

Saint Boniface

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Celebrating 160 Years 1858-2018

Third Sunday of Advent - - December 13, 2020 - - Cycle B

“To share the gifts that God has entrusted to us by being Christ to one another, mindful of his unconditional love.”

Welcome Back to St. Boniface Church Mass
Saturday 4:00, Sundays 10 am, Noon in French

Please arrive early for check-in time before Mass

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Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays at 3:30pm in the Chapel (left side of altar)

Sacraments of Baptism, Matrimony, and Anointing
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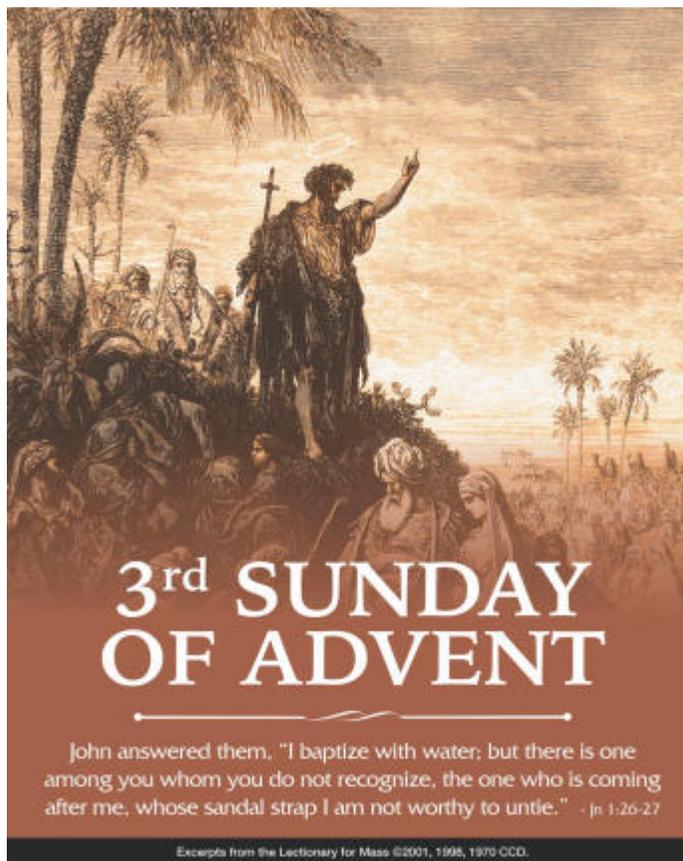
Please call parish office for information.

Partners in Prayer

Phone prayer intentions any time to 612.986.3445
E-mail prayer requests to: boniface1858@usfamily.net

St. Boniface, pray for us.

Help us keep the faith for which you gave your life.



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READINGS for the Week of December 6, 2019

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11 | Thes 5:16-24 | Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
 Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a | Mt 21:23-27
 Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 | Mt 21:28-32
 Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25 | Lk 7:18b-23
 Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10 | Mt 1:1-17
 Friday: Jer 23:5-8 | Mt 1:18-25
 Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a | Lk 1:5-25
 Next Sunday:
 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 | Rom 16:25-27 | Lk 1:26-38

GENERAL CONFESSION follows the Holy Masses of 4:00pm Sat., December 19 and 10:00am Sun., December 20.
PRIVATE CONFESSION is always available on Saturdays at 3:30pm in our Chapel (located left side of Altar).

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 12, 2020

4:00pm Mary Rolek†, Edith Anderson†, Matthew Hiett†

Sunday, December 13, 2020

10:00am Members of the St. Boniface Council

12:00pm (French) Dennis Ryan†

Tuesday, December 15, 2020

9:00am Audrey Ringdal†, Birthday of Pope Francis

Thursday, December 17, 2020

9:00am Anna Margaret Leitschuh-Hansen†
 Bob Wrubel

Saturday, December 19, 2020

4:00pm Audrey Ringdal†, Mary Margaret Akron

Sunday, December 20, 2020

10:00am Anna Margaret Leitschuh-Hansen†
 Bob Wrubel

12:00pm (French) All Parishioners

Tuesday, December 22, 2020

9:00am Bob Bendel

Holy Day Schedule for Christmas**FEAST of the NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

December 24 Christmas Eve Holy Mass at 4:00pm
 For the living and deceased parishioners of St. Boniface

December 25 Christmas Day Holy Masses
 10:00 am English and 12:00 Noon French
 For the living and deceased parishioners of St. Boniface

Saturday, December 26, 2020

4:00pm Anna Margaret Leitschuh-Hansen†
 John and Jean Seward

Sunday, December 27, 2020

10:00am Art and Mildred Ladwig††
 Richard and Corrine Wator & Family

A Prayer for Advent—May the grace of the Advent season consume my heart as I prepare for the coming of the Lord. Let me not, especially this year, overlook the hope and joy which comes from fully embracing the traditions of a Catholic celebration of Advent and Christmas. Come, Lord Jesus!

Gospel Meditation**3rd Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday
 John 1:6-8, 19-28**

Did you ever stop and realize that there is no earthly gain that can ever really satisfy us? Think of winning the Lotto. On this side of the winning ticket, it's all about the money, the new car, house, vacations, bank accounts, and infinite pleasures. The possibility of acquiring all of these earthly securities brings us back again and again to the purchase of a ticket. Then, one day we win! Our dreams are fulfilled, and happiness is on the horizon. Then one day, we wake up and realize that nothing has really changed, and I am not as satisfied as I thought I was or would be. I find myself living in my incompleteness and with my profound sorrow and grief. I did not find joy.

