Our Lady of Peace Parish

NOVEMBER 27, 2016 #1/16-17

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming."

Matthew 24:42

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR November 2016
Universal: That the countries which take in a great number of displaced persons and refugees may find support for their efforts which show solidarity.
Evangelization: That within parishes, priests and lay people may collaborate in service to the community without giving in to the temptation of discouragement.

Stewardship Reflection
The Son of Man will come at an hour you do not expect. Good stewards know that they are accountable to God for all they have and are, and they strive to live in readiness for His coming.

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
10:30 AM

WEEKDAY: 9:00 AM

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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.

Pastor's Message

We are entering the liturgical Year A which focuses on the Gospel of St. Matthew. The Gospel of Matthew proclaims Jesus as Moses the Lawmaker, the Messiah who is Savior and ruler the of world.

The last paragraph of St. Matthew's Gospel is the Commission of the Disciples: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matt 28.18-20) We do not only welcome Jesus but we also have a mission to make him known to all people. Advent is the season of preparing for the celebration of Jesus' Birthday, the beginning of Jesus' works for our salvation, but the Gospel of the First Sunday of Advent is about the end of time. It seems that the Gospel is inappropriate for this Sunday, however, as Christians we are people of Advent, preparing to welcome the Lord at any time. The 1st Sunday of Advent is the beginning of the liturgical year. During the liturgical year the Church strongly encourages us to meditate on the whole life of Christ that each Gospel tries to present for us. This year we must renew our faith in Jesus Christ, who is not only human but also "God Became Man", our Saviour. Jesus declares: "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. (Jn 14.6) Our Christian lives is a journey to the eternal life with God. The sure way is to follow Jesus' footstep. Christmas is the wonderful opportunity for us to celebrate the beginning of "God Became Man" , but does it make any sense if we forget that his coming is not complete until he fully comes into our whole being. In preparing for Jesus to fully come into our whole being, nothing, we shall fear, either the end of our life or the end of the world. That it means to be watchful at all time.

May all of us, as parishioners of Our Lady of Peace live this season of Advent with its full meaning as we are advancing more and more close to the Lord.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Fr. Peter Thang Nguyen

Readings

November 28—December 4, 2016
Mon Nov 28: Is 4:206, Mt 8:5-11
Tues Nov 29: Is 11:1-10, Luke 10:21-24
Wed Nov 30: Rm 10:9-18, Mt 4:18-22
Thurs Dec 1: Is 26:1-6, Mt 7:21, 24-27
Fri Dec 2: Is 29:17-24, Mt 9:27-31
Sat Dec 3: Is 30:19-21, 23-26, Mt 9:35-10:1
Sun Dec 4: Is 11:1-10, Rm 15:4-9, Mt 3:1-12

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

Keep in Your Prayers

-Charles Gelowitz
-Children preparing for First Reconciliation

Building Addition Committee News

-18 Months to Plan- - -hopefully less than half that time to build- - -build to begin soon- - -grand opening Father's Day 2017!!

November 28-Dec 4

Monday Nov 28
NO MASS
10am-Bible Study—1309 Dover Ave.
7:00pm-K.C. Meeting
Tuesday Nov 29
9:00am-Mass
Wednesday Nov 30
9:00am-Mass +Annie Koronkiewicz By: Sister Sabina
9:45am-Srs' 20 20 20 Gold
Thursday Dec 1
9:00am-Mass
9:40am-Srs' Forever in Motion
1:30pm-Srs' Knit & Chat
Friday Dec 2
12:00pm-Adoration
1:30pm-Srs' Stretch and Relaxation
7:00pm-Mass
Saturday Dec 3
10:00am-Baptism Preparation Class
12:45pm-Reconciliation Preparation Class
5:00pm-Mass
Sunday Dec 4 - *Second Sunday of Advent*
9:00am-Mass For all Parishioners
10:30am-Mass

Advent Journey—We Prepare

Thursday December 8 7:00 p.m.: An Advent Evening with Mary—Music, Marian Devotions and Prayer.
Wednesday December 21 7:00 p.m.: Parish Advent Reconciliation Service

Other ways to Prepare

- Complimentary Advent Reflection Booklets are available in the entrance.
- Online Advent Retreat E-Mailed to you daily Sign up: http://ow.ly/PKyL3065Qra
- Parish Advent Retreat at Holy Family Parish Dec 5, 6 & 7, 7:00-8:45p.m. Led by Leah Perrault
- 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 One Reflection:

"This week we enter into the great season of Advent. Our first reading from the prophet Isaiah describes how every nation streams towards God's holy mountain. As you enter the Advent season, think about this holy mountain. Is the mountain of the Lord higher than every other mountain for you? Do you stream toward it with your whole being?" Bishop Robert Barron

First Friday
Adoration
Friday, December 2
Adoration 12pm-7pm
Mass 7pm
Sign up sheets are in the entrance.

