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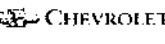

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The Season of Advent / Endings and Beginnings *pah*

A new beginning is always full of hope, joy, love with the promise of peace. This is what the season of Advent is about.

With the First Sunday in Advent, we are filled with a new hope, a vision of how the world can be. God will show us how to bring forth this hope in our daily lives.

On the Second Sunday in Advent, we are filled with a new peace, that only God can give. It is a peace that welcomes all peoples into a life of unimaginable good will.

On the Third Sunday in Advent, we are filled with a new JOY. Joy is much more than happiness; it is that which brings us to our knees through laughter and tears, for we have experienced something not of our making, but something which has been born in us. This Joy is the very being of God that sheds a light upon all that is happening within us. We have tasted the Eternal One and we are changed.

On the Fourth and final Sunday in Advent, we are filled with a new LOVE. It encompasses, but also far transcends an emotional love. Love is an attribute of God's being, and God has infused within us, our ability to love as God loves.

This love is:
unconditional, unwavering, freely shared and given to us, and meant to be the very ground and source of our being.

God will show us how to become this new HOPE, welcoming PEACE, eternal JOY and unconditional LOVE, through what we say and do without exception. Let us become God's vision of Love in the world. But with every new beginning, there must be an ending that corresponds. The ending is the

acknowledging of what was has perhaps served its purpose and is no longer needed. It may also be a matter that what was ought never have been, and it is now time for it to be dispensed with.

If we are to accept during the Season of Advent the preparing for the coming of God's kingdom and will, then perhaps this is what needs to end.

What must end within us all, without exception, are any and all visions of a world that excludes or diminishes even one person. We are to search our minds and hearts of any vestiges of limiting thoughts that allow for the thinking less of another. There is no justification for this.

We must bring to an end anything that works against peace and good will in our world. We must acknowledge the aggressive and mean spirited thoughts and feelings we harbour within and realize there is no justification for this.

We must bring to an end the desire and the legitimization of entitlement in our societies, seeking only what makes us happy, comfortable and undisturbed at the cost of others' wellbeing and livelihoods. We must end the "us and them" dichotomy for it keeps us all from allowing God's presence to dwell within. There is no justification for this.

We must address and bring to an end all forms of fearmongering that grips our world, and that pits one another against the possibility of becoming LOVE, JOY, PEACE and HOPE. It is not hate which is the opposite to love, but is fear. Our new beginning starts with the addressing of all of our fears. As they are identified, they loose their sting and change is then possible because we see them for what they have always been: an excuse not to live freely and fully.

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Truth and Reconciliation /

It is essential to make our place of worship better partners with Indigenous communities and organizations. For more information, please contact: Dallas Boudreau at Justicefor-Indigenous@gmail.com. As we remember ...

Margaret Maracle, Russell Bennett & Ray Jacobs

Mass Schedule

Week of Nov. 28th – Dec. 4th

Monday, November 28th, 9:00AM
+ Bernardino Arruda

Tuesday, November 29th/ 12noon
+ Evelyn Sim Chai Kee

Wednesday, November 30th
12Noon - Peace Among People

Saturday, December 3rd/ 4:00 PM
SI Anna Marie Ertler

Sunday, December 4th / 9:00AM
+ Peter John Miller

Sunday, December 4th / 11:00AM
SI William Brennan

*Please Note: Monday - Wednesday will be
Communion Services.*

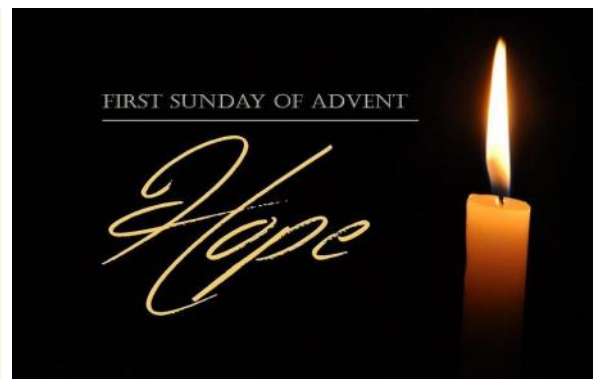
*Let us pray for those who have died especially,
Verna Simioni, Margaret Lacroix
and for those who have asked for our prayers ...*

Jaymie Ward, Peter & Phillip Tomkin, Joe Hanrath, Bianca Laurie de Hernandez, Ron & Margaret Smith, Angela & Stephanie Braithwaite, Robert Foley, Ruth Anne Foley, John Dunbar, Doris Lane, Sharon & Ben Boivin, Sam Muzzi, Terry Jordan, Irene Downey, Diane Haywood, Timothy Pelyk, Pat Morra, Kirsten MacDonald, Marion Majkot, Peter Poustie, Esther Phillips, Merle Jordan, Carole Ruttan, Kevin Phillips, Stephanie Jarvis, Mabelle Clear, Jake Van Bilsen, Tony Vuksan, Ian Bruce, William Brennan, Evan Maroney, Dr. Bob, Kristen Hackett, Jane Taylor, and Janine Wright

Last Weekend Offertory
November 19th / 20th

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HOPE / pab

There is that peculiar and wonderful feeling that begins to mount within us of joy, exhilaration, excitement and impatience as we await the coming of the day of celebration we have planned for with great expectations. It is most often in those moments that you know something wonderful is going to happen, but you just do not know how great it is going to be. So we wait. If history has taught us anything, things rarely go as planned. Perhaps what we could consider instead is to adopt a spirit of Hope. Jesus embodied this principal from the moment of the Annunciation. Hope is not about expectations, but is the fulfillment of a promise.

