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The Shepherds Speaking to the Angel, by: S. Superville (top), and H. Quinn (bottom)

# St. Mary's Church Bulletin

# Readings for Sunday December 1 The First Sunday of Advent

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Jeremiah 33.14 - 16

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3.12 - 4.2

Gospel: Luke 21.25 - 28, 34 - 36

# MASSES FOR THE WEEK Dec.2 - Dec. 8

# **Monday December 2**

7:30 a.m. # Maurice Mahar / Sheila & Family

# **Tuesday December 3**

7:30 a.m. # Charles Leung / Betty

5:30 p.m. Adoration

### **Wednesday December 4**

7:30 a.m. # Deceased members of the Legion of Mary /

Legion of Mary

5:30 p.m. Adoration

# **Thursday December 5**

7:30 a.m. # Charles Leung / Betty

5:30 p.m. Adoration

7:00 p.m. General Intentions of

the Catholic Women's League

# Friday December 6 – First Friday of the Month

7:30 a.m. # Charles Leung / Betty
8:00 a.m. - 9 a.m. Confessions
10:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Adoration
5:45 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. Confessions
7:00 p.m. # Mark Henley / Maria Healy

# Saturday December 7 - First Saturday of the Month

Änne & Ed Lynch, & Marina & Jill

9:30 a.m. – 12noon Adoration 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Confessions 5:00 p.m. Ir Mark & John Henley / Mary Eleanor & Family

# **Sunday December 8**

Confessions before mass

9:00 a.m. For the People of our Parish

11:00 a.m. 非 Deceased Members of the O'Leary Family

/ Vi & Family

# PRAY FOR THE SICK



Especially for Cathy Clarke, Tom England, Terry and Donna McNenly, Victoria Dlugosz, Ray Addley, Marg Wansbrough, Rylee Stewart, Kathleen Walden, Cathy and Tom Bushell, Nicole Lessard, Norm Forget, James Callaghan, Paul

Bouwmeester, Charlene Ashmore, Norma Goller, Emma Junkin, Myrna Morgan, Paul Nicholls, Ron O'Connor, Suzanne O'Leary, Genevieve Rodrigues. May the

Lord's healing hand touch them.

# And for the deceased members of our parish

May they receive the gift of eternal life in heaven.

# **HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS**

If you have a family member or friend that is not able to come to church and would like to go to confession and receive Holy Communion, please call the rectory at 705-324-4828 and someone will go and visit them.

# DAY OF GRACE AND RECONCILIATION

You are invited to a Day of Grace and Reconciliation to be held at St. Mary's Church, Lindsay on Saturday, December 21. What an excellent way to prepare for the great feast of Christmas!

Our priests and visiting priests will hear confessions from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon and 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. During this time there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Take some quiet time out of your busy schedules to be with our Lord Jesus Christ.

# SACRAMENT CLASS SCHEDULES

### **First Communion**

After the Sunday 9:00 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. Masses as follows:

Session 6 December 1 at St. Mary Elementary school Session 7 December 8 at St. Mary Elementary school December 15 first confession after 11am mass in the church

### Confirmation

7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., will take place in the Sacristy of the Church on the following dates:

Session 5 December 3, 2024 Session 6 December 17, 2024

# **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. Donations will be supporting Church flowers and decorations.

# **HELP US DECORATE FOR CHRISTMAS**

To preserve the spirit of Advent, the liturgical season of expectation and preparation, we will decorate the Church in stages. You are welcome to join us decorate the church after the Saturday evening Mass. Decorating Schedule is as follows:

- Dec 7th Stage One
  - Decorate Church with Greenery
  - Assemble Christmas trees hand garlands
- Dec 14th Stage Two
  - Prepare Nativity Scene (only animals)
- Dec 21st Stage Three
  - Place all Figures in Nativity Scene
  - Add decorations and ornaments Christmas tree
- Dec 25th Complete (Christmas Lights ON)

### **EVENTS IN THE DIOCESE OF PETERBOROUGH**

There are many events planned in parishes in our Diocese. Please see the east church bulletin board in the main church lobby for details, (for online bulletin subscribers scroll down for posters).

# **USHERS NEEDED**

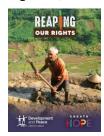
Please call the parish office if you would like to usher during masses, especially Saturday evening masses.

# WOMEN SHARING WISDOM WORKSHOP

Women, please mark your calendars for Saturday, January 18th. From 9:30 am until 11:30 am we will be meeting at Saint Mary's gym to chat about the sacrament of marriage. Refreshments will be provided.

# DEVELOPMENT & PEACE

# Together, let's support peasant and rural communities!



Across the Global South, peasant and rural communities have fought hard to assert their rights to land, water, seeds, food sovereignty, a healthy environment and more.

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extracting resources, and indifferent to polluting the environment?

