

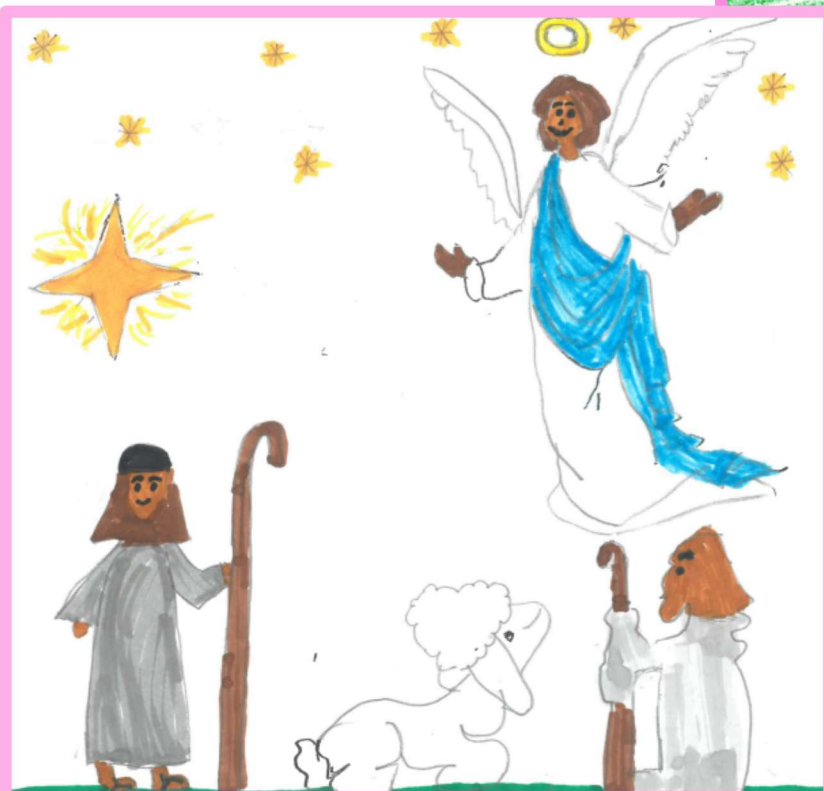
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Third Sunday of Advent



*"And the angel said to them,
"Be not afraid; for behold,
I bring you good news of a great joy
which will come to all the people:
for to you is born this day
in the city of David
a Saviour,
who is Christ the Lord."
Luke 2:10-11*

The Angel Speaking to the Shepherds, by: C. Superville (left) and H. McMorrow (right)

CHURCH OF THE PURIFICATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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Parish Christmas Office Hours

Parish Office will be closed December 20th at noon and reopening January 6th at 9am.

If you or a loved one is in need of a priest for anointing of the sick, please call the rectory and follow instructions for emergency.

Have a very Merry Christmas!

St. Mary's Church Bulletin

Readings for Sunday December 15
The Third Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Zephaniah 3.14 - 18a
2nd Reading: Philippians 4.4 - 7
Gospel: Luke 3.10 - 18

MASSES FOR THE WEEK Dec. 16 – Dec. 22

Monday December 16

7:30 a.m. ✠ Jack Walsh / Teresa Walsh

Tuesday December 17

7:30 a.m. ✠ Gord Jewell / Judy Jewell
5:30 p.m. Adoration

Wednesday December 18

7:30 a.m. ✠ John Healy / Healy Family
5:30 p.m. Adoration
5:45 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. *Confessions*
7:00 p.m. ✠ Leo Callaghan / Dan and Tammie

Thursday December 19

7:30 a.m. ✠ Maurice Mahar / Sheila and Family
5:30 p.m. Adoration
7:00 p.m. ✠ Marg McNish / Family

Friday December 20

7:30 a.m. ✠ Alberta Kuper / Olivia and Max Kuper
5:30 p.m. Adoration

Saturday December 21 - Day of Reconciliation

9:00 a.m. ✠ Sean, David and Paul McGrory / Catherine
9:30 a.m. - 12noon *Confessions and Adoration*
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. *Confessions*
5:00 p.m. For the People of our Parish

Sunday December 22

Confessions before mass

9:00 a.m. ✠ Larry Burns / Tom Quibell
11:00 a.m. ✠ Len Albrecht / Catherine

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.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



Christmas Eve masses:
5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day masses:
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

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.

