

**3rd Sunday of Advent – Sunday of Joy
December 14, 2014**

Dec. 15	1:00 pm 6:30 pm	Bible Study Rosary
Tues. 16	9:00 am 6:30 pm	Mass – Pro Populo Mass for the Parishioners Corpus Christi School Advent Celebration
Wed. 17	1:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Seniors Cards (Fr. Trudeau Rm) MASS with Marian Devotions Vanessa Obligacion (+) Req. Obligacion family Choir Practice-11 am Sun Choir R.C.I.A. (Fr. Trudeau Rm.) Confessions (Pope St. John Paul II Room)
Thur. 18	9:00 am 6:30 pm 7:30 pm	MASS – Ciccio Verardi (+) Req. Caterina & Roberto Verardi Choir Practice- 5 pm Sat Choir Choir Practice- 9 am Sun Choir
Fri. 19	11:00 am	MASS- Pro Populo Manor village at 6700 Hunterview Dr. Deadline to register child for Confirmation!!
Sat. 20	8:30 am 4:00pm-4:30 pm 5:00 pm	Operation Clean Sweep Reconciliations MASS – Robert Reid (+) Req. Bob & Janet Reid
Sun. 21	9:00 am 11:00 am	MASS – Irene Wheeler (si) Parish of Corpus Christi MASS Annie & Anthonio Carvalho (SI) Req. Annie Carvalho

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

Parish Penitential Services -All at 7:30 pm

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

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	Canadian Martyrs Parish
Thurs., Dec. 18	Ascension Parish 1100 Berkshire Blvd. N.W.

Advent is a time for JOY.

This joy is rooted in the knowledge that God has loved us so much that he sent a Saviour to us, in order that we ourselves might be saved.

Operation Clean Sweep

Bring your families at 8:30 am – 10:30 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 bring children to the Fr. Trudeau Room to eat food while you have your coffee.

Message from our 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)

We often forget that we were created in the likeness and image of God and that one of our main responsibilities is to magnify God in and through our own lives. Sadly we sometimes come up short. When we lose sight of God’s gifts to us, of the mercy He has shown us, we begin to place ourselves first and leave God behind. God is patient, loving and merciful. He waits for us to become more aware and he gives us opportunities to lift our voices to the glory of his name. People sing “Happy Birthday” even if they can’t carry a tune. The birth of our Saviour is upon us! Let us all lift our voices in song and feel the tender warmth of the Father’s hug.

Action Item – 3rd Sunday of Advent

Christ extended his life before we ever said “sorry”. Mercy does not wait for an apology. In whatever way you have been hurt, this week take the first step towards reconciliation with another.

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.

Thank you for your financial support

Sunday Offering	5,998.60
Annual Bishop’s Appeal Together in Action	894.65

Attention Parents:

Registration Deadline

for your child to receive the

**Sacrament of
Confirmation**

– Friday, December 19, 2014

(forms/meeting schedule in the entrance)

Wanted!

3 more 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 Hoeper 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
Arthur Lees	Anne Lees
Caterina Marchese	Nicola Marchese
Marion Joyce Kelly	John Kelly
Theresa & Hugh Purtill	Lorraine Purtill
Quinlan Family	Mairead Sattler
Jean & Mike Yarmie	John & Eileen Gerritsen
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

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- **Big Thanks to all who Contributed to helping those with less!**

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

Women's Weekend Silent Retreat:

Jan.30 - Feb.1 @ Mount St.Francis,
A weekend to foster prayerful listening and
responding to our God.

Theme: The Beatitudes in Luke's Gospel.

Call: Simone 403-284-1702; or Margaret 403-689-0358 or Dayna 403-460-7381 or Dianna 403-680-0358 (retreat group from Cdn Martyrs)

'Twas the night before Jesus came

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And all through the house
Not a creature was praying,
Not one in the house.
Their Bibles were lain on the shelf without care
In hopes that Jesus would not come there.

The children were dressing to crawl into bed,
Not once ever kneeling or bowing a head.
And Mom in her rocker with baby on her lap
Was watching the Late Show while I took a nap.

When out of the East there arose such a clatter
I sprang to my feet to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash!

When what to my wondering eyes should appear
But angels proclaiming that Jesus was here
With a light like the sun sending forth a bright ray
I knew in a moment this must be THE DAY!

The light of His face made me cover my head
It was Jesus! Returning just like He had said.
And though I possessed worldly wisdom and wealth,
I cried when I saw Him in spite of myself.

In the Book of Life which He held in His hand,
Was written the name of every saved man.
He spoke not a word as He searched for my name:
When He said, "It's not here.", My head hung in shame.
The people whose names had been written with love
He gathered to take to His Father above.
With those who were ready He rose with a shout
While all the rest were left standing all about.

I fell to my knees, but it was too late;
I had waited too long and thus sealed my fate.
I stood and I cried as they rose out of sight;
Oh, if only I had been ready tonight.

In the words of this poem the meaning is clear;
The Coming of Jesus is drawing near.
There's only one life and when comes the last call
We'll find that the Bible was true after all!

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