

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### Mass Intentions



### for the Week

December 17<sup>th</sup> - December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018

Mon. Dec. 17 <sup>th</sup>	8am	+Connla Boccus
Tues. Dec. 18 <sup>th</sup>	8am	+Howard Swain
	8:40am & 9:55am	Cardinal Carter H.S.
	1pm	Light of Christ School
Wed. Dec. 19 <sup>th</sup>	8am	+Frances Fitzpatrick
	10am	Willows Estate
Thurs. Dec. 20 <sup>th</sup>	8am	+Patrick & Eulalie Kinney
	2:15pm	Chartwell Resthaven
Fri. Dec. 21 <sup>st</sup>	8am	Claudia & Brian Watts Sp.Int
	11am	Chartwell Park Place
Sat. Dec. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9am	+Russ Hinds

### EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

Based on the Proclamation of John the Baptist: Luke 3: 1-6. What hinders our journey to Christ and as a witness of Christ to others?

**Make his paths straight:** Do we have a place for God in our life? Are we prayerful? Do we easily get distracted from time to pray? Do we read scripture and other books that will help us to deepen our faith in Christ? Do we make our marriage a place to meet God? Do we waste the material good that life offers (food, energy, water)? Do we use our talents and opportunities well? Are we generous with our resources to charity and those in need?

**Every valley shall be filled:** Do we fill our life with work or play to the detriment of our relationships with God and others? On the other hand, are we lazy? Do we fill our life with food or drink? How important is gossip to us? Do we have petty dependencies on t.v., the computer, the daily paper, or endless newscasts.

**Every mountain and hill shall be made low:** Are we an obstacle to good relations in our home, family or workplace? Do we seek out reasons to miss mass on sins Sunday? Do we hold onto old resentments or hurts or as a reason for not living our lives fully in Christ?

**The crooked shall be made straight:** Are we honest in all of our dealings? Are we greedy or selfish? Do we take advantage of others? Do we tell the truth? Do we avoid exaggeration or the need to put ourselves at the center of every story?

**Rough ways made smooth:** Do we use foul language? Do we tell crude stories? Do we have a strong attraction to pornography? Do we set a bad example for others? Are we intemperant in our demeanor at home or at work?

### Act of Contrition

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins, because of Thy just punishment; but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to sin no more and to avoid the near occasions of sin.

Amen

### POINSETTIAS OF REMEMBRANCE

It has become our tradition to invite people to bring in poinsettias as a gesture of remembrance for those who will not be with you this Christmas. It may be for a loved one who died this past year or many years ago.

Poinsettias can be dropped off on the weekend of the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> in Lynett Hall. They will be used to decorate the church just before Christmas.

### CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

As in the past years we will be inviting you to make homemade Christmas decorations for the Christmas tree which will replace the Jesse tree at the front of the church.

We are not looking for store bought decorations, there are lots of those at the church.

What can you as a family or an individual come up with? You will be able to put these on the tree beginning December 17<sup>th</sup>. Decorations are not returned after Christmas. Some will be saved for coming years.

### EDGE

The last meeting before the Christmas break will be on Friday, Dec.21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm. We will begin in Lynett Hall then proceed to a nursing home to do some caroling.

### CONFESSIONS IN THE PARISH

We will be celebrating reconciliation in the parish on **Dec. 18**. In the evening we will have confessions beginning at **7pm** with visiting priests. We will begin at 7 since the preparation materials are in this week's bulletin.

There will be two other hours on that day when confessions will be available; **8:30 to 9:30** in the morning and **4:00 to 5:00** in the afternoon.

We will have some limited time for confessions on Christmas Eve from 10 to 12 noon and of course our regular Saturday time at 4, but we encourage as many as possible to use the Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> time and lighten the load on Christmas Eve.

### NEW ENVELOPES

Envelopes for 2019 are available after mass today in Lynett and near the exits. Thank you to everyone for their faithful support of the parish.

Any excess income that we have in 2019 will be used to defray the costs of our renovations.

### DONATIONS FOR 2018

CRA (Canada Revenue Agency) reminds all charitable organizations that donations for 2018 should be given in 2018.

We must avoid the idea of letting donations come in during the early part of January and crediting them for the previous year.

This may be more relevant in the parish right now since we are in the capital campaign. For those who are planning to make a generous donation with a view to the tax deduction for this year, we thank you for your support, but ask that the donation arrive no later than Dec. 31, 2018.

### BAKE SALE & SING-A-LONG

Aurora Community Cafe will have a Christmas sing a long and bake sale on Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> from 10am - 2 pm. This will be the last Cafe until the new year so please come out and support this community initiative. If you would like to contribute to the bake sale please bring your baked goods to St. Andrews Presbyterian on Wed. Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> after 9:00 am. All proceeds will enable the Community Cafe to continue its good work within our town.

### CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

#### Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, Dec. 22nd 5pm

Sunday, Dec. 23rd 8:15am, 10am, 12 noon, 7pm

#### Christmas (Nativity of the Lord)

Monday, Dec. 24th 4pm in the church AND Lynett Hall,

6pm, 8pm and Midnight in the church

Tuesday, Dec. 25th 8:15am, 10am, 12 noon

#### Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, Dec. 29th 5pm

Sunday, Dec. 30th 8:15am, 10am, 12 noon, 7pm

#### The Solemnity of Mary

Monday, Dec. 31st 5pm

Tuesday, Jan. 1st 10am and 12 noon  
(no 8:15am or 7pm)

### JESSE TREE

Your Jesse Tree gifts can be put in the box under the tree. Socks and underwear can be put on the stage in Lynett Hall.

Thank you to everyone who is responding to this excellent effort again this year.

### CALLING ALL ANGELS, SHEPHERDS AND WISEMEN



Please join us for our annual children's dramatization of "The Nativity Story" at the 4pm Mass on Christmas Eve. If your child is interested in participating please complete the following 3 steps:

- 1) Email Jane Casey at [jane.casey@rogers.com](mailto:jane.casey@rogers.com) and indicate the role your child is interested in playing. We will distribute all leading parts before the rehearsal (Mary, Joseph, star, wisemen, Gabriel and Herod).
- 2) Attend the 45 minute rehearsal on Saturday December 22nd at 10 am in the Church.
- 3) Come to the Church Christmas Eve at 3pm ready to perform!

See you there!