St. Mary's Church Bulletin

Readings for December 4 First Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 63, 16b-17:64.1, 3-8 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.3-9 Gospel: Mark 13.33-37

MASSES FOR THE WEEK Dec. 4 - 10

Monday December 4

Tuesday December 5

7:30 a.m. # Ancestors 5:30 p.m. Ädoration

Wednesday December 6

7:30 a.m. # Elli Palko / Anne Marie Davies 5:30 p.m. *Adoration* 7:00 p.m. ∏ Wayne Mulligan / Colleen Mulligan

Thursday December 7 7:30 a.m. IL Ancestors

5:30 p.m. Ädoration

7:00 p.m. General Intentions of the Catholic Women's League

Friday December 8

7:30 a.m. H Elli Meyer / Marguerite and Lloyd O'Connell 5:30 p.m. *Adoration*

Saturday December 9

9:00 a.m. ¹/_H Kevin Coughlin / Anne Marie and Eldon 9:30 a.m. - noon *Adoration*

5:00 p.m. I Giancamillo Mucci and Angela Mucci-Antale / Sean Kirley and Michelle Mucci Kirley

Sunday December 10

9:00 a.m. # Mike Jilesen / Eugene Carlin 11:00 a.m. For the people of our parish

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Especially for 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, Sister Sandra Boyer-CSJ, Peter Giorgini, Norma Goller, Father 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



Christmas Mass Schedule

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

Holv Family

9 a.m.	Saturday December 30th Weekday Liturgy
5 p.m.	Saturday December 30th
9 a.m., 11 a.m.	Sunday December 31st 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 2nd, 9th, 12th ~ 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 5th ~ Faith Development

7:00 p.m. Video presentation & refreshments in the Sacristy

December 11th ~ Drawing Contest Submissions Due Bring your submissions to the Rectory no later than 3pm.

December 12th ~ Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

4:30 p.m.	Rosary
5:00 p.m.	Bilingual Mass (English and Spanish)
6:00 p.m.	Refreshment and Video at parish hall
	(St. Mary's School Gym)

December 16th ~ Day of Reconciliation and Liturgy 9:00 a.m. Weekday liturgy Mass Reconciliation and Liturgy 9:30 to noon

3 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Reconciliation and Liturgy 5:00p.m. Vigil, Sunday Liturgy

December 17th ~ 3rd 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.

FEAST DAY OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

On December 12th Father Simon Magana will be celebrating the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe with a bilingual mass. Join us at St. Mary's Church for: 4:30 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Bilingual Mass (English and Spanish)

6:00 p.m. Refreshments and Video at the Parish Hall (St. Mary School Gym)

HELP US DECORATE FOR CHRISTMAS!

As we welcome advent to our parish join us after 5pm Mass on December 2nd, 9th, 16th to decorate the Church in preparation for the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Coffee and treats in the Sacristy afterwards.

Especially Irene Webster. May they receive the gift of eternal life in heaven.

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.

HOSPITAL VISITATIONS

Father Dominic frequently visits Ross Memorial Hospital. If you have a Catholic family member or friend at Ross Memorial Hospital who would like a visit and communion, please contact the parish office with the patient's name and room number.

SPIRITUAL EXERCISES

IVE is hosting Spiritual Exercises according to Saint Ignatius of Loyola at the Fair Haven Conference Centre in Beaverton ON - (B2215 Durham Regional

Highway 48, Beaverton ON, L0K 1A0).

Cost is \$300 per person and includes meals.



For Men February 23-26th, For Women March 1- 4th

For Pre-registration: use QR code, see poster in the Church or https://forms.gle/poRtYTUM2FsFCSRw9

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

FAITH DEVELOPMENT - JOIN US!

Our Faith Development gatherings will be held **December 5th** in the Sacristy. Join us for a faith video and discussion from 7pm to 9pm. We have a poster in the church showing all the future meetings. Looking forward to seeing you!

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL



Thank you for your support of the Christmas Angel program. Your gift donations can still be dropped off at the Church or taken to the parish office during office hours as soon as possible please.

This weekend, **December 2nd and 3rd**, we will have our monthly collection after Mass. Thank you for your generosity.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our next general council meeting is scheduled for **December 14th** after the 7:00pm Mass in the Knights Hall. Wear your Christmas Tie!

Interested new members are welcome to attend.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

Let's heed the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor and let's act!

Pope Francis calls us to hear "the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor" (Laudato Si', 49). Yet, since 2015, the communities of Guapinol and the San Pedro sector have been trying in vain to be heard. In their struggle for justice, defenders are attacked, criminalized and even killed. Eight defenders were unjustly imprisoned



for over two years, and three people have been murdered since January 2023.

