

# St. Mary's Church Bulletin

## Readings for December 17

### Third Sunday of Advent

**First Reading: Isaiah 61.1-2a, 10-11**

**Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24**

**Gospel: John 1.6-8, 19-28**

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK Dec. 18 - 24

### Monday December 18

7:30 a.m. ☩ Dianne Ouellette / Stoppa Family

### Tuesday December 19

7:30 a.m. ☩ Patrick Keenan / B. Vitorino

5:30 p.m. **Adoration**

### Wednesday December 20

7:30 a.m. ☩ Martin Kraan / Annette, Peter & Family

5:30 p.m. **Adoration**

7:00 p.m. ☩ Ken & Doreen Grace / Vitorino Family

### Thursday December 21

7:30 a.m. Intentions of Susan Horrigan / Catherine McGrory

5:30 p.m. **Adoration**

7:00 p.m. ☩ Alberta Kuper / Olivia & Max Kuper

### Friday December 22

7:30 a.m. ☩ Marg McNish / Family

5:30 p.m. **Adoration**

### Saturday December 23

9:00 a.m. ☩ Shamus Shannon / Sadie, Ryleigh, Alex & Mom

9:30 a.m. - noon **Adoration**

5:00 p.m. ☩ Mary & Peter Kirley / Michelle, Sean, Michael & Peter Kirley

### Sunday December 24 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. ☩ Elli Palko / Anette & Peter Watson & Family

11:00 a.m. For the people of our parish

### Sunday December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve

5:00 p.m. Danyluk & Gillogly Families / Val Finley

7:00 p.m. ☩ Neil Callaghan / Lorna & Family

10:00 p.m. Intentions of the Christmas Cards

## PRAY FOR THE SICK



Especially for Rylee Stewart, Donna Lee, Kathleen Walden, Sally Dickens, Kathy and Tom Bushell, Violet Marie Werry, Nicole Lessard, Norm Forget, Charlene Lavergne, Michael Smith, James Callaghan, Paul Bouwmeester, A Special Nephew, Charlene Ashmore, Str.Sandra Boyer-CSJ, Peter Giorgini, Norma Goller, Fr.Claire Hickson, Emma Junkin, Sara King, Bob Milton, Myrna Morgan, Bill Muzzi, Paul Nicholls, Ron O'Connor, Suzanne O'Leary, Genevieve Rodrigues, Ellie Roy, Paul Skipworth, Louise Smusiak, and Giselle Young. May the Lord's healing hand touch them.

### And for the deceased members of our parish

Especially, Steve Piggot and Helen McDonald. May they receive the gift of eternal life in heaven.



## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

5 p.m. December 23rd Sunday Liturgy Vigil

9 a.m. and 11a.m. December 24th Sunday Liturgy

### Christmas (Holy Day of Obligation)

5 p.m., 7 p.m., 10 p.m. December 24th Christmas Eve Vigil

10 a.m., Noon December 25th Christmas Mass

### Holy Family

9 a.m. Saturday December 30th Weekday Liturgy

5 p.m. Saturday December 30th Sunday Liturgy Vigil

9 a.m., 11 a.m. Sunday December 31st Sunday Liturgy

### Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)

5 p.m. Sunday December 31st Vigil

9 a.m., 11a.m. Monday January 1st Mass

## ADVENT SCHEDULE

### December 16th ~ Decorate the Church.

After the 5 p.m. Mass join us in the Church to help us decorate with our three stages of Christmas decorating.

### December 16th ~ Day of Reconciliation and Liturgy

9:00 a.m. Weekday liturgy Mass

9:30 to noon Reconciliation and Liturgy

3 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Reconciliation and Liturgy

5:00p.m. Vigil, Sunday Liturgy

### December 17th ~ Coffee Sunday of Advent

After 11:00 a.m. Mass, Coffee Sunday in the Parish Hall and advent drawing contest winners announced. Christmas play and hymns.

## WELCOME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Christmas is a time for coming home. Often as we all know people who have wandered from the active practice of their faith come to Christmas Mass. Why wait to have them just drop in on their own initiative or by the grace of a push from the Lord? I would like you to take the initiative yourself. Invite a Catholic person or family you know to come to Mass with you or meet you here.



## MONDAY NIGHT ADORATION

Monday night Adoration will be cancelled until further notice. Thank you.

