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Sunday Bulletin

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Second Sunday of
ADVENT



*Prepare the way
of the Lord,
make his paths
straight.*

-Matthew 3:3

Advent Reconciliation Service December 10, 6:00pm



Advent Reconciliation Service will be held on Wednesday, December 10th at 6:00pm. Fr. James and Fr. Dominic will be available to hear your confession. During the season of Advent, we look forward to welcoming Jesus, our Emmanuel, the gift of God with us. In preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we examine various aspects of our lives, considering the many gifts God has given us, and how we have responded. Please take advantage of this opportunity to prepare your heart for the coming of the Christ child this Christmas.

Advent Pyjama Drive for Women in Need in Terrace



This Advent season, we invite you to join us in supporting the women at the Terrace Transition House. The Transition house provides a safe haven for those escaping abusive situations, offering short-term housing, meals, and essential services in a compassionate environment.

They are urgently in need of pyjamas and toiletries for women staying there. We are collecting gently used pyjamas (of all sizes) and toiletries (toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, etc.) If you wish to help these women, please drop off your donation in the designated baskets located in the foyer. Your contributions can offer comfort and warmth during a difficult time. Thank you!

Solemnity of the Immaculate Mary, December 8



Monday, December 8th we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The rosary will be prayed at 8:30am and Holy Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am. On this day, we honor Mary, our Mother. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception celebrates Mary's conception without sin. Even though this feast day occurs in the liturgical season of Advent, which prepares for the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Immaculate Conception refers to the conception of Mary in the womb of her mother, St. Anne.



2025 National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples

The 2025 National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples occurs every year on December 12th. The CCCB's statement for this year's Day of Prayer can be read here: <https://www.cccb.ca/document/2025-national-day-of-prayer-in-solidarity-with-indigenous-peoples/>

Journey Through Advent 2025

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops presents Journey through Advent with the Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger, Auxiliary Bishop of Hamilton. The reflection video for the first Sunday of Advent is now available on their website: <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-advent/>



The Christian Community Joyfully Welcomes

Elizabeth Rose Pires

Elizabeth Rose, the daughter of Anthony & Joelle Pires, was baptized on Saturday, November 29th. Heavenly Father, we ask you to guide and sustain Elizabeth throughout her life. Give her a discerning heart, the courage to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.



ABBA Prayer Group

The Abba Prayer Group will have its last evening of praise and worship this Monday December 8 at 7:00 pm before a winter break. Meetings resume Monday January 26.



Christmas Craft Fair December 13, 2025

9:00am to 4:00pm in the Veritas Gym

Food, Gifts, & Crafts will be featured at this multi vendor fair!



Save the Date!

Diocesan Youth Conference 2026

May 15-17, 2026

Registrations open February 2026! Details to follow in future bulletins.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Pastoral Care: Gorette Pires: 250-635-2313

Prayer Line: Linda: 635-4767 Holly 635-3894 Rene 635-5833

NFP (Billings) Instructor: Cathy Vandenberg 250-635-7397

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Knights of Columbus: Gerald Caouette (250) 615-2773

Finance Council: Barry Dobbin: 250-922-5654

Parish Council: Manuela Krisinger: 250-638-7885

Abba Prayer Group: Mondays at 7:00pm in St. Luke's Room

Travelling Statue of Mary



The travelling statue of Our Lady of Fatima is available for home visits. Families are invited to sign up on the sheet in the foyer to welcome the statue into their homes for a period of seven days. During your appointed week, families are invited to pray the rosary daily and come to grow in their devotion of Our Lady and her Son, Jesus. For any questions or more information please call Gorette at 250-635-2313.

Christmas & New Year's Mass Times



Wednesday, December 24:

7:00pm & Midnight

Thursday, December 25:

10:00am

Wednesday, December 31:

7:00pm

Thursday, January 1:

10:00am



CWL Christmas Gifts and Book Sale Nov. 29/30 & Dec. 6/7!

The CWL Christmas Gifts and book sale will be held in St. Matthew's Room on December 6 & 7 after all the weekend Masses. Christmas cards, children's gifts and beautiful calendars will be featured in addition to many other gifts and books.



2026 Donation Envelopes

Please pick up your personalized 2026 donation envelopes in the foyer. If there are any corrections needed on your envelope label, such as your address, please contact the parish office. If you are new to the parish and would like envelopes, please phone or email the parish office and arrange for a box of envelopes to be registered to you. Thank you!

