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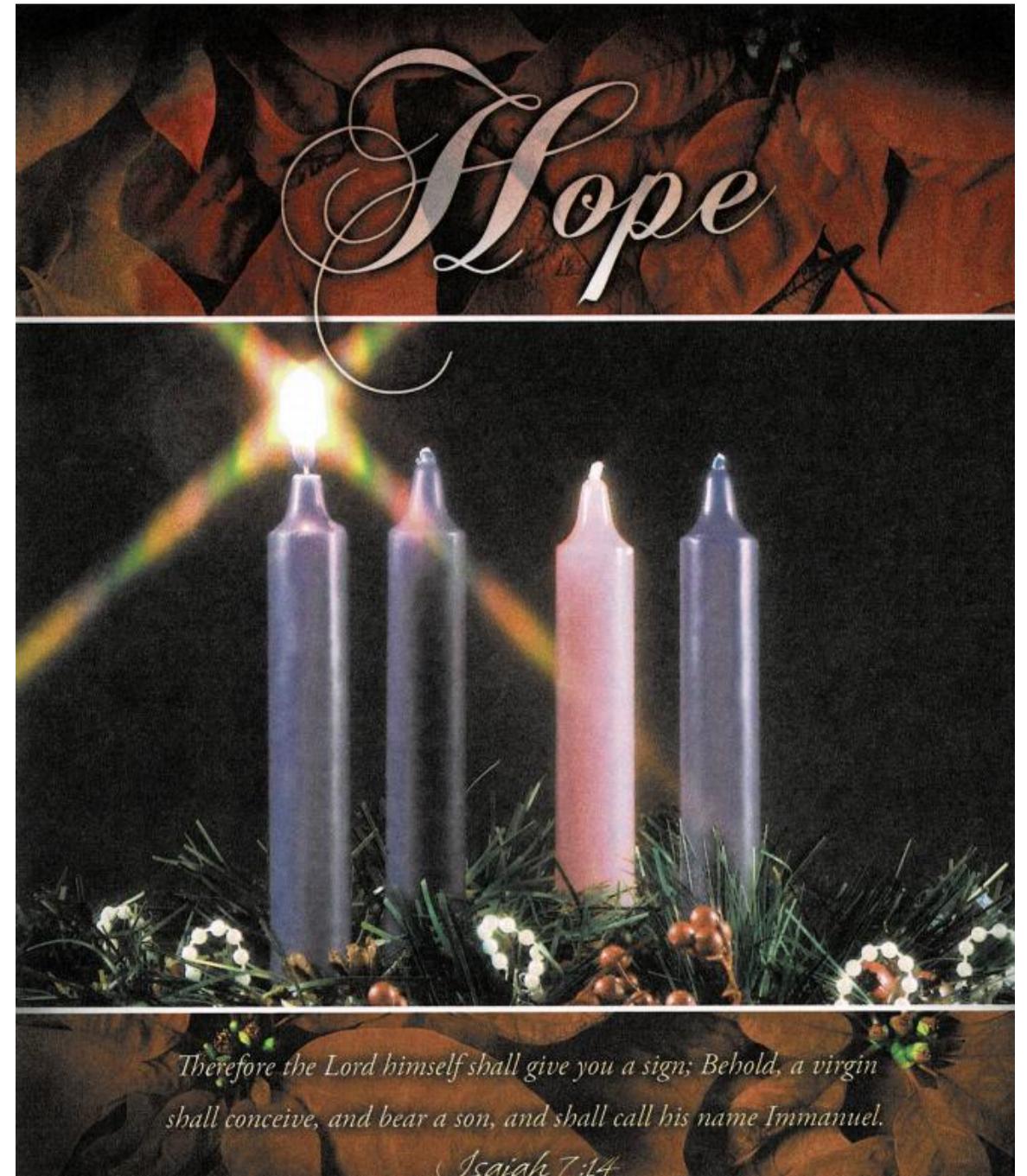
## MASSES

### CHRISTMAS EVE (5:00pm & 7:30pm) AND CHRISTMAS DAY (11:00am)

Unfortunately, due to continued Covid restrictions we are still only able to have 50 people attend mass. Because of these restrictions, we will have a lottery draw for the two Christmas Eve masses and the one Christmas day mass – this gives everyone the same equal opportunity to attend.