Together, let's call on Canada to adopt **mandatory human rights and environmental due diligence legislation** so that no Canadian company can trample on peasants' rights. Do your bit by <u>signing our campaign letter at **devp.org/act!**</u>

# LEGION OF MARY ROSARY AT ST. MARY'S CEMETERY

Please join us each Tuesday during the month of December, at 11am at Victoria Park as we pray the Rosary Everyone is most welcome!

# **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

**Membership** for 2025 - \$40. Submit with your name and phone number and place in collection basket. New members welcome. Thank you! Gloria 705-324-2290

We're hosting a Ladies Christmas Luncheon, (an Open invitation to all women of St. Mary's Church) Thursday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> at Mackey's Celebrations, 35 Lindsay Street North, Doors open 11:30am. Lunch 12:30pm. Tickets - \$30. Call Gloria 705-324-2290, Lillian-647-884-1882 and Judy Jewel 705-324-2204.

# **NEW CHRISTMAS CARDS NEEDED**

Catholic Women's League is looking for donations of New Christmas cards. These are handed out in all our Long-Term Care homes in Lindsay.

Please leave your donation at the church in the labelled tote at the main door or drop off at the parish office during office hours. At this time there are no collections for used cards.

# **BOOKS UNDER THE TREES**

For information about our products and to contact us please see the posters in the church.5\$ books are still available.

### SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

This weekend, November 30 and December 1 after Mass is our monthly collection for those in need within our community. Society of St. Vincent de Paul is grateful for your generosity.

Non-Perishable food donations: Your weekly donations of non-perishable food help us to feed the hungry through Lindsay Community Food Market where our members are part of the team helping others. Donations of Cereal, Toilet Paper, Peanut Butter, Pasta, and Tuna are much appreciated.

We appreciate and thank you for your ongoing generosity and prayers.

Neighbours in need please call 705-340-3001

# **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Christmas Buttons — Again this year, the Knights of Columbus want to share the real reason for the season of Christmas. The Knights will be giving buttons away as you leave the church for the next 2 weeks at all exits. The button theme this year is "O Holy Night". If you would like to give a donation that is up to you but not important. What is important is for you to wear the button this month. Wear it when you shop, when you are out for coffee and so on. Let's show others our great joy and the true reason for this Christmas season.

## **SUPPORT CARDS**

Sales this week: \$2,300 Profit this week: \$116 Sales to date: \$4,762,370 Profit to date: \$250,139

Whenever 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. 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
Swiss Chalet/Kelsey's: \$25, \$50, \$100

# **2025 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

The 2025 Offertory envelopes are in the church. Please be sure you are taking your box labelled with your name. If you don't see your name, please ask an usher or contact the parish office.

Please note that your envelope box number may have changed.

# **DONATIONS TO YOUR PARISH**

Offertory \$4,185 Preauthorized offering \$2,261

Total \$6,446

Thank you for using <u>Pre-authorized offering System</u> and <u>Canadahelps.org</u>. Please contact the parish office for donation options: email <u>office@stmaryslindsay.ca</u> or phone 705-324-4828, thank you.

# Advent is Here!

Today is the beginning of Advent, the time when we prepare for Christmas.

WOULD I

BE READY

CAME

F JESUS

The word "advent" comes from the Latin word that means "coming". In Advent we are preparing for Jesus' coming. We look forward

to Christmas, which is the celebration of His first coming and we also look forward to His second coming.

TODAY? Did you know that the most important thing to have ready

for Christmas is a clean soul?

During Advent you can try extra hard to be good. It is also a very good idea to go to confession before



Christmas so that your soul will be good and clean when Jesus comes!

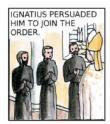
Answer to the Second Coming Word Puzzle: THE LORD OUR JUSTICE

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# Saint Francis Xavier December 3

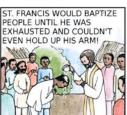














JUST AS HE WAS MAKING A TRIP TO CHINA HE FELL ILL. HE WAS TAKEN ONTO AN ISLAND AND DIED THERE AT AGE 46.

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# The Kids' Bulletin

First Sunday of Advent December 1st, 2024



In today's Gospel reading Jesus talks about what is going to happen when He comes back at the end of the world.

Use the code to colour in the picture!

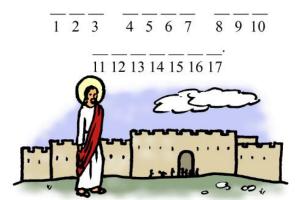
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# The Second Coming Jeremiah 33:14-16 Word Puzzle

Fill in the missing letters from today's first reading and copy them to finish the last line.

