



Our Lady of Peace Parish

DECEMBER 11, 2016 #3/16-17
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



*The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing...
Isaiah 35:1-2*

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POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR December 2016

Universal: That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over.

Evangelization: That the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.

Stewardship Reflection

Each of us has his or her own role to play in the coming of the kingdom of God. John the Baptist was called to be the herald of the Messiah, preparing the way of the Lord. To what is the Lord calling me?

The Sacrament of Baptism - is celebrated when needed. Call Parish office to register for the one-day class

The Sacrament of Marriage - please contact Fr. Peter at least 6 mos. prior to intended marriage date.

RCIA/RCIC - begins in Fall - Call Fr. Peter to register or more info.

Reconciliation - celebrated before every Weekday, and Sunday Mass or call Fr. Peter for an appointment.

Hospital or Shut-Ins - would like a visit or the Eucharist -or require a Ride to Church - contact Parish Office

MASS TIMES

SATURDAY: 5:00 PM

**SUNDAY: 9:00 AM
10:30 AM**

WEEKDAY: 9:00 AM

Pastor's Message

"Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" (Mat. 11.3) After listening to today's gospel, we

may question: 'why John the Baptist asks this strange question? did John not baptize Jesus and have a short conversation with Jesus at the Jordan River, did he?' Christ is still the great mystery of God. Even the mystery of Incarnation was announced to Mary and she gave birth to Jesus, Mary still had to open herself to this mystery that continued to be revealed to her until the last minute of her life. We can prove this by reading carefully the whole of the gospels and the acts of the apostles.

During this season of Advent, again and again we are invited to read the Scriptures, especially the New testaments, to pray and to open ourselves up in order to receive the revelation of God's coming to transform our lives and the world. Reflection, learning and opening himself to God's revelation were the ways that St. John the Baptist did as the herald of the Messiah. At the end he was able to achieve his great mission of being the herald of Christ. We are called to be heralds of Christ too. The only way we can respond to this call is by doing our best to welcome Jesus fully to come into our lives. The level of Jesus' coming into our lives is the level of the possibility of our achievement our mission entrusted to us as herald of Christ to the world.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Fr. Peter Thang Nguyen

Readings



December 12—18, 2016

Mon Dec 12: Zech 2:10-13, Lk 1:39-47
Tues Dec 13: Zeph 3:1-2, 9-13, Mt 21:38-42
Wed Dec 14: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25, Lk 7:19-23
Thurs Dec 15: Is 54:1-10, Lk 7:24-30
Fri Dec 16: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8, Jn 5:16-17, 33-36
Sat Dec 17: Gen 49:2, 8-10, Mt 1:1-17
Sun Dec 18: Is 7:10-14, Rm 1:1-7, Mt 1:18-24

Dear Parishioners,
I have asked to leave the diocese to serve the Archdiocese of Galveston in Houston Texas. I have received this permission and I will be leaving Our Lady of Peace Parish at the end of December 2016.

I thank you for all the happy times that we were able to share together while working in our parish. I ask for your continued prayers for me in my new ministry and I as always will continue to pray for all of you and for Our Lady of Peace Parish.

God Bless,
Fr. Peter Nguyen

Building Addition Committee News

- FINAL DRAWING IN THE GATHERING AREA. PLEASE CHECK THEM OUT.
- TRADES PEOPLE HAVE DONE A WALK THROUGH JUST THIS PAST WEEK FOR THE FINAL TENDERING.

December 12—December 18

Monday December 12
9:00am-Mass
10am-Bible Study—1309 Dover Ave.
Tuesday December 13
6:30pm-Mass
7:00pm-Pastoral Council
Wednesday December 14
9:00am-Mass
9:45am-Srs' 20 20 20 Gold
6:00pm-RCIA
Thursday December 15
9:00am-Mass
1:00pm-St. Michael's School Mass
Friday December 16
9:00am-Mass
1:30pm-Srs' Stretch and Relaxation
7pm-First Reconciliation Celebration
Saturday December 17
5:00pm-Mass-St. Gregory Advent Mass
Sunday December 18 - Fourth Sunday of Advent
9:00am-Mass
10:30am-Mass—For all Parishioners

Advent Journey—We Prepare

Wednesday December 21, 7:00 p.m.:
Parish Advent Reconciliation Service

Other ways to Prepare

◆ The Archdiocesan Resource Centre has a number of wonderful new Christmas DVDs that your whole family can watch together. To borrow these resources, please feel free to drop by the Archdiocesan Resource Centre at 445 Broad St. N or call Sr. Rufina B. Dubao, sihm at 352-1651 ext. 238 or email rdubao@archregina.sk.ca.

Advent Week Three Reflection:

Our Gospel for this weekend is taken from the eleventh chapter of the Gospel of Matthew, where John the Baptist has been arrested and wonders from his jail cell whether Jesus "is the one or should we look for another?" When this inquiry is conveyed to Jesus, the Lord does not respond theoretically, but rather by pointing to things that are happening, namely, God's grace is making people whole again. "Go tell John what you see and hear".

