Check out their website at www.campaignlifecoalition.com.

Sunday Missals and **Catholic calendars** for the new Liturgical Year are now available for purchase for \$5.00 each.

Chalice catalogues are all out. You can still *place your orders* by going online to chalice.ca.
Let us help put Christ back into Christmas!

Fundraising Committee News

If there are any ticket books available for sale, they will be at the back of the church. If any more come in unsold, we will make them available.

Tickets must be returned to church or to the parish office by **December 13, 2020.**

Sunday's Collections:

Nov. 21st & 22nd, 2020

Loose - \$112.85 Envelopes - \$1,550.00
Pre-authorized - \$485.00

Thank you for your generosity!



Sat. Nov. 28th **7:00 pm** Notre Dame
For the intentions of the people, and for the intentions of the Knights of Columbus Council 2094.

Sun. Nov. 29th **9:30 am** St. André
For the intentions of the people.
11:00 Notre Dame
For the intentions of the people.
5:00 pm Notre Dame
For †† Frank Bertsch by the family.

Mon. Nov. 30th **9:30 am** Notre Dame
For †† Roland Bru by Raymonde Bru.

Tues. Dec. 1st **9:30 am** Notre Dame
For †† Peter Dudek by Rose Marie Heidel.

Wed. Dec. 2nd **9:30 am** Notre Dame
For †† Edmond Beloin by Yvette and Roy Richardson.

Eucharistic Adoration **10:00 am - 11:00 am**

Thurs. Dec. 3rd **9:30 am** Notre Dame
Special intentions of Karen Nachtegaele by COGD.

First Fri. Dec. 4th **9:30 am** St. André
For †† Jeanne Lacoursiere by Elizabeth and Donald McMahon.

9:30 am Notre Dame
For †† John Eckerman & deceased family members by Nettie Eckerman.

First Sat. Dec. 5th **7:00 pm** Notre Dame
For the intentions of the people and for †† Albert Borschneck by Shirley and family.

Sun. Dec. 6th **9:30 am** St. André
For the intentions of the people.

11:00 am Notre Dame
For †† Joe and Christina Baart & John and Hilda Miller, by Sheila and Brian Miller.

5:00 pm Notre Dame
For the intentions of the people.

DIOCESAN EVENTS

Bishop's Annual Appeal

"Go and bear fruit that will last."

October 3, 4, 2020 - December 31, 2020

Every gift is greatly appreciated!

Our goal is \$17, 757.00!

As of November 23, 2020, we have received 38 pledges to the amount of \$9535.00.

The Battlefords Community Youth Club

will be selling their Annual Christmas Baking Trays again this year for delivery dates December 7 and 21. Trays remain \$25.00 for 25-30 homemade baking items. Please call or text 481-5501 to place your order.

Help Us Share the Joy!

If you and your family would like to donate a Christmas Hamper for a family of 4 with two children, including two gifts, we can help you with the list. Either call Erin at 306-937-5505 or email her at erin.k@bdfrc.ca. You may also call the parish office. Please do not wrap the gifts, but label them using gender and age. Hampers need to be dropped off at the Battlefords District Food & Resource Centre on Thursday, Dec. 17 before 4 pm. Please use back door. Perishable items are purchased in bulk by the Empty Stocking Fund (approximate cost is \$70), and if you prefer to make a donation for this amount to help pay for items, that also works great.

Queen's House Retreat and Renewal Centre

welcomes you! Please visit our webpage for a list of all upcoming programs:

http://www.queenshouse.org/?page_id=4399 Nourish your Mind and Nurture Your Spirit at Queen's House! For information contact Sarah Donnelly, Programming Director: 306-242-1916 x226