The days are c ming (5), says he (14) Lo d, (10) when I will f lfill (9) the p omise (6) I made to the ouse (2) of Israel and Judah. In tho e(13) days, in that tim, (3) I will raise up for avid (7) a just shoot; he shall d (8) what is right and jus (1) in the and.(4) In those days udah (11) shall be safe and Jer salem (12) shall dw ll (17) secure; th s(15) is what they shall all (16) her:



# Press release For immediate release

# Statement and Recommendations following the International Interfaith Symposium on Palliative Care

OTTAWA, 24 October 2024 – Today, as a follow-up to the International Interfaith Symposium on Palliative Care, "Towards a Narrative of Hope," a Post-Symposium Working Group has released its anticipated Statement and Recommendations as a key concrete outcome of the event which took place from 21 to 23 May 2024. The Symposium, organized by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) in partnership with the Pontifical Academy for Life (PAV), as well as other collaborators, was one of the first of its kind in terms of charting new paths for the promotion and expansion of palliative care.

The Post-Symposium Working Group that authored the Statement and Recommendations, comprised of leading academic experts in palliative care from Canada and the US, chaired by the Most Rev. Noël Simard, Bishop Emeritus of Valleyfield, and supported by the CCCB Office for Family and Life, has helpfully recapped key insights from the event and proposed possible next steps as part of a shared vision dedicated to promoting a culture of palliative care that respects human dignity and the sanctity of life.

The Statement considers the Christian roots of palliative care as a "model of care" which seeks to prevent and ameliorate the physical as well as the spiritual and psychosocial suffering of those facing serious, life-threatening, or life-limiting illness. It highlights the "deep sense of resolve and concern" expressed by a growing network of stakeholders to ensure that comprehensive and quality palliative care is available to all at the end of life.

The Statement further highlights <u>Pope Francis's message to the Symposium participants</u>, in which he encouraged the practice of "authentic palliative care," and it emphasises the Christian understanding that "staying with – or being present to – those who are ill and dying is a sign of the charity and hope that are at the heart of the ministry of caregiving."

The six recommendations in the areas of education, policy and community engagement, with which the Statement concludes, outline tasks for the Working Group and its network of stakeholders who are interested in the expansion and promotion of palliative care. Following the release of today's Statement, the Post-Symposium Working Group will begin a new phase of resource development and advocacy based on these recommendations.

The Post-Symposium Working Group encourages all individuals and relevant organizations to receive these recommendations as a means of fostering a more compassionate approach to end-of-life care.

For further details and to access the full Post-Symposium Statement and Recommendations, please visit: Post-Symposium-Statement-and-Recommendations-FINAL\_EN\_2024-10-22.pdf

# Journey Through Advent 2024 - Video Series to Introduce and Reflect on the Season

### 25 November, 2024

Today, the General Secretariat of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) announces the online weekly video series for this year's Advent season. Designed to help the faithful prepare for the memorial of the birth of Our Lord celebrated at Christmas, these videos provide valuable resources and opportunities for faith formation. Titled Journey through Advent the series is a collaborative initiative of the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis, the National Liturgy Office, and the Office national de liturgie.

This year's reflections will be led by the Most Reverend Frank Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto, and the Most Reverend René Guay, Bishop of Chicoutimi. The videos will guide viewers through the Advent season by offering reflections, enriched by spiritual and pastoral insights, on the Gospel readings proclaimed during each of the four Sundays of Advent.

As we prepare for the Nativity of Our Lord, it is hoped that this year's *Journey through*Advent videos will be a source of spiritual comfort, peace, and meaningful preparation for all who watch them.

The videos will be uploaded one at a time on a weekly basis throughout Advent and will be available on the CCCB website each Monday in advance of the upcoming Sunday Eucharistic Celebration (25 November, 2 December, 9 December and 16 December). There are several ways to stay informed of these weekly updates:

- Bookmark the home page of the CCCB website https://www.cccb.ca/
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   'Encounter', by visiting <a href="https://www.cccb.ca/oec/encounter/">https://www.cccb.ca/oec/encounter/</a>

# Events in the Diocese of Peterborough

# 2024 Advent Ecumenical Service - St. John the Evangelist Parish in Kirkfield

St. John the Evangelist Parish in Kirkfield is hosting an Advent Ecumenical Service, Sunday December 1st, 2024, at 7:00 pm. Please join us for this beautiful service to brighten our hearts in preparation for the birth of our Lord! All are welcome to attend a reception for food and fellowship following the service in the Parish Hall.

# **Christmas Concert---Sacred Heart Peterborough**

Friday December 20 at 7 pm, Sacred Heart Church, Peterborough by The Sacred Heart Children's Choir and Bellringers directed by Randy Mills. All are invited to attend.

# Bible study - St. Alphonsus Church, Peterborough

"The Spirit is upon me...": A Journey through the Gospel According to Luke facilitated by Dr. Doug Finbow. Join us at St. Alphonsus Church, the Redemptorist Room (office door) Wednesdays, December 4 & 11 from 5 - 7pm. There is an option to go to Mass at 4:30 pm before the study. All welcome! Please bring your Bible.

Keep Scrolling for more information!



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# **Jubilee Opening Mass:**

Celebrated by Bishop Daniel Miehm December 29th, 2024 at 10:30am Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains

# Save the Date!

Diocesan Pilgrimage Martyr's Shrine in Midland September 20, 2025



Details & Registration available from your parish.



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