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.

SACRAMENT CLASS SCHEDULES

First Communion

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

December 15 first confession after 11am mass in the church

In January we start the next topic of the program using a new textbook *You Are Loved*

Session 1 January 12 at St. Mary's Elementary School

Session 2 January 19 online at home

Confirmation

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

Session 6 December 17, 2024

Session 7 January 14, 2025

Session 8 January 28, 2025

CHRISTMAS BOUQUET CARDS



Christmas Bouquet cards are available at the parish office! 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.**

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 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)

2025 MISSALS

The new 2025 missals are in the church and at the rectory. Missals are \$5 each.

CANADIAN CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS NEWS

Journey Through Advent Video Series

The Third Sunday of Advent, video of the series "Journey through Advent" is on the CCCB website:

<https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-advent/>

PILGRIMS OF HOPE JUBILEE YEAR 2025

Jubilee Opening Mass will be on December 29th, 2024, 10:30 am at St. Peter-In-Chains, celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Daniel Miehm. The faithful will be asked to gather outside the Knights of Columbus Hall (parking lot area) facing the veranda to hear the introductory remarks for the Jubilee Year. We will all 'pilgrimage' across the street to St. Peter's for the continuation of the celebration of Holy Mass. Plenary Indulgences available for the pilgrimage.

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

LEGION OF MARY

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

Thank you for attending our Christmas Luncheon and to all who donated draw prizes. Huge thanks to the CWL members who so willingly served us!

We are truly sisters in Christ. Wishing you a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year! Lillian and Gloria.

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Development "I am the bread of life"— The Eucharist will be the focus for the year of 2025

January 7, 2025 at 7:00pm St Mary's Sacristy we will watch Mother Olga's Presentation at the National Eucharist Congress "Broken in the Bread of Christ"

We hope you will join us for this outstanding presentation!

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.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Last week our members, Emergency Medical Services volunteers, and local schools worked together to deliver the Christmas basket program. This is a tremendous effort over many weeks. Members and their families give hours of time at this busy time of year. If you know a member, take a few minutes to thank them, if not say a quick prayer for them.

We are always encouraging your 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

The Knights of Columbus want to thank all those that took part in our annual Christmas button drive. Our objective was to get the true message of Christmas out just a little more in our way. There will be buttons available at the parish office for those that missed out and want one.

Again, remember if you are at all interested in being a Knight or learning more of what we do and why we do it, by all means contact either Dale Darroch 705 -308 -8265. There is no heavy time commitment and no expectations. We are just a group that tries to quietly help our parish and community in the best way we can. Again, thanks to all who take part in our activities.

SUPPORT 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. 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	\$3,589
Preauthorized offering	\$2,261
Total	\$5,850

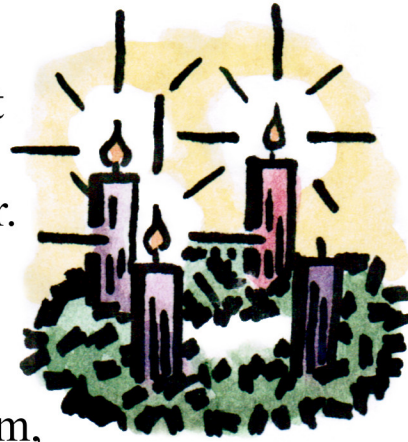
Thank you for using [Pre-authorized offering System](#) and [Canadahelps.org](#). Please contact the parish office for donation options: email office@stmaryslindsay.ca or phone 705-324-4828, thank you.

Painting the Way to Jesus

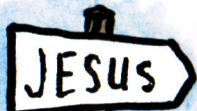


In today's Gospel reading we hear about the people being filled with expectation for the coming of the Messiah. Saint John the Baptist told the people how to prepare for his coming- by doing good and repenting of their sins.

At first the people thought that John the Baptist might be the Messiah. But Saint John was only a messenger. We can think of him as a sign-post pointing the way to Jesus.



People came to see and hear him, and he showed them the way to God.



How can you be like Saint John the Baptist and show other people the way to Jesus?

