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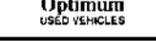
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My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God  
my Savior,  
for he has looked on  
the humble estate of his servant.  
For behold, from now on  
all generations will call me  
blessed; for he who is mighty  
has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.

And his mercy is for those who  
fear him from generation  
to generation.

He has shown strength  
with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud  
in the thoughts of their hearts;  
he has brought down the mighty  
from their thrones,  
and exalted those of  
humble estate;  
he has filled the hungry  
with good things,  
and the rich  
he has sent away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,  
as he spoke to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his offspring  
forever.

AMEN

Sunday November 28, 2021  
First Sunday of Advent

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Sprit of Life

Advent: Coming Undone

The season of Advent ("the coming" in Latin) is all about anticipating and preparing for the coming of our God into our lives. It happened long ago, it happens once again, as if it is for the first time for us. It is not at all our patiently awaiting for God to do something for us, but is an unfolding/revealing of God's self to us as God is, resulting in a transformation that takes place within us. This is not done in some passive manner, but requires us both to actively open all that we are, consciously and unconsciously to the Beingness of God, and to be receptive to God's indwelling within us.

The season of Advent is to be a time of conscious deliberation within ourselves, as to whether we truly desire to be undone by God's Spirit so as to be remade anew in God's undefinable and unimaginable image and likeness; we are born a new through our God's grace and love.

Our anticipation becomes our choice to mindfully suspend all of our preconceived notions of who God is, and how God can or could possibly be present within us. Therefore, it is not about comparing what is to come and to be, based upon past experience. What has passed is now the past. Nor does our anticipation draw upon forgone conclusions as to how we want God to act in our lives in the future. It is more akin to unlearning anything and everything that acts as a barrier to being taught.

The season of Advent is a shedding of limitations of thought and feeling that we have used to bring the Unfathomable down to our level. It is not that thought and feeling are a hinderance to loving God with our whole being. Rather, it is a matter that we are not to become attached to these thoughts or feelings. Choosing to be this way, what we are thinking and feeling serves in that moment, as clarity in that moment. We know then that it is to be released so we may continue to receive God's Beingness, moment to moment. It is like climbing a ladder: each rung brings us closer to the top - we keep moving upward and onward, not getting stuck on a specific rung.

What is availed to us then is not necessarily an infinite number of possibilities of how to live, choosing one over another. But that we move through them all, transformed by them moment by movement, becoming what we wait for: The Unexpected ONE.

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*First Sunday of Advent*

**November 28, 2021**

**Mass Schedule Week of  
November 29th - December 5th**

**From Monday November 29th through to Thursday December 2nd there will be no weekday mass. There will be the First Friday Mass, December 3rd at 9:00AM**

**There will be mass on the Weekend. Fr. Paul will have returned.**

**First Friday December 3rd  
9:00AM** +Evelyn Catton

**Saturday December 4th  
4:00PM** +Christine Rath

**Sunday December 5th  
9:00AM** +Christine Rath

**Sunday December 5th  
11:00AM (B)** +Rita & Marlene MacIsaac

(B) Baysville

**Confessions on Saturday 3:15PM - 3:45PM  
or by appointment.**

We pray for those who have died,  
**Trevor Petch & Gerry Keys**

and we join our prayers with those  
who are in need ...

Bianca Laurie de Hernandez, Kevin Phillips, Joe Hanrath, John Dunbar, Connie Gregory, Rebecca Muzzi, Ian Bruce, Ruth Anne Foley, John Schreurs, Robert Foley, Jack Ataman, Sharon Boivin, Sharron Purdy, Doris Lane, Marjory Curry, Irene Downey, Anita Verzyden, Marion Majkot, Pam & Don Mackenzie, Angela & Stephanie Braithwaite, Esther Phillips, Evan Maroney, Peter & Philp Tomkin, Verna Simioni & Kirsten MacDonald

*It is hard to forget someone,  
who gave you so much to remember.*



**EVERYONE HOPES FOR A BETTER FUTURE**

What we hope for begins in our imagination and this is an essential place to start. But hoping for something does not make it happen. It must be willed into being through word and action. I am reminded of the words of the prophet Isaiah, when he said, "they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, nor shall they learn war any more" (Isaiah 2.5a). This is a wonderful image of what could be, what all of us hope for. There are those who would say that is at best naïve, and at worse an improbable fantasy. Those who hold to this notion, it may be because there is one thing that prevents this or any hopeful image coming to fruition. It is not for a lack of will, but often our unrealistic expectations as to how and when it will come about.

While addressing the crowds and his inner circle, who diligently and fearlessly struggled to achieve the recognition of the rights of black men and women in the United States, Martin Luther King Jr. would often remind them, and himself, that nothing of importance comes about easily or readily. What is essential is that people of hope must learn to balance idealism and realism on a daily basis. Without this, hope is taken over by disillusionment when we are faced by intractable resistance to change. So, he said to them, "we must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope." These words are wisdom and truth, that ought to necessarily encourage anyone of good will, to never give up or to give over to any form of oppression.