Ministerial Christmas Programme

Sunday, December 7, 7:00pm



The Terrace Ministerial Association will be holding their Christmas Programme at the Terrace Pentecostal Assembly on Sunday, December 7th at 7:00pm. The Pentecostal Assembly is located at 3511 Eby Street. Please come out for this joyous celebration of Christ's birth. The evening will feature a Christmas play, music and Holy Scripture presented by the various churches of Terrace. There will be a reception filled with holiday goodies following the service.



Christians of the Holy Land Religious Goods Sale December 13/14

Sunday, December 13/14 there will be a display of religious items crafted by the local Christians in Bethlehem. Items may be purchased after all the Masses. Debit, credit, cheque and cash are accepted. Proceeds go to support Christians in the Holy Land. You may learn more about this apostolate at holylanddirect.com



Advent Tea for Seniors, Tuesday, December 16

All elders of the parish are warmly invited to a delightful morning of tea and refreshments on Tuesday, December 16th at 9:30am. Students from Veritas will sing for you while others will serve you at your table. Come enjoy the season and each other's company.



Called Together Diocesan Annual Appeal

Thank you for your continued support and generosity. We need your help to reach our parish goal. If you have not yet donated, please consider making a contribution as we approach the end of the year.

Parish Goal: \$ 45,450

Donations to date: \$ 22,545.00 - 50% of our goal!

MASS TIMES Dec 8—Dec 14

Monday 9:00am Ginette & Claude Caron

Tuesday 9:00am † Doreen Sousa

Wednesday No Mass

Thursday 9:00am † George Kofoed

Friday 9:00am † Victoriano Lopes

Saturday 9:00am † Helen Panchuk

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday 7:00pm † Carlos Cordeiro

Sunday 9:00am † Ray Lavoie

Sunday 11:00am Intentions for the Parish

Confession

Saturday 6:30pm
or by appointment.

Daily Readings

Monday, December 8 <i>The Immaculate Conception</i> Genesis 3:9-15,20 Psalm 98 Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12 Luke 1:26-38	Thursday, December 11 Isaiah 41:13-20 Psalm 145 Matthew 11:11-15
Tuesday, December 9 <i>St. Juan Diego</i> Isaiah 40:1-11 Psalm 96 Matthew 18:12-14	Friday, December 12 <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i> Zechariah 2:10-13 Judith 13 Luke 1:39-47
Wednesday, December 10 <i>Our Lady of Loreto</i> Isaiah 40:25-31 Psalm 103 Matthew 11:28-30	Saturday, December 13 <i>St. Lucy</i> Sirach 48:1-4,9-11 Psalm 80 Matthew 17:10-13

Sunday, December 14
3rd Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10, Psalm 146, James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

Prayer List



Arnie Appels
Maria DeMelo
Raulino DeMelo
Gilda deSousa
John deSousa

Laura B. duBois
Fred Haines
Charlene Henry
Joao Mendes
Gerald Nelson
Dalton Stanvik

To put a name on the Prayer List please phone the parish office. Please remember to phone us as well if a name needs to be removed from the list.
Thank you!

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A Note on Parking

Kindly note that the parking spots closest to the church are intended for those with mobility issues. Please leave them free if you are able!

Daily Rosary Times

Sun, Mon, Wed., Thurs., Fri, Sat., 8:30am
Dec 9: Tues, 8:30am

Quote of the Week

The first thing I recommend to you for Advent is to keep yourself in the presence of God deep within your heart, just as the Blessed Virgin, before the birth of our Lord, adored him within herself. - Ven. Emmanuel d'Alzon

E-Transfers to Sacred Heart Parish

When setting up the transfer option please add and save the parish as a recipient using:

1. Parish Name: **Sacred Heart Parish Terrace**
2. Email address: **shpaccounting@sacredheartnews.ca**
3. In the message section of the e-transfer please include your envelope number, if applicable and the designation of the your donation, i.e. "General" or a special collection.

**** Please note that you do not need a security question because the donation is automatically deposited into the designated parish account. Thank you!**

Last Sunday's Collection

General: \$ 6,381.25

Thank you to all who have donated to the parish; your generosity is deeply appreciated.

