

Masses For The Week

THE SEASON OF ADVENT – First Sunday of Advent, Cycle B: December 2 – 10, 2017

Theme: **Waiting for the Lord – Our life is a long vigil, waiting for the Lord to be revealed in all his glory. We wait with longing and with ‘joyful hope,’ for his Spirit is with us, and we know that God is faithful to his promises.**

1st Reading *Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7* Isaiah prays for the Lord’s forgiveness of the people.
Responsorial *Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19* A prayer for the Lord’s protection.
2nd Reading *1 Corinthians 1:3-9* Paul gives thanks to God for the faith of the Corinthians.
Gospel *Mark 13:33-37* Stay awake, for you do not know when the master of the house will come.

Saturday, December 2nd (Psalter: Week I)

5:00 pm **Mass in Oakbank** † Brian Kobylak – off. Michelle & Barry Kobylak

Sunday, December 3rd

9:00 am **Mass in Garson** † Joseph Schieberl – off. Sophie Galka
11:00 am **Mass in Cook’s Creek** † Deceased members of the Ingram & Blank family – off. Irene Blank



“Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time will come.” Mark 13:33

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. Our lives are so busy, many of us are planning our time – our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to what God is saying to you.

Monday, December 4th

9:00 am **Mass in Garson** (RM 131)

Tuesday, December 5th – No Mass Scheduled.

Wednesday, December 6th † In Thanksgiving for Sandra Wyrzykowski – off. The Tri-Parishes.

10:30 am **Mass in Kin Place** (RM 133)

Thursday, December 7th – Memorial: Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor

9:00 am **Mass in Garson** (RM 998)

Friday, December 8th – Solemnity: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 am **Mass (in Garson), Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction** (RM 999)

The Week Ahead

Second Sunday of Advent, Cycle B: December 9 – 17, 2017

Theme: **The Good News – Today we celebrate the Good News of God’s incredible love for all his people. Every messenger of this Good News says the same thing: he is coming to save you; he will make all things new; prepare a way for him; take him to your heart.**

1st Reading *Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11* Isaiah tells the people to prepare a way for the Lord.
Responsorial *Psalm 85:9-14* The Lord’s salvation is near.
2nd Reading *2 Peter 3:8-14* We are waiting for the new heavens and new earth.
Gospel *Mark 1:1-8* Make his paths straight.

Saturday, December 9th (Psalter: Week II)

5:00 pm **Mass in Oakbank**

Sunday, December 10th

9:00 am **Mass in Garson**
11:00 am **Mass in Cook’s Creek** † Dolores Sitarz – off. Florence Sitarz and Family

PLEASE USE SPECIAL ENVELOPES FOR MASS INTENTIONS

MASS – “For from the rising of the sun even to the going down, my name is great among the Gentiles: and in every place there is sacrifice and there is offered to my name a clean oblation. For my name is great among the Gentiles, saith the Lord of hosts.” (Malachias 1-11)

A. The obligation of worship arising from the life God has given you

You know you are made by God. God gave you life. God makes it possible for you at this very moment to breathe, to walk, to talk. God keeps that little organ, the heart, beating in your breast. He gives you food and clothing. Make a list of what God has given you. He gives you everything. You give yourself nothing. The point is that you must acknowledge that God gives you everything you have. You acknowledge it by your private prayers, but especially by worshipping God, both in private and in public. To worship means to acknowledge your total dependence on God. You must worship your God. You are indebted to God. You cannot repay Him for what He has given you, but you can, and you must, recognize and acknowledge what He has done.

B. The obligation of Sunday worship from the law of God

So that you will not forget Him, God Himself tells you in the First Commandment, “I am the Lord thy God, thou shalt not have strange gods before Me.” Then more directly in the Third Commandment, God says to you: “Remember thou keep holy the Sabbath Day.” The obligation of worship on a particular day of the week we find in the Bible.

C. The obligation of Sunday worship from the fact that you are a parent

This section is addressed to parents. If not married yet, read it anyhow, because some day with the help of God you hope to be married, and to become a mother or father.