Sign the letter to the Honduran ambassador to Canada asking her government for protection, justice and reparation for environmental defenders and for Carlos Escaleras National Park (<u>devp.org/act</u>).



COFFEE SUNDAY

December 17th 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.

GIFT CARDS

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:

Canadian Tire:	\$25, \$50, \$100
Giant Tiger:	\$25, \$50
Food Basics:	\$25, \$50, \$100
Home Hardware:	\$25, \$50, \$100
Lamantia:	\$20
Tim Hortons:	\$10, \$25, \$50
President's Choice:	\$25, \$50, \$100, \$250
Swiss Chalet/Kelsey's:	\$25, \$50, \$100

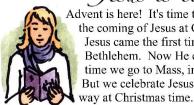
DONATIONS TO YOUR PARISH

Offertory	\$3,355
Preauthorized offering	\$2,387
Total	\$5,742

Thank you parishioners who are using <u>Pre-authorized</u> offering System and <u>Canadahelps.org</u>. 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 or phone 705-324-4828, thank you.

Envelope holder #302 and #307 please contact the parish office or add your name and address to your offertory envelope. Thank you.

Advent is Here! Jesus is coming!



Advent is here! It's time to begin preparing for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. Jesus came the first time long ago in Bethlehem. Now He comes to us every time we go to Mass, in Holy Communion. But we celebrate Jesus' coming in a special

Advent is the time to get ready for Christmas. We get our houses ready by cleaning and decorating. We get our souls ready by cleaning out our sins when we go to confession, and by learning and thinking about Jesus.



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Here are some things that will help you get ready for Christmas:

~ Light a candle on an advent wreath when you say your prayers every day.

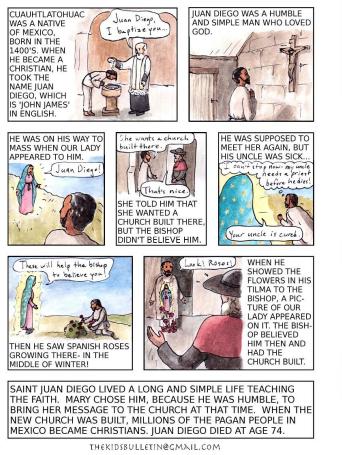
~ Read a book about Advent or Christmas.

~ Go to Confession before Christmas. ~ Do nice things Remember that

do for Jesus! Answers to Cross-word: Across: J.she 5. saw 7.iminaculate 10.over 11.preserve 15.pure Answers to Ecross-word: Across: J.she 5. save 6. were 17. man 18. lamb 20. ready 22. an 23. original. Down: 2. him 3. you 4. hate 5. save 6. were 8. Mary 9. love 12. soul 13. baby 14. Adam 16. Eve 18. laws 19. bon.

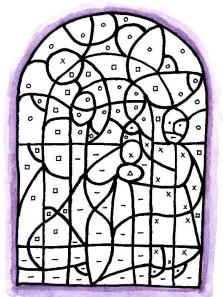
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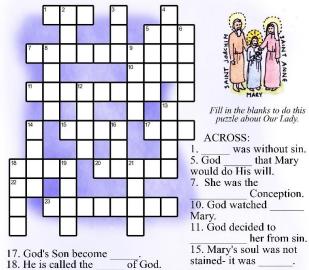
First Sunday of Advent December 3rd, 2023



In the Gospel, Jesus tells us to always be ready. Here's someone waiting for his master to return ... Use this code to colour the picture in:

GREY - BROWN DARK BLUE SKIN COLOUR × WHITE △ RED

Immaculate Conception Cross-Word



Fill in the blanks to do this puzzle about Our Lady

_ was without sin. that Mary Conception.

- 15. Mary's soul was not
- stained- it was
- 18. He is called the 20. When the time was , the angel came to Mary.
- 22. She said, "I _____ the handmaid of the Lord.
- 23. She had no sin, so she was always ready to obey. DOWN:
- Whatever God wanted she would do for 2.
- and me. She brought the Saviour into the world for
- d and _______ sin, which offends Him. Mary from all sin. 4. She teaches us to love God and
- 5. God had decided to
- 6. If you _____ God, how would you make your mother? 8. The name of God's mother is
- 9. She did every single thing out of _ for God
- 12. He had preserved her _____ from every stain of sin. 13. Before she was even a little _____ she was chosen b
- 16. ... and his wife, _____, who committed the first sins. 18. They had chosen to disobey God's _____.

- 21. Mary was the daughter of the holy saints, _____ and Joachin y was the daughter of the holy saints, and Joachim. * Except Saint John the Baptist, who, according to tradition, was freed from original sin-'filled with the Holy Spirit' when his mother was greeted by Mary who was expecting Jesus.

