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## Bulletin

**Sacred Heart Parish  
Eucharist Schedule: Saturday 4:00**

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**November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**First Sunday in Advent**

For Catholics, the new Liturgical Year commences with the first Sunday of Advent. In this new liturgical year, the Church not only wishes to indicate the beginning of a period, but the beginning of a renewed commitment to the faith by all those who follow Christ, the Lord. This time of prayer and path of penance that is so powerful, rich and intense, endeavors to give us a renewed impetus to truly welcome the message of the One who was incarnated for us. In fact, the entire Liturgy of the Advent season, will spur us to an awakening in our Christian life and will put us in a 'vigilant' disposition, to wait for Our Lord Jesus who is coming:

*'Awaken! Remember that God comes! Not yesterday, not tomorrow, but today, now! The one true God, "the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob", is not a God who is there in Heaven, unconcerned with us and our history, but he is the God-who-comes.'*<sup>1</sup>

The Season of Advent is therefore a season of vigilant waiting, that prepares us to welcome the mystery of the Word Incarnate, who will give the 'Light' to the womb of the Virgin Mary, but essentially this time prepares us not only to welcome this great event but to incarnate it in our lives. We could say that the true light enters the world through the immaculate womb of Mary but it does not stay there. On the contrary, this light flows out into our dark, obscure, sinful lives to illuminate them, so that we can become the light that illuminates the world. For this reason, let us live this time of

waiting not only to celebrate a historical memory but to repeat this memory in our lives and in the service of others. To wait for the Lord who comes, means to wait and to watch so that the Word of Love enters inside us and focuses us every day of our lives.

As Blessed John Henry Newman reminded us in a homily for the Advent Season: "Advent is a time of waiting, it is a time of joy because the coming of Christ is not only a gift of grace and salvation but it is also a time of commitment because it motivates us to live the present as a time of responsibility and vigilance. This 'vigilance' means the necessity, the urgency of an industrious, living 'wait'. To make all this happen, then we need to wake up, as we are warned by the apostle to the Gentiles, in today's reading to the Romans: 'Besides this you know what hour it is, how it is full time now for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed'" (Rm 13:11). We must start our journey to ascend to the mountain of the Lord, to be illuminated by His Words of peace and to allow Him to indicate the path to tread (cf. Is 2:1-5). Moreover, we must change our conduct abandoning the works of darkness and put on the 'armor of light' and so seek only to do God's work and to abandon the deeds of the flesh (cf. Rm 13:12-14). Jesus, through the story in the parable, outlines the Christian life style that must not be distracted and indifferent but must be vigilant and recognize even the smallest sign of the Lord's coming because we don't know the hour in which He will arrive (cf. Mt 24:39-44)

1 Pope Benedict XVI, Celebration of First Vespers of Advent, Vatican Basilica, December 2006

*Excerpted from the website of  
Congregation for the Clergy*

**From Bishop Kirkpatrick's  
Letter dated Nov. 25, 2020**

"As you know in addition to Christmas, January 1, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is also a Holy Day of Obligation in Canada. I also grant a dispensation for those who are unable to attend Mass on these Holy Days of Obligation.

I might suggest those are unable to attend Christmas Mass, they might consider attending one of the Octave Masses of Christmas as part of the extended Feast of Christmas.

## Collection: November 28th, 2020

<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>\$215.00</b>
<b>Left at Shrine</b>	<b>\$19.05</b>
	<b>\$234.05</b>

### Notices:

#### 1: Christmas Toy Drop-off - Bras d'Or Lakers Seniors

It has been a quiet year for our club. But we will end this year on a positive note, with our annual donation of new toys or new children's clothing to be distributed to needy families by the St. Peters Food Bank.

This year we need to deliver the gifts to the food bank on Monday morning, November 30th. To that end we will be at the Johnstown parish hall on Saturday, November 28th, between 4:30 PM and 5:30 PM (approximately) to receive the donated gifts. As usual, the toys or children's clothing need to be new and unwrapped. If you are unable to deliver your gift personally that day, please consider having someone else drop it off for you.

Unfortunately, we can't have a reception this year because of Covid 19 restrictions. However the families who receive the gifts at Christmas will be just as grateful.

**2: Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine:** The gift shop at the Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine in Mabou will be holding a Christmas Shopping Sale. WHEN ~ On Saturday, December 5th and on Sunday, December 6th from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. With Public Health Protocol in place. All merchandise in stock will be 50% OFF for these two days only. The Shrine remains open year round and at this time we thank-you for your wonderful support during this unprecedented year. If you wish to enrol someone in "Friends of the Shrine", call 902-945-2221, leave a detailed message and we will return your call. If requesting an enrolment as a Christmas gift, we must set a deadline of December 14th for mail outs . Wishing all of you Peace and Joy and a heart filled with Hope, Board & Management of Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine.

**3: Christmas Bake Sale:** Sacred Heart Ladies Group will be hosting a Christmas Bake Sale on Sunday December 6<sup>th</sup>. Come and do some Christmas Baking without the hassle. We will also be looking for donations to the Bake Sale, so if you have time to help bake that will be greatly appreciated. Time: 12pm – 2pm. This will be our last event for the year.

**4: A COVID CHRISTMAS:** Christmas is typically a homecoming event as much as it is a high religious feast so family members will gather to celebrate their faith in God and each other. This Christmas, however, is somewhat different due to COVID-19 restrictions that have limited available space in churches. Christmas Mass at Sacred Heart is scheduled for Thursday, December 24th 6:00pm. Those wishing to attend this Mass must pre-register and include any visiting family members. Because we may not be able to accommodate everyone with self-distancing registration has to be on a "first-come, first-served" basis. We hope that this procedure will work; we do not want to limit each family as to the number of persons they may add. To register please call 535-3107, email [louise.campbell@stpeterscable.com](mailto:louise.campbell@stpeterscable.com) or leave a note in your collection envelopes.

**5: Winter 2021:** Due to Covid19 self-distancing regulations we will not be able to have mass in the Guadalupe Chapel (vestry) this winter. At a recent parish council meeting it was suggested that we move to the Parish Hall for January – March. We decided to check with our regular church goers to see if they would prefer to stay in the Church (Main church) or move over to the hall. You can leave a note in your envelopes as to your preference. This decision will not need to be made until January, but the sooner we know the better.

#### 6: Christmas/New Year's Schedule:

##### **Christmas Eve: Thursday, Dec 24, 2020:**

L'Ardoise: 4:00 pm – Sacred Heart: 6:00 pm

Potlotek: 12:00 am Celebrated by Rev Duncan Maclsaac

##### **Christmas Day: Friday Dec 25, 2020**

River Bourgeois: 9:00 am – St. Peters: 10:30 am

##### **The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God: Thursday, Dec. 31, 2020 - Holy Day of Obligation**

River Bourgeois: 5: 30 pm

St. Peters: 7:00 pm

##### **The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God: Friday, Jan. 1, 2021 - Holy Day of Obligation**

**World Day of Peace**

**New Year's Day**

L'Ardoise: 9:00 am – Sacred Heart: 11:00 am