Glimpses of joy are possible but not by material means. They are brought to us through incredible experiences of connection that bring us face to face with real and authentic faith, hope, and love. And, they are glimpses and do not last. The moment we find ourselves looking back at them, they are gone, and we find ourselves remembering the moment in memory. To carry joy within us is to realize that it is not something I create, manufacture or even acquire. It is not able to be purchased. It is a gift. My need for joy mirrors my need for eternity, for a Creator who has a claim on the very essence of who I am and desires a home within me. As C. S. Lewis discovered, joy is a surprise that speaks to my very soul and is given as gift by the God who loves me.

The beauty of Advent is found in discovering the beauty of the gift of joy. God has visited his people for no other reason than to show them where and how to find joy! All of our human and earthly joy experiences are always only glimpses. They never satisfy us, sustain us or fulfill us. It is only God who is the joy of my soul. Real, Divine experiences of joy catch us off guard, make us stop and become aware, bring a feeling of awe and rightness and have an eternal Otherness about them. Nothing created by humans can ever come close to this. We probably will not fully realize the truth of all of this until we actually meet God face to face in heaven one day. Then, in that sacred moment when our hearts leap for joy we will understand what we have been tirelessly searching for all along. Intense gratitude will most surely follow. ©LPi

REGISTRATION: Christmas Eve & Christmas Day 1) by phone, 612.379.2761; 2) online; 3) in person sign up at church. Thank you for registering to attend the Holy Masses for the Feast of the Nativity of the Lord.

Our Gifts to the Lord

December 6, 2020 - \$ 2,394.00

Online giving— \$ 98.50 Memorials \$85.00

Thank You for sharing your treasures!

BLESSINGS OF A HOLY HOUR

Eucharistic Adoration at St. Boniface Church
On Thursdays after the 9:00am morning Mass
Eucharistic Adoration - 9:30am to 10:30am

The Advent Giving Tree

Gloves, mittens, caps and scarfs will cover our Advent Giving Tree through your generosity. This gift for children is your opportunity for all of us to help others during a season of giving and hope. Thank you.

Decorating the Church for Christmas

Many hands are needed to decorate our church Wednesday, December 23 at 5:00pm. Your help is greatly appreciated.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

This sacrament is available to all who wish to receive it. Father Biju will anoint after any of the weekend Holy Masses as well as any of the weekday Holy Masses.

A reservation is recommended. Please contact Marge at 612.379.9184 to arrange a time to come for this sacrament.

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Volunteers needed for Mass

Ushers for check-in & Pew Cleaners

If you are able, consider signing up to volunteer to be an usher and/or Cleaner. The volunteer sign-up sheet is online at:

Volunteersignup.org/497XW

Thank you for your service to your fellow parishioners.

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Retirement Fund For Religious—December 13

There are 31,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who benefit from the Retirement Fund for Religious. Many have served for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gifts to this Fund helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for our elderly religious. Thanks for your generosity.

Important Notes Regarding Year-End Contributions

The mission of our great parish goes forward because of your involvement and generosity. At the end of this year, prayerfully consider making an additional donation to Saint Boniface Catholic Church.

To properly reflect donations on your 2020 giving record, contributions mailed to St. Boniface must be post-marked no later than December 31, 2020.

Gifts made via online from your checking or savings accounts, must be completed by 3:00pm on December 28th. The parish office will be open from 8:00am to 12:00pm on Thursday, December 31st if you wish to drop off your contribution in person. Please contact Marge Ridley in the parish office, 612.379.2761 if you have any questions.

On behalf of our parish clergy, staff and leadership, thank you for your consistent generosity and support of our parish.

We wish you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

The Year of St. Joseph

On **December 8**, the Church Universal marks the 150th anniversary of Pope Pius IX's proclamation of Saint Joseph as the Patron of the Universal Church.

Archbishop Hebda consecrated our Archdiocese to Saint Joseph on **Tuesday, December 8, 2020** (Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception).

Year of St. Joseph Prayer

Heavenly Father, Who gave St. Joseph to Jesus and Mary as protector and guide, grant that our Archdiocesan Synod under his protection and guidance, may help us discern your direction for our Church.

May we listen as he listened,

Trust as he trusted,

Obeys as he obeyed,

Receive as he received,

Love as he loved,

And share in his life of devotion to Jesus and Mary. Amen.

St. Joseph, pray for us.

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Cathedral to be Canvas for Spectacular Nativity Light Show December 17-19, 2020

The Cathedral of St. Paul will become the canvas December 17-19 for a light and sound show about Jesus' birth. From 6-9pm those three evenings, British company Luxmuralis will project images on the Cathedral's east-facing façade celebrating the Nativity story in a show called "Cathedral Illuminated: The Manger." Spectators will be able to view the show from their cars along John Ireland Boulevard.

The 12-minute production, which will run on a continuous loop each evening, is Luxmuralis' U.S. debut. It features the art of sculptor Peter Walker and an original score by composer David Harper. The score will be broadcast to spectators on a "hyper-local" radio frequency, according to a press release.

Mary Schaffner, CHF board chairwoman, said in a Nov. 25 statement, "Please join us in sharing the season's messages of joy and peace on earth as this challenging year draws to a close and we look forward to the New Year."

"Our Luxmuralis artwork is designed to present artwork in a way that brings the stories we represent to life, in new and contemporary ways," said Walker, who is also Luxmuralis' lead artist and artistic director, in a statement, "Each of our Christmas illuminations end on an image that is designed to bring art history, light and beautiful music to our audiences, works of the renaissance to images of our world."

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Per Gov. Tim Walz's most recent Covid-19-related "Four-Week Dial Back" executive order, spectators should not walk to the show or leave their vehicles during the show. St. Paul police officers will direct traffic during the show.

The Catholic Spirit, December 2, 2020, Maria Wiering

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