

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

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SEASON OF ADVENT December 10 2023

Second Sunday

Prepare the way of the
Lord, make straight
his paths.

Matthew 3:3



Parish Priest: Fr. Chris Lynch
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Office Hours: Monday to Friday
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Secretary: Bernadette Antonio

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

WAITING IN JOYFUL HOPE

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin was a man of hope. Indeed his whole vision of things is generally criticized for being too hopeful. So, in trying to explain hope and Advent, allow me a Teilhard story: Teilhard was a scientist, but he was also a priest and a man whose ultimate vision of things was formed by the gospels. Central to his system of thought was his rock-bottom belief that ultimately all of history, cosmic and human, would come together in Christ into one community of life and love. Yet he was surrounded by colleagues, both Christian and secular, who had a far less hopeful view of things. One day he was challenged this way: "You have an enchanted view of history, believing that everything will one day culminate in a wonderful 'kingdom' of peace and love, but

suppose we blow up the world in a nuclear war? What happens to your schema of things then?"

His response to that question is a textbook definition of hope: "If we blow up the world it will be a great tragedy because it will set things back millions of years. But history will still culminate one day in a kingdom of peace and love—not because my theory says so, but because God promised it. In the resurrection God has shown the power to bring this about, despite the things we do."

That's hope, to be able to say, "It might take a million years or longer, but it will happen because God promised it." We, like Teilhard, should be prepared to live in great patience as we wait for God to fulfill his promise. —Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI



**Masses for the
Week**

TUE Dec 12	3:00 PM	Fr. Chris Lynch
WED Dec 13	7:00 PM	Jackie Carew
THU Dec 14	12:00 PM	Bastion
FRI Dec 15	7:00 PM	Viola Grieve
SAT Dec 16	7:30 PM	Ann Marie O'Donnell+
SUN Dec 17	10:00 AM	Church of the Resurrection Parish

You can book Masses at the parish office.



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Children's Nativity Play

Christmas Eve 5pm Mass

Do you have an aspiring actor in your family? Or maybe just a kiddo who likes to dress up as an animal? Nativity play practices **Thursday Dec 21, 3:30-4:30pm** and **Saturday Dec 23, 11-12pm**.

Email Coral Pimm for more info coralpimm1@gmail.com



SUNDAY COLLECTION

General

Dec 2/3.....\$4,328.75

We are grateful for your generosity. This helps us continue to meet our financial needs.

LOAN REPAYMENT

Dec 2/3.....\$8,930.00

Leave a Legacy

Leave a legacy of faith. Please remember the Church in your wills.

INTERAC E-TRANSFER

Catholic Church of the Resurrection is now offering Interac e-Transfer. If you would like to transfer funds electronically from your bank account, the following steps will guide you. Each bank can be a little bit different, but generally the process is:

1. Go to your on-line banking site
2. Select Transfer/Pay Bills
3. Select Interac e-Transfer (or electronic transfer)
4. Follow the steps outlined by your bank
5. Fund should be directed to cofres@shaw.ca
6. Under **Notes** or **Message** on the online form, please indicate where your offering will be directed (i.e. Building Fund or regular Sunday offering) to ensure that your donation is directed accordingly.

Thank you for your generosity.

A STATEMENT FROM THE CCCB ON THE NON-PERMISSIBILITY OF MAID IN HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS WITH A CATHOLIC IDENTITY

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) has released a statement regarding the non-permissibility of MAiD in Catholic Health organizations. "Euthanasia and assisted suicide (MAiD) have always been, and will always be, morally unacceptable because they are affronts to human dignity and violations of natural and divine law. Catholic healthcare affirms that every person, made in the image of God (cf. Gen 1:26), has intrinsic value, regardless of ability or health."

In their statement, they lay out the Catholic position of compassionate and high-quality palliative care, the timely access of which can reduce suffering and attend to patients' spiritual and psychological needs. The CCCB offers "Horizons of Hope" as a tool to assist Catholic communities with this compassionate work: <https://www.cccb.ca/faith-moral-issues/suffering-and-end-of-life/horizons-of-hope-a-toolkit-for-catholic-parishes-on-palliative-care/>

The CCCB "oppose any efforts by governments or others to compel such facilities to perform MAiD in violation of Catholic teachings."

To read the full statement, please visit the CCCB website here: <https://www.cccb.ca/media-release/statement-by-the-canadian-conference-of-catholic-bishops-on-the-non-permissibility-of-euthanasia-and-assisted-suicide-within-canadian-health-organizations-with-a-catholic-identity/>

CALLED TOGETHER AND HEALING AND RECONCILIATION APPEALS UPDATE



I am very pleased to report that we have crossed \$250,000 in total pledges and more than \$200,000 toward the diocesan goal. We have also added a bit more to the Healing and Reconciliation appeal with more than \$25,000 donated.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far. We still have a ways to go to meet the many needs throughout the diocese. While the diocesan goal is to help support our smaller parishes, missions and ministries, each parish has its own project goal meant to help meet the needs of that parish. I would ask for your continued support both financially and in your prayers.

