

DECEMBER 1 & 2, 2018 – First Sunday of Advent



Day/Time	Date	Intentions
Sat. 5:00pm	December 1	+ Fr. Bijo, CMI
Sun. 9:30am	December 2	People of the Parish
Sun. 11:00am	December 2	+ Peter Nightingale requested by the Nightingale family
Tues. 9:00am	December 4 <i>St. John Damascene</i>	No Mass Intention
Wed. 9:00am	December 5	No Mass Intention
Thurs. 9:00am	December 6 <i>St. Nicholas, Bishop</i>	For Healing of wounds
Fri. 9:00am	December 7 <i>St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church</i>	+ Stanley D'Cruz requested by the Narcis family
Sat. 5:00pm	December 8	+ Vi & John White requested by the White family
Sun. 9:30am	December 9	People of the Parish
Sun. 11:00am	December 9	People of the Parish

**The Collection on November 24 & 25, 2018 was
\$1,544.05**

**Last years collection November 25 and 26, 2017 Was
\$2,398.55**

**PAG Collection for the month of November 2018 is
\$4,487.67**

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

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

Maintenance Collection Update

***The maintenance collection
for September and October was \$4,641.45***

As announced, work has begun on the installation of automatic door opener and repairs to the doors at the west entrance to increase accessibility; tuck-pointing, window repairs on the north-west of the building and parking lot repair. Our goal for the fall maintenance collection this year is to raise \$ 20,000.00 to partially cover the cost of these repairs as well as a new sound system in the parish hall.

***This weekend is our maintenance collection for
November***

Thank you for your continued support!



Parents with children in Grade 7 are requested to register them for Confirmation preparations. Registration forms for Confirmation and Schedule of preparations are available at the back of the church and in the parish office.

Please note: The deadline to submit duly filled form is December 31, 2018 and the mandatory parents meeting is on Saturday January 12, 2019 from 6:15 to 7:30 pm in the parish hall.

**Advent
Reconciliation**



The Advent Reconciliation at our parish will be celebrated on Tuesday, December 18 from 9:30 am to 10:30 am and from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Please make use of this opportunity to prepare ourselves to celebrate the birth of Christ.

Lighting the Advent Candle

During the season of Advent, parishioners are invited to light the Advent Wreath at each weekend Mass. Would you like to be a part of this tradition? Sign-up sheets are available at the back of the church. If you are interested please sign-up for the day and Mass time of your choice.

Thank you for keeping the tradition alive!

Casting Call!

Calling all children and teens who would like to participate in the 2018 Christmas Pageant, taking place on Christmas Eve at 7:00 pm mass. To sign-up, see Andie or Steve Ozimec after 11:00 am Mass on Sunday, December 2, or email sozimec@gmail.com for more information. We also need adult volunteers to help make this event a success! Email us if you can help out! Our first practice will be Sunday, December 9 from 12:30 - 1:30, so sign up as soon as possible!



Please join us for a parish Christmas celebration on December 16, 2018 at 12 Noon. Following the 11:00 am mass we will gather in the parish hall for a sing-a-long and luncheon for all parishioners with special goodies and activities for the children! At 2:00 pm we will go up to the church for a reading of Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol with music provided by our choir. This is a 'pay what you can' event and a collection will be taken in support of the building fund. Please join in the fun.

Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule

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

**Dec. 24, Monday 7:00 pm - Christmas Eve
Midnight Mass**

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

Dec. 31, Monday 5:00 pm – New year's Eve
Mass for all the Faithful Departed for 2018 and their families

Jan.01, Tuesday 11.00 am – Mary Mother of God
Day of Obligation in Canada

Prayer for First Week in Advent



Almighty and loving God, we have searched our hearts and reviewed our love for your people. Some relationships over-flow with love while others have been found wanting.

Yet it is our desire that you be a part of every human experience. We beg you now to fill our hearts with your love and sharpen our awareness of your presence in every moment so that wherever we go and whatever we do, we will always stand secure before you. Amen.

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 26 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.



A big thank you to our great team of Volunteers that helped to make our Christmas Craft Fair a big success. We commend each and every one of you who worked tirelessly towards the accomplishment of our goal. We would not have achieved this success without you. Our sincere thanks and appreciation go to the craft fair committee members, café crew, Santa, donors of baked goods, quilts and other raffle gifts, vendors and many more who had contributed their precious time and talents. The total proceeds of \$ 5,050 will help the parish to meet its various needs.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul



Our Angel Tree is up! There are 55 children in the neighbourhood that we will be giving a Christmas present to.

We ask you to please select an angel from the tree, shop for a present for that child and drop off the present along with the tag back at the tree. Presents must be new, unwrapped and not include any personal messages. Please return the presents by December 16th.

This weekend the Bundle Up truck is in the parking lot for our winter collection. We are looking for gently used clothing and linen for the Society stores.

Thank you for your continued support for our neighbours in need.

Remembering the Homebound

Many of our parishioners are Homebound and are unable to partake in the Christmas celebrations. During this season of Joy and Hope, we remind them that they are not forgotten, Homebound members of our parish will receive a gift bag, hand delivered to them.

We are asking for donations of toiletries, pens and notebooks, word puzzles, cookies, candies, jam, mug, coffee and tea, socks for both men and women, tea towels and anything else that you would like to share with our community's Homebound.

Please drop off your donations for the Homebound at the Rectory office or at the front of the Church, before or after any of the Masses, nearest the Lockwood entrance to the Church. Donations will be gratefully accepted up until and including Thursday, December 20th, 2018.