Parents must worship God on Sunday if they want their children to be good. One of the reasons sisters and priests sacrifice their lives is to make your children good boys and girls. If parents fail to worship God on Sunday they are destroying one of the basic influences of the Catholic school system or classes.

D. Your ancestors worshipped God on Sunday

Let us be practical about this matter of Sunday worship. Today many non-Catholics go to church when they please. Not so your good non-Catholic grandfather and grandmother. Sunday was the Lord’s Day. The Lord came first on Sunday. They knew they had an obligation to go to church every Sunday. You have the same obligation before God. All the priest is asking you to do is to come back at least to this part of your ancestors’ Christianity. Then you are on the road to practical Christianity.

E. Let us explain the obligation now

You probably know that all Catholics are seriously obliged to attend Mass every Sunday. God made all of us, and God made the same laws for all of us. There is not one set of God’s laws for Catholics and another set for those who are not in the Catholic Church. Therefore, we insist that all who are serious about God and religion must go to Mass. There are fifty-two Sundays, and in the United States, and Canada, six Holydays of Obligation. Anyone who is serious about Christianity must assist at Mass on these days, even when busy at home. There are valid understandable excuses for not worshipping God publicly on these fifty-eight days. They will be explained when we explain the Third Commandment. For the present, try to understand that it is a serious sin to miss Mass without a serious excuse.



Say a Prayer for members of our parish communities and non members who are experiencing or will be experiencing health issues and other concerns. No need to elaborate on the issue, but please forward their names to our bulletin email address. The one important request is that permission to print in the bulletin **must** be received from the person(s). This will be the responsibility of the person submitting the information. Fr. Joe had mentioned in one of his sermons that we should live our faith not just on Sundays but throughout the week. What better way to support our parish family than to Say a Prayer!

- ❖ Shirley Wark - prayers for a speedy recovery
- ❖ Greta Koreman & Family
- ❖ Members of our parish communities who are experiencing difficulties

SACRED HEART

The December **Altar Society meeting** will be December 6th at 7p.m. At the rectory. It will include our Christmas party. All ladies from our parish are most welcome to attend. Bring your favourite snack and we will have a small gift exchange which is optional.

There is no scheduled Finance meeting for December. The next one is January 11 th.

Christmas Hamper: The Christmas hamper this year will be an open collection. The staff making up the hampers will sort them into individual ones. All articles **MUST NOT BE OUTDATED OR OPEN**. If you wish to place a gift, mark age and if it is for a male or female or anyone in general. Thank you for your generosity. They have to be handed in by December 8th so we have only one Sunday to collect.

ST. MICHAEL'S

Altar Server Schedule

December 3: Brodie and Grace Kotzer and Madeline Duval

December 10: Daniel and Joe Zubricki

December 17: Riley and Fiona Kotzer and Myah Lessard

Fellowship Sunday

Our next Fellowship Sunday will be December 17, 2017 after mass. All are welcome to attend.

Springfield Food Bank - The next collection target date is November 26. The staff indicates that they are most in need of tuna, cereals & soups. However, they welcome any donations.

New **Sunday Missals** are available at the back of the church for \$5.

Children's Picture Missals are also available for purchase at the back of the church for only \$10 and are a great resource to help children follow along during Mass (and make a great stocking stuffer for Christmas!)



Our prayers and condolences to Greta Koreman, Gerry Koreman Jr. and Fern Tardiff and the rest of the Koreman family on the passing Gerry Sr.

In an effort to share the joy of Christ's birth and his love of the world this Christmas, the Catechism students and families are encouraged to join forces with the CWL in supporting the North End Women's Centre. This centre is a refuge for women who seek support, knowledge, and opportunity as they move forward on their journey towards independence and healthier lifestyle. With them, they also bring young and adolescent children who will not have the same comforts of home that we enjoy during the Christmas season. Students and families are encouraged to donate a simple gift for various age ranges or other staples of the season, such as chocolates, candy canes, hot chocolate packets etc. Gifts such as soccer balls, footballs or basketballs, trinkets or simple jewelry are very welcome so that each child receives a gift for Christmas. Not sure what to buy? Please also consider a cash donation. Donations will be accepted until the 17th of December. Please provide to your Catechism teacher or the Catechism coordinator.

