



Pastor:

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MASSES

Seating is on a first come first serve basis.

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday - Friday 12:05 noon

Saturday 10:00 am

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

11:30 am

Holy Hour:

Friday 11:00 am

Confessions:

Saturdays 4:30 - 4:55 pm

Sundays 8:30 - 8:55 am &

11 - 11:25 am

Baptism:

Call to make arrangements

MARRIAGE

Twelve months notice and Marriage Course usually required

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OFFICE HOURS

Tues-Fri. 9:30 am -4:00pm

For parishioners to get mass intentions and other items.

Please call 705-526-6313 ext 1 and we will be happy to assist you with your other needs.

PARISH LIFE

Parish Secretary

Juanita Wootton-Radko

Choirs Saturday 5:00 pm

Adele Heins

Sunday 9:00 am

Adele Heins

Sunday 11:30 am

Diana Swift

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Pauline Brabant

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Katie Goulbourne & Ruth Dusome

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Katie Goulbourne

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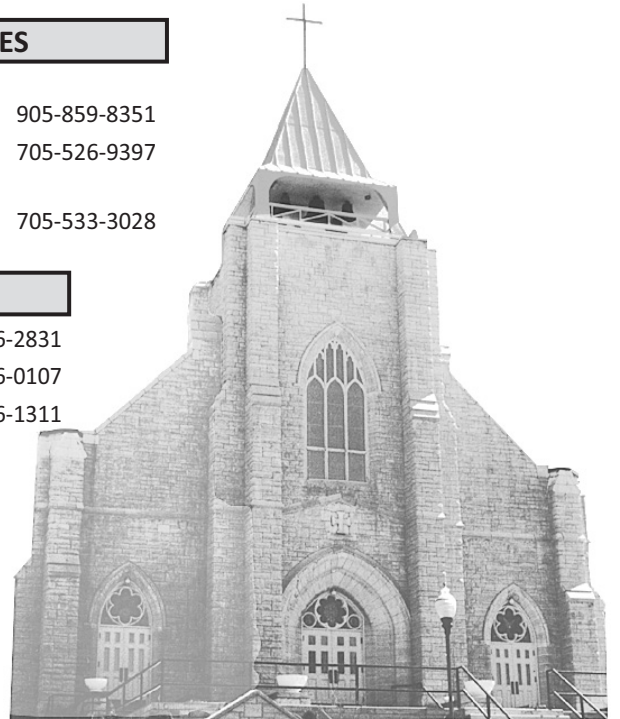
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Joyful Hope

Advent is the Church's liturgical season calling for vigilance yet brimming with hope! Regarding the "elusive virtue" of hope, believers receive some solid advice from Scripture: *Always be ready to give explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope* (1 Peter 3: 15). However, one may sincerely ask: are these words of advice realistic and practical in our present situation?

We live in a world that sometimes seems devoid of genuine hope. We can easily list many depressing and difficult realities: broken relationships, war, growing poverty, disenchanting youth, random violence and so forth. It appears that nothing changes. Are we Christians simply naïve and erroneously out of touch with the real world when we speak of hope?

The writings of St. Paul express well the source and object of Christian hope. In an illuminating passage (Romans 5: 1-5), St. Paul affirms, *Through our Lord Jesus Christ... we have gained access [by faith] to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we even boast of our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance, proven character, and proven character, hope, and hope does not disappoint... because the love of God has been poured into our hearts...*

What evidence do Christians give as the basis of their hope? Simply, God's unfathomable love has been manifested in the gift of His Son Jesus who became man, God-with-us. Thus, Christians (during Advent, at Christmas, and always) remain people of hope. With St. Paul, we affirm: *we are afflicted in every way, but not constrained; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted but not abandoned; struck down but not destroyed* (2 Corinthians 4: 8-9).

Here we face a difficult challenge: how do we bridge people's fears and frustrations with Christian hope?