## HELP US DECORATE FOR CHRISTMAS!

As we welcome advent to our parish join us after 5pm Mass on **December 16th** to decorate the Church in preparation for the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Coffee and treats in the Sacristy afterwards.

## CHRISTMAS PARISH OFFICE HOURS

December 25<sup>th</sup> to January 1<sup>st</sup> Office Closed

January 2<sup>nd</sup> to January 5<sup>th</sup>: Office open 9am - noon.

If you are in need of a priest for Anointing of the Sick, please call the parish office and follow instructions for Emergency. Thank you.

## CHRISTMAS BOUQUET CARDS

Christmas Bouquet cards have arrived! The intentions of these Christmas Cards are for living and deceased loved ones, friends, etc. Please complete the envelope form, and include an offering. Intentions will be offered at the 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. Please put your envelope in the collection basket or bring it to the rectory no later than **Wednesday December 20th at noon** so we have the intentions for the Mass on Christmas Eve. Cards are at the back of the Church or at the parish office.

## USHERS - CHRISTMAS MASSES

Join us and usher for the Christmas masses. A sign-up sheet is at the back of the Church. We also welcome ushers for the Sunday masses. Please indicate your interest on the same sign-up sheet. Thank you.

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Your 2024 membership of \$40 is now due. Please put it in an envelope with personal info plus email address. There is a CWL envelope in your box of church envelopes. questions or concerns, please call Gloria 705-324-2290

## ADVENT DRAWING CONTEST

Children of our Parish! Thank you for your amazing drawings! We had 24 submissions this year and each work of art was so beautiful!  
Contest results and prizes will be announced at the **December 17<sup>th</sup>** Coffee Sunday after the 11am Mass.

## COFFEE SUNDAY

On **December 17<sup>th</sup>**, please join us for Coffee Sunday after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. We will be celebrating Advent with a Christmas play, announcing the winners of the drawing contest and of course enjoying your generous donations of sweet and savory treats.

## SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL



The pick-up and delivery of Christmas Cheer took place on Monday December 11th with 50 singles and seniors and 90 families receiving food cards and gifts. Your generosity throughout the year has made this possible. Several parishioners, schools, Crayola Canada and other businesses donated additional gifts for the families. Special thank you to volunteers, EMS volunteers and student volunteers from St. Thomas Aquinas. Be assured that all the items will be used. In addition to Christmas Cheer, we have gifted a few items to the Lindsay Pregnancy Centre and other agencies serving Neighbours in Need. Once again, with gratitude to each donor, Society of St. Vincent de Paul will keep you in our prayers and wish you a Merry Christmas.

**Envelope holder #302 please contact the parish office or add your name and address to your offertory envelope. Thank you.**

## FAITH FORMATION

Join us in the Sacristy for a faith video presentation and refreshments.

**Dec. 18, 1:30pm to 3 pm** Pray as you can, not as your can't

**Jan 9<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.** They key to prayer, Why you need Lectio Divina

May our Faith Journey bring us greater peace and joy!

## ROSARY MAKERS

Rosary makers will be meeting again **January 8th from 1 to 3:30pm** in the Knights Hall. New volunteers always welcome. We have all the supplies you need.

## GIFT CARDS



**Gift card sales will end December 22 at noon for Christmas. Purchases can be made again starting January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you.**

Every time you buy a gift card, you are donating 5% to our Property Maintenance fund. Gift cards will be available at the Rectory Office, by request. Please call ahead of time to place your order. Only cash and cheque payments are accepted. Gift cards are available from the following stores and denominations:

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Giant Tiger:	\$25, \$50
Food Basics:	\$25, \$50, \$100
Home Hardware:	\$25, \$50, \$100
Lamantia:	\$20
Tim Hortons:	\$10, \$25, \$50
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## DONATIONS TO YOUR PARISH

Offertory	\$5,961
Preauthorized offering	\$2,387
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,348</b>

Thank you parishioners who are using [Pre-authorized offering System](#) and [Canadahelps.org](#). If you haven't yet been added to the Pre-authorized Offering System or would like to use donation envelopes, please email [office@stmaryslindsay.ca](mailto:office@stmaryslindsay.ca) or phone 705-324-4828, thank you.

