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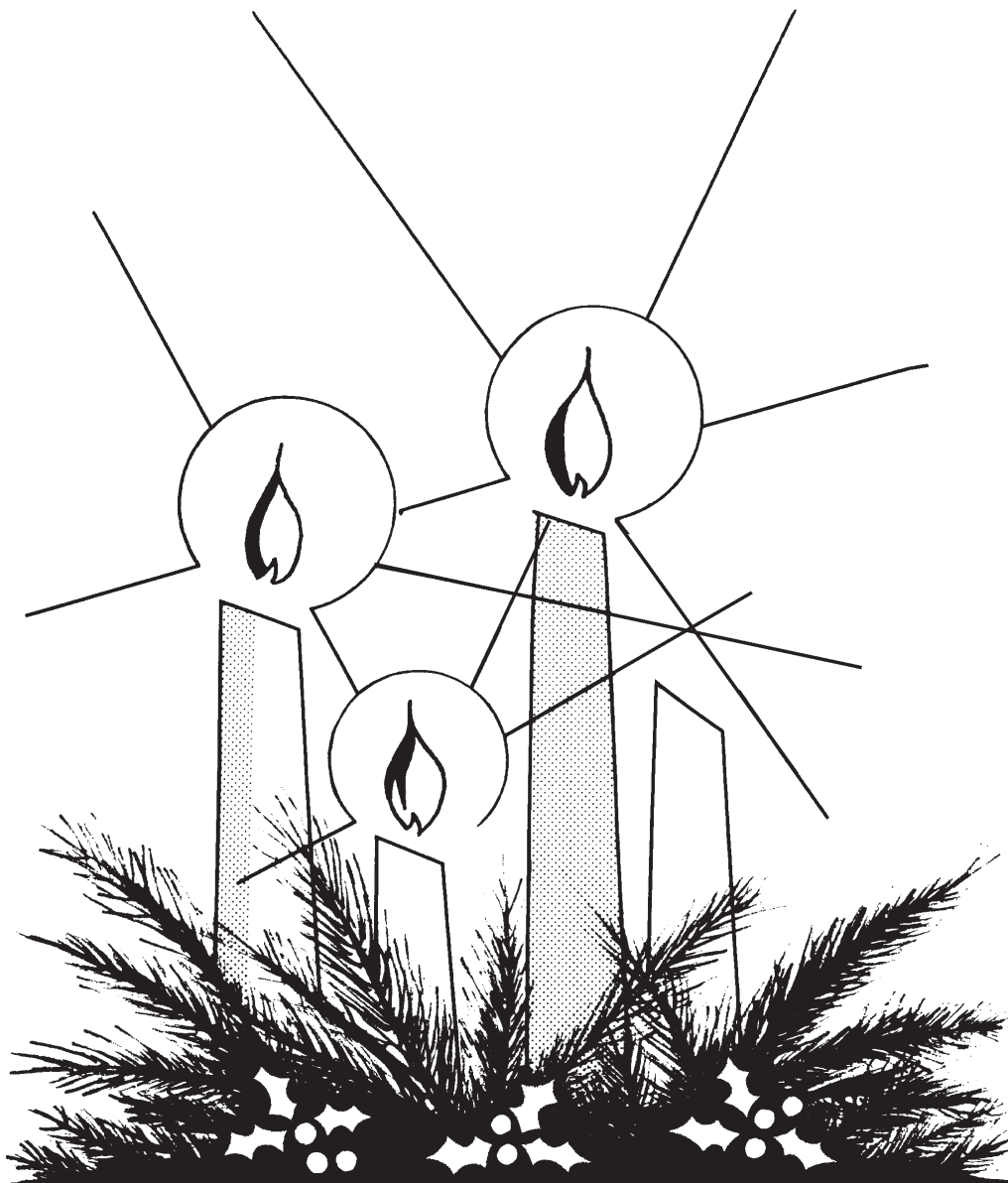
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Advent

December 16 and 17, 2017 - Third Sunday of Advent



Day/Time	Date	Intentions
Sat. 5:00pm	December 16	+ Mary Treacy requested by Aidan and Maureen Carr, Kevin, Vickie, Kevin Jr. Doherty
Sun. 9:30am	December 17	People of the Parish
Sun. 11:00am	December 17	+ Frederick and Mary, Kathryn Nelson requested by Nelson Family
Tues. 9:00am	December 19	Clare Courneye requested by Francine Lupton
Wed. 9:00am	December 20	Fr. Maurice Foley requested by Mary Mulrooney
Thurs. 9:00am	December 21 St. Peter Canisius Priest and Doctor of the Church	+ Joseph Cassar Requested by Barry Ross
Fri. 9:00am	December 22	No Mass Intention

The Advent

Advent comes from the Latin word meaning "coming." Jesus is coming, and Advent is intended to be a season of preparation for His arrival. While we typically regard Advent as a joyous season, it is also intended to be a period of preparation, much like Lent. Prayer, penance and fasting are appropriate during this season.

Advent is not as strict as Lent, and there are no rules for fasting, but it is meant to be a period of self-preparation. The purple color associated with Advent is also the color of penance. The faithful should fast during the first two weeks in particular and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The color of the Third Sunday of Advent is rose. This color symbolizes joy and represents the happiness we will experience when Jesus comes again. The Third Sunday is a day of anticipatory celebration. It is formerly called "Gaudete" Sunday; gaudete means "rejoice" in Latin.

