



Sacred Heart Parish
Eucharist Schedule: Saturday 4:00

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December 11, 2021
Third Sunday of Advent

**Masks are
Mandatory in the
Church**

**Due to a furnace
breakdown at the church,
Mass will be held in the
hall this week.**

Christ Even Now on the Way to Bethlehem

Evidently, in the mind of holy Church, neither the prophecy concerning Bethlehem Ephrata nor its fulfillment in the day of Caesar Augustus is to be considered merely a glorious divine disposition and achievement. No, the prophecy of Micheus is still being verified every day, but predominantly during the annual Advent season; for the selfsame incarnate eternal Son of God who journeyed to Bethlehem to be born there physically, now to the end of time comes to human souls as to spiritual Bethlehems, there to be born anew, again and again. But be sure to picture these merciful spiritual journeyings of Christ to the Bethlehem of souls as all too often sadly realistic spiritual repetitions of His first long journey over the rugged road from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Meditate long on the wanton and malicious opposition He encounters on His way to them from souls that leave their senses and heart and mind to be ruled by earthly vanities, and their whole selves to be willing victims of the sensual and selfish illusions and witcheries of the seven capital vices.

Can you still fail to see why Isaias and the Baptist compare the hardships of the way of the world's Messiah-King to souls with a rough, crooked, and almost impassable road up steep hills and down precipitous valleys and through dangerous mountain passes? Do you wonder that these prophets of His coming insist so strongly that merely sentimental longings and routine prayers, however multiplied, cannot prepare us worthily for the entrance He must expect and the welcome He craves?

Pray very honestly, therefore, that you may begin to see the practical reasons for the Church's crying out in the desert world, and even into your own interior soul and heart:

"Prepare ye the way of the Lord: Make straight in the wilderness His paths; Every valley shall be exalted; Every mountain and hill shall be made low; And the crooked shall be made straight; And the rough ways plain" (Is. 40:3, 4). Then shall you see the salvation of God!

--Excerpted from *Our Way to the Father* by Rev. Leo M. Krenz, S.J.

**Collection:
December 04/21**

Envelopes	\$220.00
Missals	\$5.00
	\$225.00

**Christmas/New Year's Schedule
Christmas Eve, The Nativity of the Lord**

Friday, Dec 24, 2021
Sacred Heart, Johnstown – 3:30 pm
Holy Guardian Angels, L'Ardoise – 5:30pm

Christmas Day, The Nativity of the Lord

Saturday, Dec 25, 2021
St. John the Baptist, River Bourgeois – 9:00am
St. Peter the Apostle, St. Peter's - 10:30am

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sunday Dec. 26, 2021
Sacred Heart, Johnstown – 9:00am
All three parishes at St. Peter the Apostle at 11:00am:

- St. John the Baptist
- St. Peter the Apostle
- Holy Guardian Angels

The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

**Holy Day of Obligation
Friday, Dec. 31, 2021**
Sacred Heart, Johnstown – 3:30 pm
Holy Guardian Angels, L'Ardoise – 5:30pm

The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

**Holy Day of Obligation
Saturday, January 1, 2022**
St. John the Baptist, River Bourgeois – 9:00am
St. Peter the Apostle, St. Peter's - 10:30am

**The Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday, January 2, 2022**

Sacred Heart, Johnstown – 9:00am
All three parishes at St. Peter the Apostle at 11:00am:

- St. John the Baptist
- St. Peter the Apostle
- Holy Guardian Angels

Parishioners at these three parishes may choose to celebrate any of the feasts:

The Nativity of the Lord, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, and the Epiphany of the Lord at Sacred Heart Church in Johnstown or a parish of their choice.

Notices:

1: The blower motor on the furnace needs to be replaced, that is why it was so cold in the church last week. The new motor should be in next week (say a prayer); therefore we will have mass in the hall this week, Dec 11th. Cost to replace the motor will be around \$1000.00

2: Envelopes for 2022 – The church envelopes for 2022 will be at mass today. I did not order as many boxes of envelopes as past years, so anyone who had an envelope number greater than 50 will have a new number for 2022.

3: Christmas Bake Sale: A big thank you to all who helped make the bake sale another success. To all the bakers and buyers your continued support of Sacred Heart Ladies Group is very much appreciated. We realized a profit of over \$700.00

4: Decorating for Christmas: We will be decorating the church on Monday December 20th, at 10am. Please come and help decorate, everyone is welcome.

5: Celebration of Life: A celebration of life for Kenzie MacNeil will take place on December 21, 2021 at 4pm at St. Patrick's Church Museum, 87 Esplanade, Sydney, Nova Scotia. Please join us as family and friends pay tribute to Kenzie's life and legacy through poetry and song. Masks and proof of vaccination will be required. For those unable to attend in person, the event will be livestreamed at kenziemacneil.com

6: Mass For Shut-Ins Christmas Day - We will be airing Christmas Day Mass, Saturday at 1130am AT. Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick will be the presider for that Mass this year.

7: Diocese Information: I (Louise) attended a Diocese meeting for financial people a couple of weeks ago. Here is some interesting information that came from the meeting:

- The Diocese has paid off all the loans from the abuse scandal
- The Diocese will no longer be selling any parish property, and property that was for sale has been taken off the market
- A Parish now has the power to sell/ not sell their property (it is not up to the diocese anymore)
- If the parish decides to sell any property the parish will be able to keep most of the money (the diocese still needs to be the seller and will keep any expenses associated with the sale, the rest of the money will go to the parish)
- 66 of 99 parishes in the Diocese do not pay their Levy, 21 of 99 parishes do not pay their insurance. Sacred Heart has always paid both.