

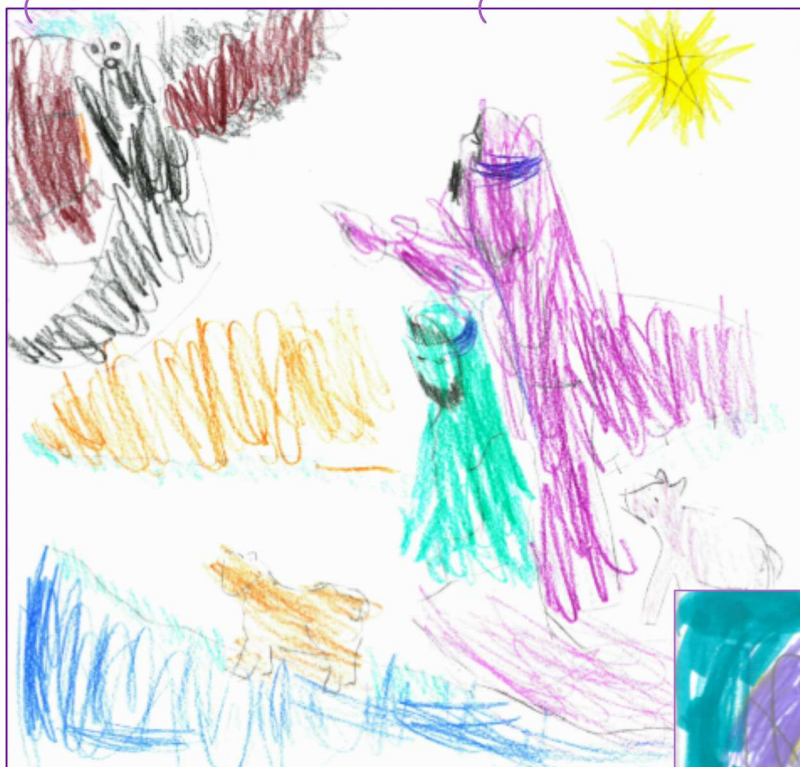
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## *Second Sunday of Advent*



*"And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them and they were filled with fear."*

*Luke 2: 8-9*



The Angel speaking to the Shepherds, by: Amelie (top), and A. Jewell (bottom)

# St. Mary's Church Bulletin

## Readings for Sunday December 8 *The Second Sunday of Advent*

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Baruch 5.1-9  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Philippians 1.3-6, 8-11  
**Gospel:** Luke 3.1-6

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK Dec. 9 – Dec. 15

#### Monday December 9

7:30 a.m. ✠ Maurice Mahar / Sheila and Family  
11:00 a.m. Mass (*with no intention*)

#### Tuesday December 10

7:30 a.m. ✠ Charles Leung / Betty  
5:30 p.m. Adoration

#### Wednesday December 11

7:30 a.m. ✠ Maurice Mahar / Sheila and Family  
5:30 p.m. Adoration  
5:45 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. Confessions  
7:00 p.m. ✠ Donald Kealy / Jane Antal and Family

#### Thursday December 12

7:30 a.m. ✠ Jim Burnett / Dan and Tammie Callaghan  
5:30 p.m. Adoration  
7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus

#### Friday December 13

7:30 a.m. ✠ Colleen O'Grady / Olivia and Max Kuper  
5:30 p.m. Adoration

#### Saturday December 14

9:00 a.m. ✠ Les Baczynski / Baczynski Family  
9:30 – 12noon Adoration  
3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Confessions  
5:00 p.m. ✠ Frances Thompson / Rita Twohey and Family

#### Sunday December 15

*Confessions before mass*  
9:00 a.m. ✠ Mary-May Quibell / Tom and Shirley Quibell  
11:00 a.m. For the People of our Parish

### 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**  
Especially Frank Kirley. 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 7 December 8 at St. Mary Elementary school  
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 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)

### 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

As we approach the Second Sunday of Advent, I am pleased to inform you that video 2 of the series titled "Journey through Advent" is now available on the CCCB website:

in English: Journey through Advent - Canadian Conference of <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. Poster Save the Date!---Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Martyr's Shrine Plans are underway for a diocesan pilgrimage to the Martyrs shrine in Midland scheduled for Saturday September 20, 2025. Further details and registration will be available from your parish.

## OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE BILINGUAL MASS PETERBOROUGH

St. John the Baptist is holding a bilingual Mass (English – Spanish) on Wed Dec 11th at 7pm in honour of Our Lady of Guadalupe as her feast day is on December 12th. The Mass will be held at St. John's Church, 300 Wilson Street, followed by a presentation and a potluck in the basement of the Church. Everyone is invited and please bring something to share.

## 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

## 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

We appreciate your support from last weekend. Your support goes a long way to helping our neighbours in need, and the need is increasing. This weekend marks the culmination of our Christmas Cheer program. It is a busy weekend with collection of gifts, deliveries and pick ups on Monday. 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: \$3,765**

**Profit this week: \$212**

**Sales to date: \$4,766,135**

**Profit to date: \$250,351**

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

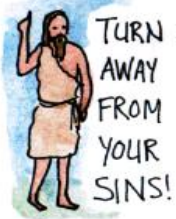
The 2025 Offertory envelopes are in the church. Please be sure you are taking your box labelled with your name. If you don't see your name, please ask an usher or contact the parish office. Please note that your envelope box number may have changed.

## DONATIONS TO YOUR PARISH

<b>Offertory</b>	<b>\$4,667</b>
<b>Preauthorized offering</b>	<b>\$2,261</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,928</b>

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

# We Joyfully Wait for Jesus



Advent is a time of joy, when we happily look forward to the coming of Jesus. Today's Gospel reading tells about how Saint John the Baptist went around telling everyone to repent and prepare for the coming of the Messiah.

An Advent wreath is a symbol of the coming of Jesus, our Light, into the world. It has three purple candles and one pink candle. One candle is lit on the first week of Advent, and one more is added every week until Christmas. Every week it gets a bit brighter because we are getting closer to Jesus' coming at Christmas.

The purple candles stand for repentance- being sorry and making up for our sins. The pink candle represents joy. It is lit on the third week of Advent because we rejoice that the waiting is half over.



Answer to Immaculate Conception Word-Find: HAIL MARY

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# The Kids' Bulletin

Second Sunday of Advent  
December 8th, 2024



In Advent we hear about Saint John the Baptist, Jesus' cousin, who prepared the way for Jesus' coming. He preached to the people, telling them to repent, and baptized them.

When Jesus came Saint John told the people to follow Jesus because He was the Messiah.

Can you find your way from Saint John to Jesus?

## Saint John of the Cross December 14



TODAY SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS IS BEST KNOWN FOR HIS WRITINGS. HE TAUGHT THAT WE WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO BE PERFECTLY HAPPY HERE ON EARTH BECAUSE WE ARE MADE FOR GOD IN HEAVEN. NEXT TIME YOU FEEL UNHAPPY, REMEMBER THAT PERFECT HAPPINESS IS WAITING FOR YOU IN HEAVEN!

## Immaculate Conception Word-Find

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 T O F F E N D E D C N  
 E H E A R T F R E E Y



See if you can find the words that are written in CAPITALS.  
The leftover letters spell the name of a special prayer we can say to Mary on her feast day.

This year, December 9th is the feast day of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION. That is a name for MARY that means that GOD made her WITHOUT SIN because he had CHOSEN her to be the MOTHER of HIS SON. Her SOUL was FREE from ORIGINAL sin even before she was BORN. All her life she KEPT her HEART PURE and without the STAIN of sin. Mary NEVER OFFENDED God, and with his GRACE, she spent her whole life LOVING JESUS.





Wayside Academy Presents

# Lessons & Carols

December Ninth

**6:30 PM**

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*See you there!*



# ADVENT



## THE TRINITY IN THE CRIB

Saturday 14 December, 2024

10:00 AM ~ 4:30 PM

\$30.00 Registration includes Lunch/Coffee/Tea and Snacks

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- Perform works of mercy

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**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.





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