How often in a single day do we say to another, or even to ourselves, a phrase that begins with these two words ... I hope.

We typically think of hope as a feeling that something desirable is likely to happen. Unlike a wish or longing, hope implies conviction of obtaining what has been promised. In Hebrew, hope is the word *tikvah* (teek-VAH). It comes from the Hebrew root *kavah* meaning to *bind* together, as in a cord or rope, not to limit or restrict one, but as a life line. In keeping with this, the cord is meant to *collect us* together and forward. Tikvah may also mean to wait for, on, or upon someone. While hope in English is abstract, hope in Hebrew provides a strong visual. A bound cord, rope, or thread cannot only be seen with the eyes, but it is something one can grasp hold of with their hands. In other words, hope is something real enough that we can *cling* to it. Hope is not something out of our reach. Hope is what is given to us, so as to grasp firmly which is meant to help us to move forward to the one who has given us that hope in the first place.

Advent is the time of reawakening Hope within us all. The Cord of Truth, Life and Mercy is about to be given to us in a real and concrete manner, but unless I am prepared to suspend my expectations of what this Cord is to look like, then when it is offered to me, I may very well ignore it because it does not meet my vision. The Hope that God gives is a vision of how each of our lives can be. It is not imaginary or wishful, but is the potential that lies within. This First Sunday of Advent is about Hope. The Cord of Hope is before us; it is within us to grab a hold of, and move forward.

First Week in Advent

All-powerful God, increase our strength of will for doing good that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming and call us to his side in the kingdom of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, forever and ever. *Amen*

Parish Group Meetings

Monday's	9:30AM	Gospel Reflection Group
Tuesday's	6:30PM	Discipleship 101 / Resume January 2023
Wednesday's	9:30AM - 1PM	SVDP Food Bank Open
Sunday	December 4th	CWL Cookie Sale after mass at St. Mary's
Thursday	December 8th	Parish Finance Meeting / Sacristy / 7:00PM
Sat./Sun.	December 10th/11th	Art Show after the masses at St. Mary's
Thursday	December 15th	St. Mary's Christmas Concert / Church / 6:30PM

CWL News/ Our next First Friday Fun card game is December 2nd at 9:45. Pay for your own Fish and Chips from the Algonquin Café will be ordered for lunch at 12:00PM.

The CWL is having a **Christmas Assorted Cookie Sale** on Sunday, **December 4th** after mass at St. Mary's. Money raised will go towards the Knight of Columbus Christmas Hamper drive. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

St. Vincent de Paul / With Christmas fast approaching, St. Vincent de Paul is preparing to help struggling families make the holiday special. **CHRISTMAS GIFT CARD PROGRAM:** Each year through your generous donations we have been able to provide gift cards for the children of each of the families that come to St. Vincent de Paul for help. We want to ensure each child has a special and joyous Christmas. Please see flyer on bulletin board for more details. Thank you for your generous support.

The St. Mary's "WE GOT TALENT" Art Show / This will be held on the weekend of **December 11th/12th in the Parish Hall.** Come out to view some of the hidden talents in our parish. Schmooze with the artists and enjoy some light refreshments. This takes place following the masses that weekend. See you then.

St. Vincent de Paul Monthly Collection / At all masses next weekend, members of the SVDP Society will be at the entrance of the church. Whatever monetary donation you are able to share is greatly appreciated. It is in the small ways that we can make the biggest differences in people's lives. Thank you.

Ecumenical Service of Healing and Anointing / This will be held Tuesday, December 20th, at 6:30PM at St. Mary's Church. It will be a time of reflection and prayer, surrounded by God's love for us all.

Knights of Columbus / The Knights of Columbus will once again be doing Food Hampers in conjunction with the SVDP Society. The demand has increased again over last year's record number so your help is really needed to make the program a success. Please drop off nonperishable food at the entrance of the church. If you wish to donate money, please put an envelope in the collection labelled Christmas Hampers. Thank you.

Next Weekend Ministry Schedule - December 3rd / 4th, 2022

	4:00PM MASS	9:00AM MASS	11:00AM MASS
Readers	Michelle Haskin	Gisele Neigel	Diane Poling
EMC	Bob Moore	Diane Phillips	Jean MacInnis
Ushers	Walter Gryns Victoria Baumgart Margaret Warman Ben Boivin	Linda Latour Andre Lamy Mike Pearson Urszula Lewgowd	Hugh Knox Bob Lacroix, Linda Lacroix
Counters	Tuesday, Dec. 6th	Mary Kudryk &	Gisele Neigel

May the month of December be a time of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love; all God's Grace freely given but to be shared.

Christmas Concert / On Thursday, December 15th at 6:30PM, the Huntsville Brass Band and the St. Mary's Choir will be joining up to provide an evening of Christmas Carols and Hymns. Admission will be by monetary donation collected at the door with 50% of the receipts going to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank in our Parish. This will be a wonderful evening to help place our hearts and minds that much closer to Christmas.

An Advent Prayer

Lord God, we adore you because you have come to us in the past.

You have spoken to us in the Law of Israel.

You have challenged us in the words of the prophets.

You have shown us in Jesus what you are really like.

Lord God, we adore you because you still come to us now.

You come to us through other people and their love and concern for us.

You come to us through men and women who need our help. You come to us as we worship you with your people.

Lord God, we adore you because you will come to us at the end. You will be with us at the hour of death.

You will still reign supreme when all human institutions fail. You will still be God when our history has run its course.

We welcome you, the God who comes. Come to us now in the power of Jesus Christ our Lord.

- Caryl Micklem, "Contemporary Prayers for Public Worship"

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Shalom