Finally, Sundays during Advent, just as during Lent, should not be given to fasting, but instead to celebration because we celebrate the resurrection of Our Lord every Sunday. It is important to remember, however, there are no particular rules for how the laity should observe Advent. – From the Catholic Online.

Bible Study

Join your fellow parishioners in the upcoming last session of our Advent Bible Study; Sunday Dec.17 after the 11 a.m. Mass, from 12:15-1:00 pm in the Atrium Level 2 Room. Everyone is welcome to join us in this faith-sharing whenever you are able.

The Collection on December 9 and 10, 2017 was \$2,164.70.

The Sunday Offertory Collection and PAG are our only viable source of income.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

Please consider donating through PAG – Pre - Authorized Giving. You can set-up your PAG donations on a weekly or monthly basis. PAG Cards are available at the vestibule of the church to be used instead of the regular envelopes during the offertory collection.

Also ***please seal your donation envelopes.*** When some envelopes are not sealed, your donation tends to slip out of the envelopes. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Sacramental Calendar

Please submit the baptismal forms four weeks before the baptismal date. This will allow the office to gather all information necessary for the baptism.

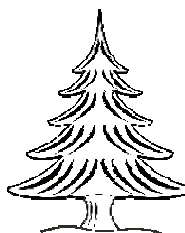
A Baptismal Preparation Course for parents intending to have their infants get baptized is being offered every first Sunday of each month. Next Baptismal Preparation Course will take place on January 7, Sunday, at 12 noon, at Corpus Christi Parish Hall. If you are not registered, please pick up forms at the Parish Office. Baptism next month (January 2018) will take place on January 21, Sunday, at 12 noon, right after the 11:00 am Mass.



A BIG Thank You to all of you who helped in making our Children's Christmas Party a huge success. Santa came and sang carols with the

children, the craft table was very busy, and so was our food table. It was a joy to hear and see the children happy. It was an event that made our community alive and well.

Christmas Tree



We are very grateful to David, Derek, Pete and Steve who run the Beaches Lion Club Christmas tree lot – they are once again donating a tree to our parish. For 25 years these men have been delivering a Christmas tree to us so, please drop by and help support them and say thank you. Their lot is on the Lakeshore at the foot of Woodbine just west of the Olympic Pool.

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Mass Schedule

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Dec. 23, Saturday 5:00pm

Dec. 24, Sunday 9.30am

Dec. 24, Sunday 11:00am

Christmas

Dec. 24, Sunday 5:00pm - Christmas Eve

Dec. 24, Sunday 7:00pm - Christmas Eve

Midnight Mass

Dec. 25, Monday 11:00am - Christmas Day

New Year

Dec. 31, Sunday 5:00pm – New Year’s Eve

Mass for all the Faithful Departed for 2017
and their families

Jan.01, Monday 11.00 am – Mary Mother of God

Day of Obligation in Canada

Christmas for the Homebound

It is that time of year again when all of us here at Corpus Christi are asked to remember our people who are unable to attend the Christmas celebrations due to ill health or other reasons.

We ask for your generous donations for us to deliver personally to show that we have not forgotten them. A few suggestions: notebooks, pens, socks, soaps, toiletries, hand towels, word puzzles, jams, cookies, candies, hot chocolates in small packets, tea, mugs, or anything you think a senior, male or female, would like. Please bring your gifts to the Rectory until December 18th 2017 and we will gift bag them. Thanking you in advance, The Elves.

2018 Envelopes

The Envelopes for 2018 are ready for pick up at the back of the Church from this weekend. If you are picking up envelopes for your relatives, friends, or neighbours, please fill out the sheets provided in the folder next to the boxes. If you did not receive envelopes for 2018 please contact the office.

Pre-Authorised Giving (PAG) is the most viable way to support the parish. At this time of the year, we encourage you to consider changing from the use of envelopes to the PAG. The sign-up sheets for PAG are available at the back of the church or you can pick it up from the office during the office hours.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul



There is no better time than the Christmas season to live Christ's message "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'" (Mt. 25.40)

Your weekly donations to the Corpus Christi Society of Saint Vincent de Paul poor boxes help us provide emergency food, clothing and transportation assistance to our neighbours in need throughout the year.

The need is especially great at Christmas:

We are also looking for donations of presents toward the Christmas "Angel" Tree program to bring Christmas celebrations to the children of our neighbours in need. Presents to be returned to the church by Dec 17th

Lastly, there will be a second collection this weekend Dec 16th- 17th for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Envelopes will be in the pews.

Christmas Flowers



Help us refresh the Church this coming Christmas. We are hoping that we can count on you for any amount of donation that will go towards the lights and flowers, and other decorations that will brighten

our Church. Envelopes are in the pews. Corpus Christi thank you for your support and consideration.

Christmas Prayer for the Family

Lord Jesus,

Master of both the light and the darkness,
send your Holy Spirit upon our
preparations for Christmas.

We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces
to hear your voice each day.

We who are anxious over many things look
forward to your coming among us.

We who are blessed in so many ways long for
the complete joy of your kingdom.

We whose hearts are heavy seek
the joy of your presence.

We are your people, walking in darkness,
yet seeking the light.

To you we say, "Come, Lord Jesus!" Amen.

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