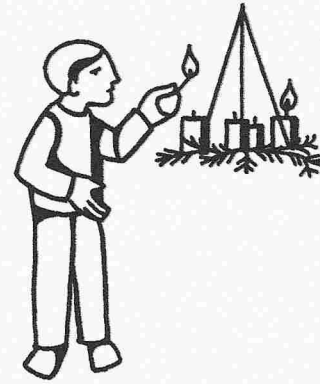




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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DEC. 4, 2011

(Unless otherwise mentioned, all weekday Masses are at 9 AM)

Monday, Dec 5 † PAT CRONAN by Marilyn & Daniel Marcenko

Tuesday, Dec 6 FOR SICK FAMILY MEMBERS by Rick & Bernie Chevrier
10:30 A M Hospital

Wednesday, Dec 7 JESSE OGLE by Grandma Ogle

Thursday, Dec 8 FOR SICK FAMILY MEMBERS by Rick & Bernie Chevrier
7:00 P M

Friday, Dec 9 † ADRIEN BOUFFARD by Paul Lewans
11:00 A M Prairie Villa

Saturday, Dec 10 † ADOLF PAULOWICZ by Stefanie Paulowicz
10:00 A M E S C

7:30 PM SUNDAY MASS ~ ASSINIBOIA

Sunday, Dec 11 9:00 AM SUNDAY MASS ~ WILLOW BUNCH
11:00 AM SUNDAY MASS ~ ASSINIBOIA

RECONCILIATION : Before Masses or anytime by appointment

MARRIAGES : Contact priest at least 6 months prior

BAPTISMS : Contact priest 2 months prior

House Blessings By Appointment



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Second Sunday of Advent: Dec. 4th

John the Baptist's call to repentance is echoed in the U.S. bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship: "Christians must beg God for the grace of conversion: the grace to know who they are, to whom they belong, how they are to live - the grace to repent and change and grow, the grace to become good disciples and stewards."

FOCUS ON OUR FUTURE: Annual Appeal DEC. 4

PLEASE KEEP YOUR PINK COPY WHEN DONATING FUNDS; WRITE CHEQUES TO ST. GEORGE'S PARISH & THANK YOU ! Did you know ... the average gift over the whole Archdiocese 2010 was \$ 193.00 ? that our Parish goal 2010 was higher-19,356?
⇒ ⇒ ⇒ ⇒ ⇒ ⇒ Our Parish Goal Is \$ 18, 706 ; we have now collected \$ 11,095

Enrolment Mass and Group Session for the families of the children in Confirmation / First Communion : Sun, Dec. 18th, 11:00 AM Mass; Confirmation to be Sunday, May 6, 2012

CATHOLIC MISSIONS IN CANADA

The CMIC 2010 Calendar "Reflections On Dene Land" are now available. There is one on display on the table in the foyer of the church. If you would like to order one, there is a toll free phone number: 1-866-937-2642, speak to Jenny at ext.230 or an e-mail address: calendar@cmic.info. They are \$12.95 each, 2 for \$25, or 5 for \$50. If there were enough that wanted them I (Lynn Rogers) could submit the total order together to get the better deal. If you would like to do this please leave your name on the sheet inside the calendar and I will do it. The sale of these calendars assists mission locations throughout Canada through CMIC. (Once we know how many calendars would be ordered, payment would have to be collected before ordering.)

- ⇒ **2012, y-e-s 2012!, Church Envelopes are ready for pickup, Please & Thanks!**



Please pray for Les TOTTON and Leanne BUCKLER, who were married at St. Ignace Church, Willow Bunch, on Sat., Nov. 26th. May they grow in faith with the help of the grace of this sacrament.



The Rotary Carol Festival will be held at the Prince of Wales Centre on Sunday, December 4 beginning at 2:00 p.m. Admission is \$3.00 or the equivalent in non-perishables for the Food Bank.



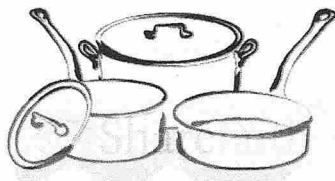
NEW SUNDAY MISSALS – Year B

are for sale \$5.00;
also Young Catholics Missals \$5.00 each

Remember to ask for "Nativity / Christian" postage stamps when you are mailing your Christmas mail and keep Christ in Christmas. If we don't use these stamps, Canada Post may quit making them.

