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2nd Sunday of Advent December 6, 2020

God's Call

Each year, the Gospel passage of the second Sunday of Advent is taken from the account of the life of John the Baptist. This year it is from the Gospel of Mark. John is in the wilderness proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. He is preparing the way for Jesus.

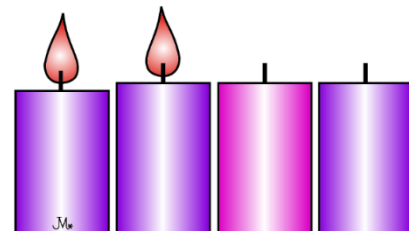
John would later identify Jesus as the Messiah when he baptized Jesus. "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit. And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God" (John 1:32-34).

This week, December 8, is also the feast of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This feast commemorates Mary being conceived without original sin. Mary was prepared in a special way to bear Jesus.

Mary was called to be the mother of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Upon hearing the angel Gabriel, Mary was confused and had questions, but she accepted this call by trusting and having faith in God. "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." (Luke 1:38).

The general call of a Christian is to know, love and serve God. However, God calls each person to serve in a particular way. John the Baptist had a unique call. Mary had a unique call. Each of us has a unique call as well, because there is no one else like us. It takes all kinds of talents, gifts and personalities to build and carry out the Kingdom of God.

Conversion to Jesus and his call is an ongoing journey. We are called to spend time with God, to be in his presence and to pray to him. Prayer does not need to be formal or long; it is simply having a conversation. Talk to God, but also make time to listen to him. We may not always see it, but he truly wants what is best for us.



**Make straight a way
for God in your hearts.**

COVID-19 Update

The entire province of Manitoba is under Code Red Alert as of Thursday, November 12th. Please be advised that there can be NO gatherings of any size for weekday or Sunday Masses. No in-person services can take place for at least four weeks.

If you need to get in touch with the parish: please contact the office and leave a message, or email Sister Maria at cicarellim@shaw.ca, and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Let us remember to pray for each other and for our province, country and world during this time of pandemic.

May Jesus & Mary enfold you and your families with their protection, tenderness and peace.

Livestreaming of the Diocesan Sunday Masses

Archbishop Albert LeGatt invites you to participate, in as much as possible, in Sunday Mass live, while it is being celebrated. The simultaneousness of our prayers and songs, no matter where we are, represents an active participation in that particular moment of prayer and gathering.

In French at 9:00 a.m. and in English at 10:30 a.m.

The liturgies can be accessed via the YouTube channel of the parish of Saints-Martyrs-Canadians: [youtube.com/channel/UCFLbnkM6HIRYpb4QjiXeBOg/live](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFLbnkM6HIRYpb4QjiXeBOg/live) or on the Diocese's Facebook page at [facebook.com/ArchSaintBoniface/live](https://www.facebook.com/ArchSaintBoniface/live).

Television Masses

While you are unable to attend Mass in person during this time, daily TV Mass can continue to be a source of faith, connection and comfort. Masses are available on Vision TV, Salt and Light TV, and EWTN.

Condolences

We regret to inform you that one of our beloved parishioners, Raymond Malech, died this week.

Please pray in a special way for Ray that he may now enjoy the fullness of light in God's loving presence...and for consolation and peace for his family during this difficult time of loss.

Eternal rest grant unto Ray, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Come, Lord Jesus, come!

Catechism News

We are still accepting registrations for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist. Registration forms are located on our website.

The Preparation meeting for each sacrament will start on:
January 9, 2021 for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
January 16, 2021 for the Sacrament of Confirmation.
February 20, 2021 for the Sacrament of Eucharist.

Parents of the children already registered for each sacrament will be receiving an invitation two weeks prior to the first meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact Kate Klassen, Catechetical Coordinator by email kateklassen@live.com or call the parish office at 204-669-0501.

Diocesan Patronal Feast Mass of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin December 8, 2020

This Mass, presided by Archbishop LeGatt, will be livestreamed at 8:00 p.m. in English from Saints-Martyrs-Canadiens Parish. A French language Mass will also be livestreamed at 6:30 p.m.

The liturgies can be accessed via the YouTube channel of the parish of Saints-Martyrs-Canadians: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFLbnkM6HIRYpb4QjiXeBOg/live> or on the Diocese's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ArchSaintBoniface/live>

Advent Prayer, Reflection and Adoration With Archbishop LeGatt

Join us via Facebook for a special half hour of Advent prayer, reflection and adoration in English with Archbishop Albert LeGatt, livestreamed from his private chapel at the Archdiocesan Centre. Every Friday during Advent at 7:30 p.m.

This special time follows a French language period of prayer, which begins at 7:00 p.m.

To view, visit the diocesan Facebook page at:
<https://www.facebook.com/ArchSaintBoniface/>



**Please pray for the sick,
their families and their caregivers**

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Available by appointment. Please email Father Owen or call the office.

Anointing of the Sick: Available by appointment. Please email Father Owen or call the office.

Baptism: Please email Sister Maria or call the office.

Marriage: Please call the office one year in advance.



How May We Help?

If there is anything you need from us please do not hesitate to call. If we are not able to answer your call please leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

Paper Copies of the Bulletin

If you or someone you know would like a paper copy of the bulletin please contact the office.

How to Donate to your Parish

1. We strongly encourage signing up for direct deposit, especially during this time of pandemic. To sign up for direct deposit please contact the office at 204-669-0501 or finance@hrwpg.ca.
2. Donations may be dropped off at the parish office Tuesday to Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. and Friday 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
3. Donations may be sent in by mail.
4. Donations may be dropped off in the mailbox Tuesday to Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. and Friday 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. We recommend that donations not be dropped off in the mailbox evenings and weekends for security reasons.
5. Parishioners may donate through the Archdiocesan website using your credit card (not the preferred method as there is a 3% fee that our parish incurs).


Thank you for your continued generosity during this challenging time of pandemic.



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Pope Francis' Monthly Intention For December 2020

For a Life of Prayer

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be
nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

Although we have no Masses at this time, please
continue to pray for all of our parishioners and for an
end to this pandemic.

Feasts For December 6 – 13 2020

Sunday Dec 6 2nd Sunday of Advent

Monday Dec 7 Saint Ambrose

Tuesday Dec 8 The Immaculate Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday Dec 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe,
Patron of the Americas

Sunday Dec 13 3rd Sunday of Advent

Saint Ambrose

In 374, Ambrose became the bishop of Milan and was one of
the most important theological figures of the fourth century.
He influenced St. Augustine's conversion and baptized him.
Ambrose died in 397. In 1298, he was declared one of the
four great doctors of the Latin Church. He is the patron saint
of beekeepers, beggars, learning and Milan.



Our Lady of Guadalupe Patron of the Americas

In 1531 at Tepeyac, Mexico, Our Lady appeared to Juan
Diego. She left orders for him to go to the bishop and ask
that a church be built. The bishop asked for a sign. Our Lady
provided roses for Juan Diego to give to the bishop. He
carried them in his cloak and when he opened his cloak, the
roses fell out and there was an imprint of Mary on the cloak.
This cloak is preserved in the Basilica of Our Lady of
Guadalupe in Mexico City.