"If we are to know the Lord, we must go to Him. Listen to Him in silence before the Tabernacle and approach Him in the Sacraments." Pope Francis

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.
- Registrations are now being accepted for our Baptism Preparation. Our next class will be held on Saturday December 3, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. To register please call the parish office 306-543-5355.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

- Do you know of a family that contributes openly and sincerely to our parish? If so, why don't you nominate them for the KofC 'Family of the Year' award? Please submit all nominations to Bob Rothecker at bob.r1@sasktel.net by December 11, 2016.
- Next meeting Monday, November 28th at 7:00 p.m.
- Join us on Sunday December 4th, 2016 after the 10:30 a.m. Mass for our Membership Drive.
- K.C. Christmas party, Monday December 5th at 7:00 p.m.

CWL CORNER

A special thanks to all the CWL ladies who helped with the Craft Sale: Joanne Zuck and her ladies , who was in charge of the kitchen & pies. Denise Pivovar & her ladies in charge of the Raffle.
A special thanks to Bob Rothecker & Chance Bell, who worked as security.
A special thanks to the young ladies who helped Jessa Conger, ShaeLynn Rothecker and Lyndsey Desjarlais.
Winners of the Raffle were as follows:
Congratulations to them
$100.00: Ron Harris
Grocery Hamper: Denise Pivovar
Xmas Hamper: Olga Mazurkewich
CWL ADVENT PARTY
CWL Advent Party Dec 6, 2016
6- 6:30pm Cocktails
6:30pm Luncheon , Bunco to be played while munching. Exchange of gifts. If you do not which to exchange gifts you may donate to the Martha House. Bring Finger Food.
You may bring a friend if you so wish.

PARISH PATRONESS DINNER

-Thank you to all who came out to celebrate our Parish Patroness and to all who helped with setup and cleanup.
Dinner Cost Breakdown: $956.16(catering) $15.00(permit) $49.93 (Wine)
Total Cost: $1,021.09—Free Will Offering: $707.00—shortfall of $314.09
The shortfall is being paid by Fr. Peter—his treat!!

YOUR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH—ELECTRONIC GIVING

-Quick and easy to make your parish donation!
-It's a way to never have to worry about forgetting your donation envelope at home.
-Sign up forms are available at the Information Desk or at the parish office, call the office for more info at 306-543-5355.
-Money comes from your bank account directly to the parish bank account on the second day of each month—hassle free!

Annual Appeal Update

So far we have collected $12,125.00, this is 51%of our goal.
Our goal is $23,797.00, we as you all see we are still needing more funds for us to complete our goal. If you have not reached your donation letter from the Diocese , please contact me and I will get one to you. Contact Antonette @306-545-5397. Thanks to all those who have already donated. God Bless You All—Antonette Rothecker

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.

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!

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 j.wilton@rcsd.ca**

PEROGY MAKERS: We will be making perogies this coming week. Peelers, Mashers and Dough Makers Tuesday Nov 29 at 1:30 p.m. and Pinchers and Rollers on Wednesday Nov 30 after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Thanks to all who come out, it's greatly appreciated!

Around the Diocese

-Everyone is invited Fri, Dec 2nd and Sat, Dec 3rd, 2016 for first Friday/ first Saturday all-night vigil The vigil is held at St. Mary's Church, 2026 Winnipeg St., Regina and begins with Mass at 7:30 P.M. followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and ending with Mass at 7:30 A.M. on Sat morning.
-Thinking Faith! November 22, 2016 - TF10: Taking Your Kids To Mass This week on Thinking Faith! Eric and Brett discuss the particular challenges we encounter as parents when taking our children to Mass and share some tips and tricks to help make it a positive, faith-filled experience for everyone. Is this even possible or is this meant to be mom and dad's experience of purgatory in the here and now? https://archregina.sk.ca/thinking-faith/november-22-2016-tf10-taking-your-kids-mass

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