Answers to Crossword Puzzle:
 Across: 1. peace 3. shall 5. thanksgiving 9. near 11. all
 13. sisters 15. Christ Down: 1. petition 2. again 4. have
 6. kindness 7. guard 8. God 10. your 12. Lord 14. it 15. to

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The Kids' Bulletin

Third Sunday of Advent
 December 15th, 2024

I AM BAPTIZING YOU
 WITH WATER, BUT ONE
 MIGHTIER THAN I IS COMING.
 I AM NOT WORTHY
 TO UNLACE THE THONG
 OF HIS SANDALS.

HE WILL BAPTIZE YOU WITH
 THE HOLY SPIRIT AND WITH FIRE.

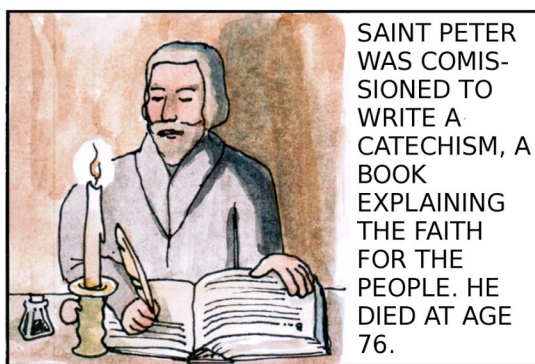
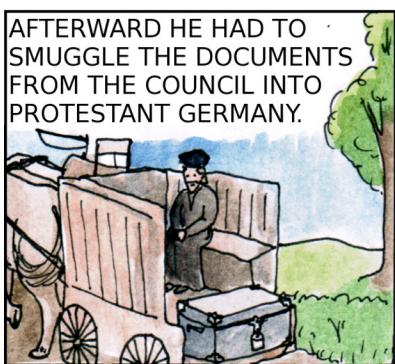
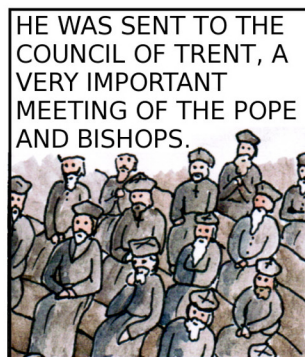
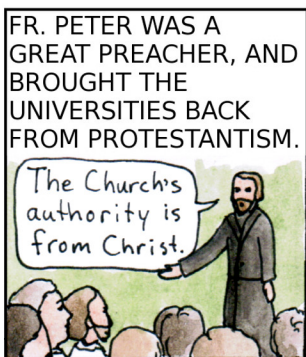
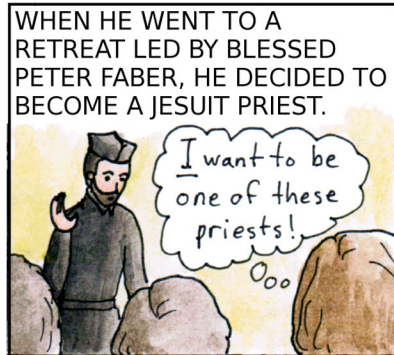
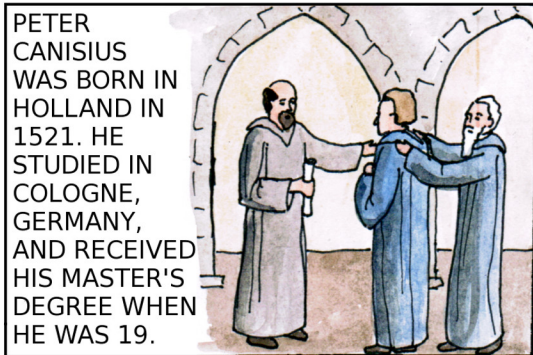


Luke 3:10-18

God sent Saint John the Baptist to prepare the people for the coming of Jesus. What did he say when some of the people thought that he might be the saviour? Look in the mirror to find out!