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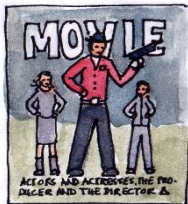
**Donations to the church for 2023 have to be made by 31 December 2023 to receive credit in 2023. Thank you for your generous support**

# Who Will Lead You to God?



Today's Gospel reading tells us about Saint John the Baptist, who prepared the people for the coming of Jesus. At first people thought that he might be the saviour they were all waiting for, but he was very clear when he told them that he wasn't- there was one coming after him Who would be the truly great One.

Sometimes we hear about great or important people. We know about movie stars and singers and government leaders. Who are some important people you know of?

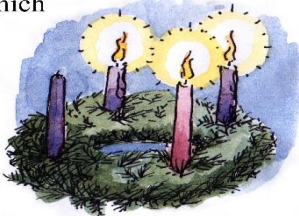


Do those people that you've thought about help to bring you closer to God? Do they teach you well and give good example? Or do they lead people away from God by doing wrong things or making fun of God's truth?



We can know which people are really great by thinking

about whether they lead us closer to God, like Saint John the Baptist did, or further away from Him. Which sort of people do you want to follow?

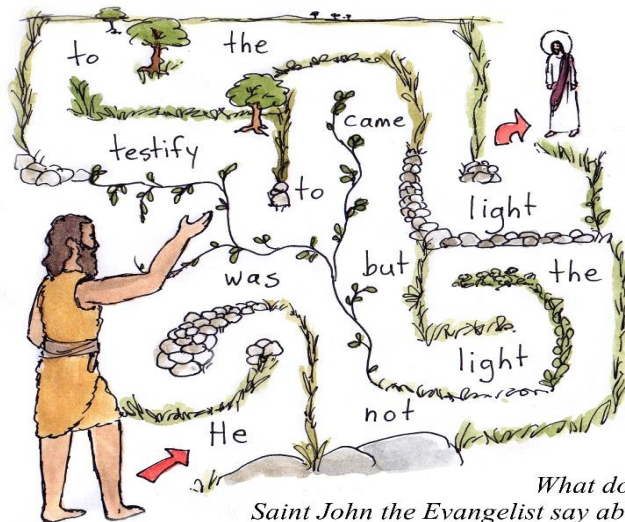


Answer to Word-find: brokenhearted.

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Third Sunday of Advent  
December 17th, 2023

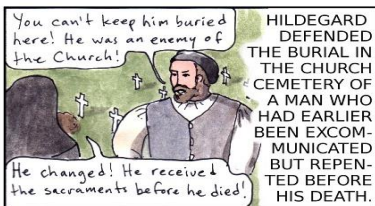
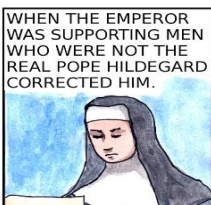
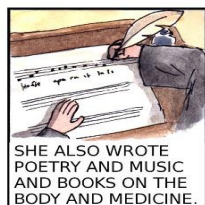
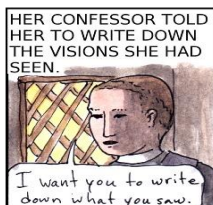
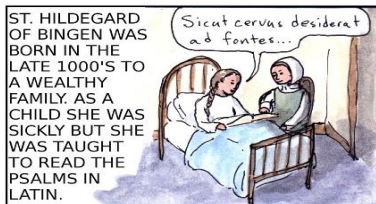


What does Saint John the Evangelist say about Saint John the Baptist at the beginning of the Gospel? Read the words you pass as you go through the maze.

Was the priest who offered Mass today wearing pink vestments? The colour pink, or rose, is a sign of joy. We use it for the third Sunday of Advent because we are happy that we're halfway to Christmas! If you have an Advent wreath, it's time to light the pink candle!



## SAINT HILDEGARD OF BINGEN DECEMBER 17



SAINT HILDEGARD KNEW A LOT ABOUT GOD FROM HER VISIONS BUT SHE WASN'T PROUD. INSTEAD SHE USED HER KNOWLEDGE AND GIFTS TO BRING PEOPLE CLOSER TO GOD THROUGH MUSIC AND SCIENCE. DID YOU KNOW THAT LEARNING ABOUT GOD'S CREATION CAN HELP YOU TO KNOW HIM BETTER TOO?