We Christians, as missionaries of hope, begin with a profound acceptance of life's realities and people's increasing anxiety. Secondly, the "missionary of hope" will communicate the true source of hope: Christ our Savior. In addition, we Christians, through words and actions, are to manifest solidarity with the suffering,



Tuesday Dec. 5th

12:05pm + Stephen Bradshaw
Requested by Sharron & family

Wednesday Dec. 6th

Saint Nicholas Bishop

12:05pm + Bill Brennan
Requested by Carol Lalonde

Thursday Dec. 7th

Saint Ambrose Bishop and Doctor of the Church

12:05 pm + Special Intentions for those
Lost loved ones in 2023

Friday Dec. 8th

The Immaculate Conception Of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10 am – Holy Hour
12:05 pm + Christina Diduch
Requested by Carol Diduch & family

Saturday Dec. 9th

10:00 am + Angelo Ingriselli Sr.
Requested by John, Marcella & family

Second Sunday of Advent

Vigil Mass – Saturday Dec. 9th

5 pm Mass for the People

Sunday – Dec. 10th

9am + Stefono Gulizia
Requested by the family
11:30 am + Joseph & Irena Czaplinski
Requested by Frances Ezman



The Pope's Prayer Intention for December

For persons with disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programmes which value their active participation.

vulnerable and disillusioned. It is this personal engagement and sincere service that becomes the fertile ground in which the seed of hope is nurtured and grows.

God alone is our hope – even within a broken world, a wounded humanity. God's loving presence – born for us in Bethlehem – engenders hope. God's profound presence enables believers to live in joyful hope.

As we begin the season of Advent, we are to re-affirm: our God is a God of hope. Our God brought hope – both through his birth in Bethlehem and his death in Calvary. Our incarnate and crucified-risen God remains the only source of "joyful hope". During Advent and always, let us strive to be missionaries of hope!

Grace and Peace,

Father R C R A

SCAM Alert!

Please be cautious: two phishing emails pretending to be from Cardinal Thomas C. Collins and Fr. Roselle Azares have come from a Gmail account. If you receive these emails, please delete!! Thank you.

R.C.I.A. Adult Catechism

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), restored following the Second Vatican Council, is the normative way for adults to prepare for baptism. The program will begin later this fall. This course is also intended for other baptized Christians who are considering entering into full communion with the Catholic Church or those who were baptized Catholic but never confirmed. For more information, please call the office at 705-526-6313 ext. 1.

Feast of the Holy Family – Dec. 31st

This year we will be enhancing our consecration to the Holy Family.
Watch your bulletin for more details!



Christmas Flowers and Church Décor

Remember your deceased loved ones and friends by donating towards the Christmas floral décor. Send the name you wish to remember along with your donation to have them included in the Mass intentions on Christmas Day. Suggested donation amounts are: \$10, \$15, \$20.

Envelopes are at both entrances in the Church or available at the Parish Office during Office hours.

Singers Wanted!

Singers are invited to practice for Christmas Mass with Adele on Wednesday evenings 7-8 PM or with Diana on Tuesday afternoons 1:30 -3:30 PM. Come praise the Lord!

Nicholls Funeral Homes Service of Remembrance

Thurs. December 7th, 2023

7 PM

A non-denominational evening for people to remember, reflect and honour the lives of loved ones who have passed and the memories we treasure. Light refreshments will be served following the Service.



Please remember the following people in your prayers, Vincentia Bee, Bob Dorion, Carol Quesnelle, Barrett Smith, Alex Latondress, Malachy Maguire; Nick Tardif, Lynda Stanek; Lloyd Leroux; Mary Fletcher; Sherry Archer; Abigail Brown; Romelda Morson; Nicole Marchildon; Stephen Roach; Lilah Bates; Shelley Smith; Nadine Adams; Peter Pattenaude; Bob Kokron; Brenda Bylow; John Jerome; Marshal Laurin, John Gunther, and Marilyn Dalton

Please pray for our recently deceased relatives and friends: Bill Brennen, Robert Dalton, Bob Lesperance and Karen Keays

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