Upcoming Catechism lessons:

December 3rd - Regular Lesson

December 10th - Partnership Sunday

December 17th - practice for Youth Christmas Eve Mass

Children and Youth Christmas Eve Mass - We are seeking children volunteers to take part in the Children's Christmas Eve Mass. Some of these part involve minor speaking roles. We encourage as many children as possible to take part in the children's pageant as well as filling other roles such as ushers and readers during this mass. Additionally, the choir will also be predominantly lead by the youth of St. Michaels. We encourage all youth in our parish to assist in providing music ministry for this mass if they do not wish to take part in other roles. If you have a young child or children.

St. JOHN PAUL II

Our **Christmas Pot Luck Dinner is on Sat. Dec. 16**, directly following Mass. Start planning what you would like to bring to the dinner. There will be a sign- up sheet at the back of the church. It's not necessary to state what you are bringing, just indicate if it is a hot or cold dish, salad, dessert, pickles & cheese. The surprise is part of the fun of a pot-luck dinner!

The new Sunday missals are now available at the back of the church.

St. John Paul II has a membership number with the **Red River Co-op**. If anyone wants to donate their fuel purchases, our number is **500286**.

Our next Board meeting is **Thursday December 7th** at 7:15 p.m.

We extend a warm welcome to all visitors in our church community and invite you to register and join our parish. You can do this by completing the form on the back page of the bulletin and leaving it either with a greeter at the door or place it in the offertory basket. We are happy to have you be a part of our church community and to share our spiritual journey together.

Grey Cup Winners for 2017 (St John Paul 11 Catholic Community) are as follows:

L and R Cloutier, P and D DePourcq, M Wilkinson, L Doerksen, G Saunders, S Hutchinson
J Klatt, R Young, C Comstock, B Hansen, W Oberick, I Sookermany, D Bouchard, S Schamp
J Arsenaault, N Crittin, B Nance, D Reinisch, D Noone, D Black, M Dewyn, G Schubert

St. Michael's CWL

CWL Membership Dues this year will cost \$27.00 Please pay dues to Marleen Bell by December 31, 2017 .

Special thanks to all the volunteers who provided their time and talents this week. It has been a very busy week for the CWL!

Anyone going to **Canadian Blood Services** to donate blood can give a number that goes towards the **CWL Partners for Life Membership** . Our number is CATH 011269. Anyone can use the number, not just CWL members but their spouse, family and friends as well.

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"Polski Czat" *** Our informal Polish language group meets on the 1st and 3rd **Monday** of each month from 7 to 9 PM in the St. Michael's Church Hall.
Newcomers welcome! For more info call Liz @ [204-444-3247](tel:204-444-3247)

Social Action - Development & Peace

The Joint St Boniface an Winnipeg Diocesan Councils will hold their December Meeting on **Tuesday December 5th** at 7 PM at 151 rue de la Cathedral.
We will have a special guest and refreshments
Please contact Liz Hogue @ 444-3247 if you are interested in attending

Upcoming Events

Polski Czat every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 7 PM - St. Michael's
December 7th - St. John Paul II Administrative Board meeting at 7:15 PM
December 17th - Fellowship Sunday - St. Michael's
December 21st - St Michael's Administrative Board meeting at 7 PM

We extend a warm welcome to new members of our community! If you would like to join our parish family, please complete the registration form below and place in the collection basket during offertory. Thank-you!

REGISTRATION or CHANGE FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____

Registering with:

- St. Michael's Parish Cooks Creek or
- Sacred Heart Parish Garson or
- St. John Paul II Catholic Community

In need of Sunday Envelopes? (please circle) YES NO This is a (please circle) NEW or CHANGE of address



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Please contact
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