If you wish to have your name entered for one of the masses, you **must phone (250-782-3456) or email (nddc@shaw.ca)** stating which mass you wish to have your name entered for (i.e. Joan Smith – 3 spots for 5:00pm) If your name is drawn, we will contact you by phone and get the names for the other spots at that time. WE **WILL NOT** BE TAKING NAMES BY WORD OF MOUTH – ONLY PHONE OR EMAIL. YOU **CANNOT** BOOK FOR ANYONE ELSE.

We will accept emails and phone calls until end of day on December 6. We will have the draw the week December 7 and will contact you if your name was drawn. YOU **WILL NOT** BE ABLE TO SWITCH MASS TIMES, OR SUBSTITUTE NAMES, ONCE YOUR NAME HAS BEEN DRAWN, as there will still be people whose names were not pulled and they get the first opportunity at a spot if you are not able to come.



**Baptism of children:** Contact the Parish Office (even prior to the birth of your child) about the process for Baptism for parents & godparents.  
**Marriage:** Couples wishing to be married in a Catholic Church should contact the Parish Office at least 6 months prior to their wedding date.  
**RCIA:** Any persons wishing to join the Catholic faith please contact the Parish Office

**CHURCH EVENTS THIS WEEK**

Dec 1 Mass - without congregation  
 Dec 2 Mass - without congregation  
 Dec 3 Mass - without congregation  
 Dec 4 Mass - without congregation  
 Dec 5 Mass - without congregation  
 Dec 6 11am Mass Live Streamed only - without congregation

**PARISH SICK LIST:** Please pray for all parishioners who are sick and suffering, especially, Ray Richardson & Teresa Tom (Contact the parish office if you would like to add your name or the name of your loved one to the list. Make sure that you have the person's permission to put their name on the Parish Sick List. This year the names will only stay for one month, then the names will be removed)

**2020/21 Budget**  
**Yearly Expenses for Notre Dame Parish**  
**\$180,300**  
 Weekly Collection Needed to cover expenses  
 \$3,467.00  
 Envelopes – \$180. Loose - \$0.  
 Total Collection for the Week: \$180.  
*Thank you for your generosity!*



Tuesday	+ Didier Girard
Wednesday	Jackson Ridley
Thursday	+ Marietta Gagalang
Friday	Judi McGowan
Saturday	All who do Ministries at Notre Dame Parish
Sunday	Intentions of Notre Dame Parishioners

**The Advent Wreath**



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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**St. Mark's Anglican Church is looking for volunteers for the soup kitchen – please call or text Melissa (250-219-8545) if you are interested in helping out.**

**Diocesan Annual Appeal**



**Parish goal for 2020/21:**  
**\$15,326.**  
**Donated to date: \$16,125.**  
**(105.2 %)**  
*Thank you for your generosity*

**“E-TRANSFERS”**

Notre Dame Parish is now offering E-Transfers for Parishioners to use for their weekly donations. If this is an option that you are interested in, please follow these instructions:  
 1. Add Recipient – Notre Dame Parish, DC  
 2. Email Address – [nddcaccounting@shaw.ca](mailto:nddcaccounting@shaw.ca)  
 3. Message – example: donation, or special collection, Haiti Sponsorship or Projects, Corporal works, etc.  
 4. Parishioners are reminded that they DO NOT NEED a security question because the donation is automatically deposited into the designated parish account.  
 If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Parish Office.

**Set your alarm!**

What a pleasant picture the peaceful sleep of a child is! Look at those small round faces and tousled locks of hair, arms akimbo in the trusting abandonment of repose. Oh, how we long to reach that sweet time of refreshment ourselves. In truth, we long for that same sweetness and relaxation in our waking lives as well. Contentment, security and peace – what a paradise our lives would be if we could just attain them.

BRRRIIIINGGG! Hear that alarm clanging? Now isn't the time for us to be lulled into sleep by happy secure lives. God has assigned each of us work, important work to do. And we must be awake, hungry and alert in order to accomplish it before His return. Contentment is appealing, but it also yields a sleepy disregard to the troubles around us. It's too easy to sit back with full tummies, in warm homes with well-protected families, while the sorrows of the world continue unabated around us. And even a short nap may find us dozing when the Lord returns. Don't let it happen in your life! Set your alarm this week and wake up to the work God has for you.



**HOPE**

We light this candle to proclaim the coming of the light of God into our darkness. With the coming of this light there is hope. Because of Christ we not only have hope but believe that good is stronger than evil. God wants us to work for good in this world.