-James Fowlie, Business Manager

SACRAMENTS

MARRIAGE: Contact the Pastor **6 months before the Wedding**.

BAPTISM: Contact Betty Dvorak at the Parish Office Tues.-Fri. ***NOTE: Baptisms are not encouraged during Lent.**

FUNERAL: Contact the Funeral Home then the Parish Office.

VISIT/PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Contact the Parish Office.

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION): The priest will hear confession on every Saturday (in the church) from 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM. or 20 min. before any of the Masses.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA): Contact Fr. Chris at 250-785-3413.

Advent & Christmas Schedule

PARISH RECONCILIATION

Saturday from 6:30 PM to 7:00 PM
Or 20 minutes before any of the Masses or by appointment.

CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASSES - "SIMBANG GABI"

December 15-23

Mass at 7:00 PM except for Saturday evening, which will be at the regular time of 7:30 PM.

The regular Tuesday Mass at 3:00 PM at the Senior's Home will still take place. All other Masses in the evening at 7:00 PM.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass at 10:00 AM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE

Christmas Family Mass at 5:00 PM. There will be a Nativity play during Mass.

Christmas Eve Mass at 7:30 PM

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY

Mass at 10:00 AM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 - THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Mass at 10:00 AM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 - VIGIL OF THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

New Year's Eve Mass at 7:30 PM

MONDAY, JANUARY 1 - THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

New Year's Day Mass at 10:00 AM

DECEMBER 12 – NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER IN SOLIDARITY WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

From the CCCB:

On 12 December, Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, the Church in Canada celebrates the National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples. This year, we take a moment to recall the Holy Father's Penitential Pilgrimage to Canada in July 2022, and in particular his words of prayer offered at Lac Ste. Anne:

"Lord, as the people on the shores of the Sea of Galilee were not afraid to cry out to you with their needs, so we come to you, Lord ... with whatever pain we bear within us. We bring to you our weariness and our struggles, the wounds of the violence suffered by Indigenous brothers and sisters. In this blessed place, where harmony and peace reign, we present to you the disharmony of our experiences, the terrible effects of colonization, the indelible pain of so many families, grandparents and children. Lord, help us to be healed of our wounds. We know, Lord, that this requires effort, care and concrete actions on our part; but we also know that we cannot do this alone. We rely on you and on the intercession of your mother and your grandmother. Yes, Lord, we entrust ourselves to the intercession of your mother and your grandmother, because mothers and grandmothers help to heal the wounds of our hearts."



Please donate for Christmas flowers.



THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Meets every 1st Wednesday of the Month after 7 PM Mass.

President: Lynn Halverson

Email: fsj.cwl@gmail.com



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Dinner at 6 PM and meeting at 7 PM every 3rd Tuesday of the Month.

Grand Knight: Ted Pimm

LEGION OF MARY

Meets every Saturday from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM in the St. Joseph room of the Immaculata hall. Everyone is welcome to join.



President: Ron Paracuelles

250-271-7096

SNOW SHOVELLING

Volunteers needed to shovel the snow at the entrance to the Church & Hall.

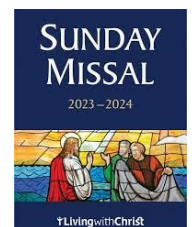
Fr. Chris is not going to be doing it.



Please pray for all the sick and suffering especially: Lucy Gagne, Linda Felix,

Doreen Spence, Luke Keeley, Erma Stanonik, Glen Forster, Anthony Ruszkowski, Jean Douglas, Jan Buchinski, Mathew & Logan Russell, Conrad Wrzosek, Hazel Craig, Emilia Wrzosek, Romeo & Jeannine Dechaine, Bill Forrest, Heather McNaughton, Stuart McNaughton, Brian McNaughton, Randy Wrzosek, Melanie Simpson, Irene Vavrek. (Names will be removed after one month unless contacted)

Sunday Missals 2023-2024 are available in the store and the parish office for \$10.00 ea.





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(Open after Mass)



Balaang Banay Child Care
(Holy Family Child Care)
Telephone: 250-271-7082

"Help us, O God, to enter into the secret of childhood, so that we may know, love and serve the child in accordance with the laws of thy justice and following thy holy will."
- Dr. Maria Montessori


SUNDAYKIDZ
ADVENT

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