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## The Messenger of Peace Word-find

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See if you can find the words in CAPITALS from today's first reading in the puzzle. Use the left-over letters to fill in the blanks in the reading.

The SPIRIT of the Lord God is upon me, because the LORD has ANOINTED me; he has SENT me to bring GLAD TIDINGS to the POOR, to heal

the \_\_\_\_\_,  
to PROCLAIM LIBERTY to CAPTIVES  
and RELEASE to the PRISONERS,  
to ANNOUNCE a YEAR of FAVOUR from the Lord and a day of VINDICATION by our GOD.





# Catholic Herald

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## **Advent Schedule**

### **St. Mary's Catholic Church Lindsay**

#### **December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> ~ Decorate the Church**

After 5:00 p.m. Mass join us in the church to help us decorate with our three stages of Christmas decorating.

#### **December 5<sup>th</sup> ~ Faith Development**

7:00 p.m. Video presentation and refreshments in Sacristy

#### **December 11<sup>th</sup> ~ Drawing Contest Submissions Due**

3:00 p.m. Drawing contest submissions due at the Parish Office

#### **December 12<sup>th</sup> ~ Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**

4:30 p.m.	Rosary
5:00 p.m.	Bilingual Mass (English and Spanish)
6:00 p.m.	Refreshments and Video at Parish Hall (St. Mary School Gym)

#### **December 16<sup>th</sup> ~ Day of Reconciliation and Liturgy**

9:00 a.m.	Weekday Liturgy Mass
9:30 a.m. – noon.	Reconciliation and Liturgy
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Reconciliation and Liturgy
5:00 p.m.	Vigil, Sunday Liturgy

#### **December 17<sup>th</sup> ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

After 11:00 a.m. Mass Coffee Sunday Parish Hall and Advent drawing contest winners announced.  
Christmas play and hymns.

# ***Christmas and New Years Masses***

## ***St. Mary's Catholic Church Lindsay***

### **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

5:00 p.m. Saturday December 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Liturgy Vigil  
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Sunday December 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday Liturgy

### **Christmas (Holy Day of Obligation)**

5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., 10:00 p.m., Sunday December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve Vigil  
10:00 a.m. and Noon, Monday December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Mass

### **Holy Family**

9:00 a.m. Saturday December 30<sup>th</sup> Weekday Liturgy  
5:00 p.m. Saturday December 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday Liturgy Vigil  
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Sunday December 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday Liturgy

### **Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)**

5:00 p.m. Sunday December 31<sup>st</sup>, Vigil  
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Monday January 1<sup>st</sup>, Mass



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## Schedules

### Weekend Masses:

Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

### Weekday Masses:

Tuesday to Friday 7:30 a.m.  
Wednesday, Thursday 7:00 p.m.  
Saturday 9:00 a.m.  
1st Friday of the Month 7:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

### Adoration:

Times may vary due to weddings or funerals  
Monday 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
Tuesday to Friday 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Saturday 9:30 a.m. – 12 noon.  
1st Friday of the month 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

### Confessions:

By appointment or,  
Wednesday 5:45 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.  
Saturday 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
1st Friday of the month 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.,  
6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

## Parish Schools

### Elementary

St. Mary 705-324-3113  
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St. John Paul II 705-324-7445

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St. Thomas Aquinas 705-878-4117

## Sacraments

**New Parishioners:** Welcome to our Parish! Please introduce yourself to our priests and the ushers. A registration form is in the church for you to complete and return to the usher or parish office.

**Marriage:** Engaged couples can contact the parish office to arrange their first meeting with the priest. This meeting should occur 6 months to one year before the proposed marriage date.

**Baptism:** Please contact the parish office for details. Baptisms are offered at the end of the month. A pre-baptism online meeting is required.

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA):** Classes start the beginning of October. Please call the parish office to register.

### Catechism Classes (October to May):

1st Reconciliation, 1st Communion: After the 11 a.m. Mass  
Confirmation: Tuesdays from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**Anointing of the Sick:** If you have a family member or know someone near death please call the rectory and request the sacrament of the sick.

**Homebound Ministry:** If you know someone who is unable to attend church please call the parish office and we can arrange a visit.

**Funerals:** Please call the parish office to discuss funeral Mass arrangements. The office works closely with funeral homes to meet your planning needs.