Feel free to bring used postage stamps, all kinds, ie Canadian, International, USA, with ¼ inch border around, on paper, on cardboard, to the back of the church. Also pop/beer can zip tops / pull tabs. Also Campbells Soup labels. We now have charities / programs that will benefit from all these donations.

Please remember to pick up your roasters



and cake pans, etc at the coat racks in hall & Thanks for your food contributions !

An Evening With Dr. Peter Kreeft-Saskatoon
– info on bulletin board
Event will take place at St. Patrick Parish (3339 Centennial Drive, Saskatoon) on Sunday January 29, 2012



The Advent wreath dates back to ancient celebrations of the winter solstice—that time in the year when the sun reaches its southern-most point in the heavens and the days are the darkest and most gloomy. Because they longed for the return of the sun's light and life, the ancients stopped all usual activity, sacrificed the use of their wagon wheels and hung them up, festooned with lights and greens in their celebration halls. There they awaited the return of their sun-god, thinking of the warmth and life he brought. Celebrations culminated in the "nativity" of the sun – the turning point of the year.

As Christians, we use the same meaningful custom to anticipate the feast of light and life: the nativity of the Savior. We add one light on the wreath for each Sunday in Advent. We think of the darkness after Adam's sin and watch the growing hope and light as the prophets and the Virgin help us prepare for His saving birth.



FAMILY SEASONAL CELEBRATION OF MUSIC : Sunday, Dec. 11 / 11 7:00 P M
Our Lady of the Assumption Co-Cathedral of Gravelbourg, Sask.
Sponsored by The Wood River Ministerial Association. For admission, please bring a non-perishable food item.

To participate or for more information, contact Wendell Bailey at 648- 2556



Saturday / Sunday Ministries

Advent

Church Finances

Saturday Collection Nov 26 - \$ 453.00

Sunday Collection Nov 27 - \$ 1648.00

Thank You !

Good News!

Saturday, Dec 10

Collection	Please Volunteer
Greeters & Offerings	Dave & Rosemary Young
Rosary Leaders	Maureen Beauchesne Mary Chipak
Readers	Annette Kesslering Paulette Lapaire
Communion Ministers	Andy LeClaire Carla Leduc
Cross Bearer	Rita Walters
Candle Bearers	=====
Altar Servers	Sara Kesslering Emily Koller

Sunday, Dec 11

Collection	Please Volunteer
Greeters & Offerings	Wanda & Kaz Pawlowski
Rosary Leaders	Aime Morin Hazel Major
Readers	Michelle Hoffos Jackie Moneo
Communion Ministers	Jake Shenher Paul Silzer Jackie Simard
Cross Bearer	Katie Meagher
Candle Bearers	Lawrenne Meagher Dawson Twemlow
Altar Servers	Bradyn Giraudier Amaya Giraudier

December 4, 2011

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 40:1-5, 9-11 / 2 Pt 3:8-14 / Mk 1:1-8

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God.

These very direct words from God and the phrase that follows, "Speak to the heart of Jerusalem," would be enough if they were the only Scriptural words we heard this weekend. They are straightforward and carry such weight.

Speaking through Isaiah to the suffering Hebrew people, God was promising an end to their suffering—even though it was not evident yet—telling them to prepare with joy for God's coming. They were to prepare for a future that was "already but not yet"—it was present through God's promise, but not yet in its fullness.

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Speaking to the heart is essential in giving comfort. My husband and I use a mantra during the Advent season—"Let's be gentle with each other." The holidays bring scheduling conflicts, multiple family commitments, and long to-do lists. When we're stressed, we can wound each other with harsh words, impatience, and thoughtlessness. As we prepare for Christ's birth—an "already, but not yet" experience—we'd all do well to remember comforting, gentle words in our closest relationships.

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God.

Jesus inaugurated the kingdom of God, so it's already here, but not yet in its fullness, which will occur with Jesus' return. Great suffering, brokenness, and grief remain. The best way to live in this already-but-not-yet world is by acting with tender comfort toward all of God's children. We never know how much hurt another is experiencing when we meet them. We can be the gentle presence of God—the great Comforter.

Janel Esker

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