The Season of Advent, begins with HOPE. A vision of a world where all peoples and all of creation, live in harmony with one another. The "us and them" dichotomy is left in the dust and instead we inherit a new mind, and a new heart. We welcome diversity, embrace challenges, and encourage creativity and imagination. We courageously and mercifully call out and identify all forms of inequality, oppression and violence for what they are: a lack of compassion, kindness and generosity. This new world is waiting for you and me, to become this vision of hope, one word, one action at a time. Peace and Good Will *pab*

<b>Ministerial &amp; Group Meetings</b>	
2nd Huntsville Spark Unit Meeting	Tuesday, Nov. 30th, 6:PM Parish Hall
Charismatic Prayer Group	Thursday, Dec. 2nd, 7PM, Church
SVDP Meeting	Tuesday, Dec. 7th, 6:30PM, Parish Hall
C.W.L. Meeting	Monday, Dec. 13th, 9:30AM, Parish Hall
2nd Huntsville Spark Unit Meeting	Tuesday, Dec. 14th, 6PM Parish Hall
K. of C. Meeting	Thursday, Dec. 16th, 7PM, Parish Hall
Christmas Hampers	Tuesday, Dec. 21st, 9:30AM, Parish Hall

*The first candle we  
light in Advent  
is The Prophets'  
Candle:*

*The Candle of  
HOPE*

**Parish Pastoral News**

**New To the Parish**

We welcome you and look forward to getting to know you. Please let us know you are here, and ask us how we together can make your transitioning to the area enjoyable and affirming. Our contact information is on the cover of this bulletin.

**Knights of Columbus Cash Calendar:** The cost of the calendar is \$20. There's a draw every day: 353 draws - \$40 each / 8 draws - \$175 each and 4 Special draws: March - \$180 / June - \$400, September - \$500 / December - \$1,000. A total of \$17,600 in cash prizes. You can win more than once as all numbers remain in the draws all year. This is a fund raiser for the K. of C. who use the proceeds to help others in the Huntsville area.

**Parish Nurse News:**

The Thursday Clinic is available for walk in sessions. Drop by and get your BP checked, your medication reviewed or just to chat. I am available after Mass every Thursday for as long as it takes. I have also started visiting those who are housebound or have recently been hospitalized. If you know of someone who would like a Nursing visit, please let me know.

Marguerite Goodfellow RN Parish Nurse

**CWL NEWS:**

Christmas Market and Bake Sale on Saturday, December 4, and Sunday, December 5, in the Parish Hall after the Masses. We will have a large selection of Christmas Baking, Cookies and Pies. There are some small crafts available for purchase as well as a pay what you want table!

Cash Sales only. The Public Health rules are in effect. Ladies, please drop off your baked goods at the church hall on Friday afternoon between 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm. All donations are gratefully accepted. Please see the minutes of the last meeting for packaging details.

<b>Next Weekend Ministry Schedule - December 4th / 5th</b>			
	<b>4:00PM Mass</b>	<b>9:00AM Mass</b>	<b>11:00AM Mass</b>
Readers	Ben Boivin	Al Cormier	M.J. Zimmerman
Ushers	Walter Grys Marguerite Goodfellow Laila Etherington Victoria Baumgart	Nadine Diplock Doug Neigel Gisele Neigel Walter Grys	John MacInnis Jean MacInnis Linda Lacroix Hugh Knox
Counters	Tuesday Dec. 7, 2021	Bob Moore &	Wanda Roberts

**Christmas Hampers:**

A long standing tradition in this parish is our Christmas Hamper Program. It is a joint venture between the Knights of Columbus and St. Vincent de Paul Society in our parish.

**Prayer or Mass Requests:**

If there is someone you would like us to remember in our prayers, and wish to have their name added to our list, or to have a mass said for someone, please contact the office and let us know. Also, please let us know when it would be appropriate to remove someone's name from our prayer list.

**HOT LUNCH TUESDAYS:**

They will continue with Family Restaurant as we did last year. To ensure that this happens and succeeds, we will require your financial support through donations. You can either use the poor box at the entrance of the church or drop an envelope in the donation basket at mass. Thank you.

**The 2022 Sunday Missals:** They have now arrived and are at the entrance of the church. To help cover the cost of the missals, the suggested donation is \$5.00. Thank you.

<b>Christmas Mass Schedule</b>	
<b>Christmas Eve - Friday December 24th</b>	
4:00PM Mass	St. Mary's, Huntsville
6:00PM Mass	St. Mary's, Huntsville
8:00PM Mass	St. Kateri, Baysville
<b>Christmas Day - Saturday, December 25th</b>	
9:00AM Mass	St. Mary's, Huntsville
<b>Weekend Mass Schedule / December 25th / 26th</b>	
No 4:00PM Mass Saturday	
9:00AM Mass	St. Mary's Huntsville
11:00AM Mass	St. Kateri, Baysville

"The happiness of your life depends upon the quality of your thoughts. Everything we hear is an opinion, not a fact. Everything we see is a perspective, not the truth."  
*Marcus Aurelius*

**Last Weekend Offertory  
November 20th /21st**  
Sunday Offertory Total / \$2,242.00  
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