

**2nd Sunday of Advent – Sunday of Faith
December 7, 2014**

Dec. 8	1:00 pm 6:30 pm	Bible Study Rosary C.W.L. Potluck Christmas Dinner (Father Trudeau Rm.) (Bring Food Donation for Veteran's Food Bank Please)
Tues. 9	9:00 am 7:30 pm	Mass – CWL Req. Catholic Women's League Penitential Service
Wed. 10	6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	MASS with Marian Devotions Clayton & Katherine Green (+) Req. Bill & Mary Al Duffy Choir Practice-11 am Sun Choir R.C.I.A. (Fr. Trudeau Rm.) Confessions (Pope St. John Paul II Room)
Thur. 11	9:00 am 11:00 am 6:30 pm 7:30 pm	MASS –Cecilia Blanch (+) Req. Joe Hoffman Drop-In Centre Sandwiches Choir Practice- 5 pm Sat Choir Choir Practice- 9 am Sun Choir
Fri. 12	9:00 am	MASS - Joseph & Lucy Rodricks (+) Req. Lorna Rodrigues
Sat. 13	4:00pm-4:30 pm 5:00 pm	Reconciliations MASS – Don Laurendeau (+) Req. Leonard Fabes
Sun. 14	9:00 am 11:00 am	MASS – Joyce Kelly (+) Req. John Kelly MASS Caridad Jaylo (+) Req. Sorayda Villaneuva

Please Pray for the Sick and the Dying:
***"Someone remembers, someone cares;
your name is whispered in someone's prayers."***

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Christmas Hampers

Preparation of the Christmas hampers - Dec. 8 to 13th.

Would you like to help?

- **Parish volunteers – welcomed & very much appreciated.**
- Volunteers are asked to help move the gifts to Corpus Christi hall. **Meet at the Church at 9:30 am on Monday the 8th.**
- The gifts are sorted at the hall from Monday to Wednesday.
- Families invited to wrap **the gifts Wednesday starting at 7:00 pm.**
- Food for the hampers arrives at the hall on **Friday at 10:00 am.**
- Families are invited to **stock the hampers at 7:00 pm Friday.**
- The hampers are delivered **Saturday morning starting at 9:00 am**
Where is the Hall?
Hall Address: 5931-4th St. N.W.
(one block north on the west side of 4th Street).

Message from the Pastor

As we welcome the new Liturgical Year with the Season of Advent, I invite all of you to join our community preparation for the Feast of the Lord's Nativity – Christmas.

Prepare the way of the Lord – spiritually.

- ✓ Find time for pray with the family (Advent Wreath Prayer).
- ✓ Get reconciled and be at peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- ✓ Give love by helping the needy

On Dec. 13/14 Sunday Masses, we will have a second collection for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to help those in need.

Rejoice in God's Mercy:

A Hug from God Is All You Need (cont'd)

The confessional is one place we can really be honest. We can let down our guard and look at ourselves. Things sometimes are lousy, we are not always at our best, but in the confessional we can admit our failings and struggles and remember that with God change is possible. Like John the Baptist, the "I" in our lives must diminish and Christ must shine forth more and more. Like a carefully formed clay jar with a spigot in the bottom, we are called to let the love of God flow through us and into the other. We are perfect in God's eyes; we just don't always make perfect choices. Allow the love of God to flow abundantly through you.

Action Item – 2nd Sunday of Advent

You have been identifying God's blessings and making room for Christ's love in your heart.

This week, turn the tables.

- ☺ Find 3 opportunities each day to show God's love to others.

Action Item - 1st Sunday of Advent

- ☺ Name the dust and grime in three areas of your life that need Christ's help to clean out.

Action Item from Nov. 23, Feast of Christ the King:

- ☺ At the end of each day in Advent, hold on to Jesus.
- ☺ Name at least three ways Christ has loved you and others.

Attention Parents:

Registration Deadline

for your child to receive the

**Sacrament of
Confirmation**

– Friday, December 19, 2014

(forms/meeting schedule in the entrance)

**Wanted! 4 Female Sponsors to Mentor
Candidates to become Catholic!**

Occasionally, meet for coffee and
Attend Wednesday evening R.C.I.A. Meetings
Help teach about Christ and His Church!
Contact Ave Maria Hoepfer through the parish
office.