TAKE ACTION!

Defend the defenders of water and land

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By February 25, 2024 (i.e., two years after the Guapinol Eight were released), we want to send **32,000 signatures** (1,000 for each of the 32 people charged at the Guapinol camp) on a letter to the Honduran ambassador to Canada.

Your signatures will add weight to the letter, which presses the Government of Honduras to:

- → Bring to justice everyone involved in murdering the three Guapinol defenders
- → Fairly recompense the Guapinol Eight and their families
- → Better protect all Honduran human rights and environmental defenders
- $\rightarrow~$ Stop all mining activities in Carlos Escaleras National Park and restore it
- → Cancel all irregularly granted mining permits

Let's stand together! Sign and share!



- Sign a paper copy of the letter to the ambassador in your parish/school. Or sign it online by scanning this QR code or visiting <u>devp.org/act</u>.
- Please send all signed letters to the address below or to action@devp.org.

From Honduras to home

As you support the Honduran defenders, also consider pitching in for the environment closer to home. Organize a neighbourhood cleanup. Pick and publicize a place and time; bring gloves and garbage bags; and turn it into an opportunity to promote the campaign and collect signatures.



Learn more at devp.org/campaign.

Spread the word!

→ Follow @DevPeace 🗗 💟 💿 🕩 💼

→ Use the following hashtags in your posts #CreateHope #StandfortheLand #Guapinol



555, René-Lévesque Blvd. West, 8th floor Montreal (Quebec) H2Z 1B1 1-888-234-8533 | devp.org "Communities are displaced. Rights are violated. Access and right to water are denied. All this to give priority to the extraction and pillage of resources."

STAND FOR THE LAND

- Leonel George Member of the Defense of Common and Public Goods Committee in Tocoa, Colón.



DEFENDING WATER AND LAND IN HONDURAS



Around the world, people who defend the environment, water and land are often threatened, criminalized, imprisoned or even killed. **Honduras** is no exception and is one of the five most dangerous countries in the world in this respect.

Since 2015, the communities of Guapinol and the San Pedro sector have been trying in vain to have an open-pit iron mine shut down. The permit for the mine in the Montaña de Botaderos Carlos Escaleras National Park was irregularly granted to the *Inversiones los Pinares* company.

By 2018, pollution from the mine had made the Guapinol River's water unfit for consumption. So, the riverside communities mobilized and set up the Guapinol Camp for Water and Life. After 88 days of peaceful demonstrations, the camp was violently dismantled by the police and armed forces. 32 of the defenders were charged with various contrived offences. Eight of them, who came to be called the Guapinol Eight, were unjustly detained for 914 days.

Since January 2023, three defenders from Guapinol have been killed, adding to the heavy toll of more than 135 defenders murdered in Honduras since 2014.



Standing with the Defenders of Guapinol

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada has been asked by its partner ERIC-Radio Progreso to raise awareness of the tragic plight of the communities of Guapinol and the San Pedro sector. We stand with them as they defend their right to water and fight to obtain:

- \rightarrow Justice
- \rightarrow Reparations and protection
- \rightarrow The cancellation of the irregularly granted mining concession
- \rightarrow The restoration of the national park



"The Government of Honduras must act diligently and suspend these extractive activities, which are carried out illegally and with total disregard for the environment." — Elvin Hernández, human rights investigator, ERIC-Radio Progreso

A question of Water and Life for Daniel

José Daniel Márquez, a 44-year-old farmer, is one of the Guapinol Eight who were detained for over two years. Their "crime" was defending the Carlos Escaleras National Park, home to the sources of the Guapinol and San Pedro rivers. Worryingly for the community, the Guapinol has also been considerably depleted since 2018, even running dry in places. The situation remains very tense for the Guapinol defenders. They continually fear for themselves or their children. Daniel no longer dares to go out alone.

"In our country, the authorities only listen to big companies that wield economic power. The people who protect water sources suffer because they are not listened to. On the contrary, they are condemned, persecuted, imprisoned and, in the worst cases, killed. It is urgent to cancel all mining in this area of our park. The company must be stopped. All the damage it has caused to our rivers and mountains must be repaired."

Learn more at devp.org/campaign





CHURCH OF THE PURIFICATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



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Father Simón Magaña IVE, Associate

Parish Office Karen Quinn, Office Administrator office@stmaryslindsay.ca **Office Hours:** Mon. to Thurs.: 9:00 a.m. to 4:30p.m. Fri.: 9:00 a.m. to noon

St. Mary's Cemetery Peter Robson, Secretary 233 Lindsay Street South 705-328-0918 cemetery@stmaryslindsay.ca

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
St. Dominic	705-878-3660
St. John Paul II	705-324-7445
Highschool	
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.