Bishop Robert Barron

Welcome to Our Lady of Peace Parish!

We gladly welcome all new parishioners to our parish community. We are happy to assist you at our Information Desk before or after Mass. Here you can register at our parish, notify us of change of address, sign up for collection envelopes, get a Mass Card, purchase perogies, notify the office of someone in the parish who needs prayers or a need that you may have. Someone will be at this table at least 15 minutes prior to Mass, and after as well.

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve December 24th, 2016:
7:00 p.m. & 9:00 p.m.
Christmas Day December 25th, 2016
10:30 a.m.
New Year's Eve December 31, 2016
5:00 p.m.
New Year's Day January 1, 2017
9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

2017 DONATION ENVELOPES

The Donation Envelopes for 2017 are available in the entrance for you to pick up. **Please do not use these envelopes until January 2017 as the envelope numbers have changed this year.**

If you do not have envelopes but would like to begin using them please contact the office. For your convenience you can also sign up with our Automated Funds Transfer Program, donations will come out of your bank account on the 2nd day of the month. This hassle free way to donate is easy to get started up, sign up forms are available at the Information Desk or at the parish office.

Tax Receipts are issued at the end of each year for your donations.

We appreciate your donations and we thank you in advance for your generosity in 2017!

OLD FASHIONED BAZAAR

at Our Lady of Peace, on **Sunday, January 22nd from noon to 6:00 p.m.** Fish pond, bingo, bake table, parade of prizes (new items please), grocery hampers, raffles, face painting, silent auction, and wonderful food. Fun Time!! Come & enjoy!! Something for Everyone! We welcome donations (new items please) to any of the above. Please leave in office. We also need your help, may call office. Letters for soliciting prizes are also in office, please pick up as many as you require.



PEROGY MAKERS

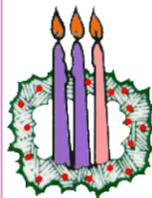
Dough Makers, Peelers, Mashers on **Tuesday, December 13 at 1:00pm.** Rollers, Pinchers Wednesday, December 14th after 9:00am Mass. Many thanks to all who come out to help.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

Kids' Christmas Bash Issue #4

Sunday, December 11, 2016
12:00p.m.—2:00p.m.

Festive Fun & Games as we celebrate the season with our Youth



WANTED—A volunteer to head-up fundraising for the needs of the enhancement of the building addition and phase two of the construction. Please call the Parish office 543-5355 if you are able to help with this very important initiative.

Stories of Faith from our Parishioners – In September we hope to share our first of many publications of "Faith Stories" of our parishioners. If there is someone you know or anyone who sits near at mass, who you wish to know more about as to their journey of faith, making stewardship a way of life, and/or building a vibrant parish, call the office. This can be a great honour for that person and you can remain anonymous. OR do YOU wish to share, just call the office. An outline of questions will be given to help write the story.
Please return your stories to the Office or Jodi at 359-0805 or Email

SACRAMENTS AT OUR LADY OF PEACE

• Registrations are still being accepted for the sacrament First Eucharist and Confirmation. Registration forms are available at the Information Desk. Please return the registration forms to the office or to the Information Desk.

Around the Diocese

-News from Camp Monahan: As we come to the end of the year, we graciously celebrate and acknowledge all who contributed to the life and work of Camp Monahan in 2016.
•with a donation of \$50, you will make a BIG difference by covering the costs associated with one day of camp for one lucky camper in 2017
•become a member of the Monahan Association. For only \$10 annually, you can show that you believe in the difference that camp is making for so many children. Thank you for bestowing your blessings upon us and in return, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas on behalf of the Board, staff and especially the kids! For more information - 306.545.4642 or campmonahan@sasktel.net.
-Rejoice in the Season!!! Regina Catholic Engaged Encounters invites all engaged or married couples and your children to our Christmas Celebration Potluck! Please join us between 2 and 7 pm for an afternoon of festivities and goodies on Sunday December 18, 2016 at the Regina Senior Citizens Centre, 2404 Elphinstone Street, Regina, SK. Please bring a salad, appetizer or dessert to share. RSVP to Stella Juma-Anderson @ 306-596-2951 or eereginaacc@gmail.com. Wishing you a blessed Christmas!
-Thinking Faith! December 6, 2016 - TF12: Social Justice Interview with Bert Pitzel Bert Pitzel has been coordinating things for the Office of Social Justice in the Archdiocese of Regina for more than 20 years. <http://thinkingfaith.libsyn.com/tf12-social-justice-interview-with-bert-pitzel>

GIVING TREE

A giving tree has been set up in the entrance. We invite you to donate items such as mitts, scarves, hats or socks. (new or handmade items only please)
The donations will be shared with our school children and others who are in need of warm winter gear to keep them warm this winter. The tree will remain up throughout the winter months.
Many of our donations were given to St. Michael's school, they were put to good use. Thanks for your generous hearts!

2016/2017
Living With Christ Sunday Missals \$5.00
2017 Liturgical Art Calendar \$5.00
Are now available, please use the envelope provided and place it into the collection basket. Thank You!



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