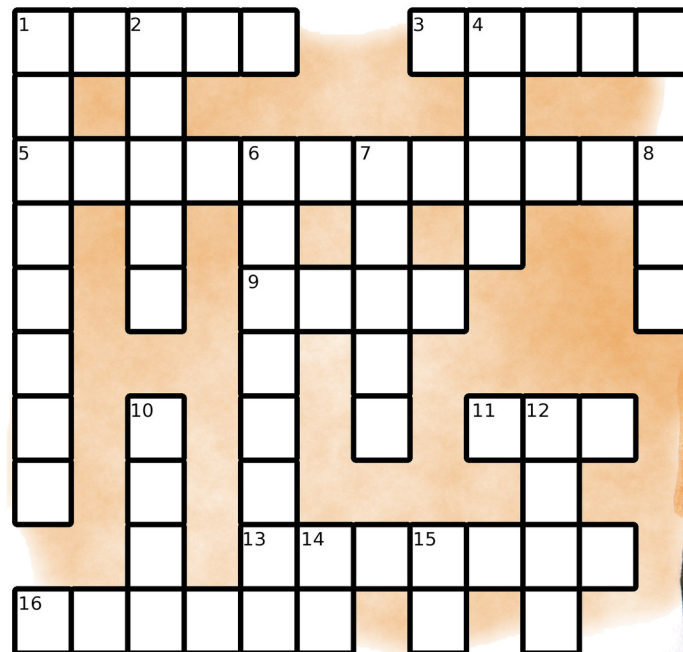
Saint Peter Canisius

December 21



SAINT PETER CANISIUS KNEW IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR EVERYONE TO UNDERSTAND THE CHURCH'S TEACHINGS. AFTER HE WROTE THE CATECHISM, HE WROTE ANOTHER- FOR CHILDREN. NO MATTER HOW OLD YOU ARE, YOU SHOULD TRY TO LEARN ALL YOU CAN ABOUT GOD. HOW CAN YOU DO THAT?

Philippians 4 Cross-Word



Fill in the blanks with the words at the bottom and fit them into the puzzle.
a=across
d=down



Brothers and _____ (13a): Rejoice in the _____ (12d) always. I _____ (3a) say _____ (14d) _____ (2d): rejoice! Your _____ (6d) should be known _____ (15d) all. The Lord is _____ (9a). _____ (4d) no anxiety at _____ (11a), but in everything, by prayer and _____ (1d), with _____ (5a), make _____ (10d) requests known to _____ (8d). Then the _____ (1a) of God that surpasses all understanding will _____ (7d) your hearts and minds in _____ (16a) Jesus.

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CHRIST ALL KINDNESS SISTERS
THANKSGIVING PEACE IT PETITION
NEAR AGAIN GUARD HAVE

Pilgrims of Hope - Jubilee 2025

PILGRIMAGE - RECONCILIATION - PRAYER - LITURGY - PROFESSION OF FAITH



Plenary Indulgences available*:

- Pilgrimage to the Holy Doors in Rome
- Pilgrimage to your local Cathedral
- Pilgrimage to national shrines
- Perform works of mercy

*To obtain an indulgence, the usual conditions of detachment from all sin, sacramental confession, holy Communion, and prayer for the intentions of the pope must be met.

Scan the QR Code for a list of our Diocesan Events:



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.



Faith Development



“I am the Bread of Life” John 6:35

Video Presentations followed by refreshments and discussion.

“Broken in the Bread of Christ” - Mother Olga

January 7th, 2025 @ 7:00 pm - St Mary's Sacristy

Chris Stefanick Speech at the 2024 National Eucharistic Congress

February 4th, 2025 @ 7:00 pm - St Mary's Sacristy

“The Greatest Love Story” - Fr Mike Schmitz

February 18th, 2025 @ 7:00 pm - St Mary's Sacristy

Lila Rose's Speech at the National Eucharistic Congress

March 11th, 2025 @ 7:00 pm - St Mary's Sacristy

Sister Bethany Madonna (Sisters of Life)

March 25th, 2025 @ 7:00 pm - St Mary's Sacristy

Jonathan Roumie's Speech at the N.E.C.

April 8th, 2025 @ 7:00 pm - St Mary's Sacristy

“Do this in Remembrance of Me” - Bishop Robert Barron's Speech at the National Eucharistic Congress

April 22nd, 2025 @ 7:00 pm - St Mary's Sacristy

May 6th, 2015 @ 7:00 pm - St. Mary's Sacristy (To be announced)



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