Christmas Flowers for the Church



Love lasts forever...	With much love ...
Ricky Anderson	Norm & June Anderson
Brady Family	Anna Quinlan
Sally Brown	Ave Maria Hoeper
Maurice & Sonia Conner	Don & Trish Zboya
Shirley Cummins	Ave Maria Hoeper
Yvonne Henry	Ave Maria Hoeper
Caterina Marchese	Nicola Marchese
Marion Joyce Kelly	John Kelly
Quinlan Family	Mairead Sattler
Peter & Rose Zboya	Don & Trish Zboya

Donation Envelopes and Christmas gift cards available in the Entrance. Simply drop in the Collection. Print please.
Note: Deadline Tues., Dec. 16th for the names to be posted either on the bulletin board or in the bulletin.

Golf Pass Books \$42. Parish Office

- \$10 per book helps Society of St. Vincent de Paul

New Year's Eve Mass will be at 5 pm.

- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- Benediction at 11:45 pm
- Please drop in anytime after the 5 pm Mass until Benediction and spend some time with the Lord.

K of C "New Year's Eve GALA"!

Wed., Dec. 31st Parish Hall

- ☺ Doors open 6 pm to 1:00 am
- ☺ Prime Rib Dinner @ 6:45 pm
- ☺ **Limited Seating: Tickets: \$50.00 each**
- ☺ Music by: DJ Newton
- ☺ Cash Bar
- ☺ Fundraiser for Vocations and Religious Education for Adults in Vocation
- ☺ For tickets: **Ed Grantham 403 270-0521**
Theresa Granger 403-275-2632
- ☺ To donate much needed items for prizes for their raffle and silent auction:
- ☺ call **Ed 403-270-0521**
Theresa 403-275-2632

Drop In Centre Sandwiches

Parish Office Door by Thurs. Dec. 11, 11 am

Denitential Service: Tues., Dec. 9, 7:30 pm.

Our parish children will be receiving the Sacrament of First Reconciliation.

Please come and support them as well as prepare for the coming of the Lord.

(As we did last year, we will also have confessions here and in every Parish in the Diocese on Wed., Dec. 3, 10, 17th for Advent from 7:30 to 8:30 pm.)

Parish Penitential Services -All at 7:30 pm	
Tues. Dec. 9	Corpus Christi
Thurs., Dec. 11	St. Joseph 640-19 Ave. N.W.
Fri., Dec. 12	St. Agnes (Carstairs)
Tues., Dec. 16	St. Pius X 2424-24 Ave. N.W. St. Peter's 541 Silvergrove Dr. N.W.
Wed., Dec. 17	St. Mary's (Corner of Hwy 22/ River Heights Dr. in Cochrane)
Thurs., Dec. 18	Ascension Parish 1100 Berkshire Blvd. N.W.

Operation Clean Sweep

Bring your families at 9 am, Sat. Dec. 20 and help clean the church!

Help keep our church clean and in good shape!

Please, **no food in the Church (Nave)**

Please, take your children to the Fr. Trudeau Room to eat food and drink your coffee there.

Blessing of a Christmas Tree

All make the sign of the cross.



Leader:

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

All: Now and for ever.

Leader:

Brothers and Sisters

listen to the words of the apostle Paul to Titus:

**But when the kindness and generous love
Of God our Saviour appeared,
Not because of any righteous deeds we had
done,
But because of His mercy,
He saved us through the bath of rebirth
And renewal by the Holy Spirit,
Whom he richly poured out on us
Through Jesus Christ our Saviour,
So that we might be justified by his grace
And become heirs in hope of eternal life.**

Leader: Let us Pray.

Lord our God,

**We praise you for the light of creation:
The sun, the moon, and the stars of the
night.**

**We praise you for the light of Israel:
The Law, the prophets, and the wisdom of
the Scriptures.**

**We praise you for Jesus Christ, your Son:
He is Emmanuel, God-with-us, the Prince of
Peace,
Who fills us with the wonder of your love.**

Lord God,

**Let your blessing come upon us
As we illumine this tree.**

**May the light and cheer it gives
Be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts.
May all who delight in this tree
Come to the knowledge and joy of salvation.
We ask through Christ our Lord.**

**May Almighty God bless us,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
Amen.**