



Will You Notice the Shoot?

ANN M. GARRIDO

Today's first reading from the prophet Isaiah offers a familiar Advent image: the shoot sprouting from the stump of Jesse. The verses immediately preceding speak of God walking through the forest with an ax: "The tall of stature shall be felled, and the lofty ones shall be brought low" (Isaiah 10:33). But now, amidst all the destruction, a tiny sign of new life emerges, and the Spirit of God descends upon it, bearing many gifts—wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, awe, delight.

So often, when we scroll through the news, our attention is captured by violence and war and the "mighty" who make great noise when they fall. "Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees," echoes John the Baptist in today's gospel. If we are looking for where God's Spirit can be found, however, Isaiah reminds us we will need to look elsewhere. We will need to attend to the quiet, fragile resurrections taking place below the surface when it appears as if all has been lost. If we seek wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, awe, and delight, we will need to look where the little ones of the earth are found. We must have our eyes open for the shoots.

The gospels emphasize that Jesus was one such little one. Although the glory days of his people seemed to have come to a crashing close, they have not. In him, we glimpse the truth that life is stronger than death. We see that the future has not been erased, no matter how terrible the past. In him, we find our hope. ●

A shoot shall sprout from
the stump of Jesse, and
from his roots a bud shall
blossom.

ISAIAH 11:1

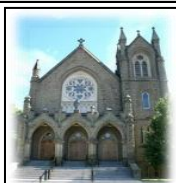


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Reflect

*Are my eyes open to the small signs of God's work
in the world, or am I too distracted to notice?*

Welcome to The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit



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The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit

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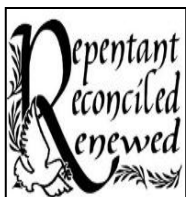
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St. Bernard's Sacrament of Reconciliation regular schedule

Prior to Weekday Masses: Monday to Friday: 8:30 – 9:20 AM.

Saturdays: 10:00 AM; First Friday of the month: 8:00 – 9:00 AM.

St. Bernard's

Mark Your Calendar

Carmelites	2 nd Saturday of the month: 9:30 AM
Prayer Group	2 nd Saturday of month & last Saturday of month after 25 th @ 7PM
RCIA meeting	2 nd & 4 th Saturday of each month: 10 AM to 12 noon

St. Bernard's Faith Formation Schedule

Session	Sunday: Year 1-2-3 @ 9:15 AM Year 4-5-6 @ 12:15 PM	Tuesday: Years 1-2-3 @ 6 PM	Wednesday: Years 4-5-6 @ 6 PM
#7	December 14, 2025	December 16, 2025	December 17, 2025

Confirmation Preparation Schedule

Session	Sunday: 2 PM - 3:15 PM
December 14, 2025	Service- no gathering
December 24, 2025	Service at Christmas Family Mass- TBD

St. Bernard's CWL



CWL 2026 Membership Dues.

Reminder to members that our 2026 membership dues are payable to National Office by Dec. 31st. Dues can be paid at our upcoming meeting on Dec. 7th and remain at \$32.50.

If paying by cheque, please make your cheque payable to St. Bernard's CWL. ***Please do not place dues in the church collection baskets.*** If any member wishes to have her dues

picked up, please call **Donna Shaw on 506-382-0503**. Thank you for helping us meet our Dec. 31st deadline.



Advent Mitten Tree

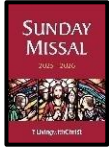
While items may be donated all year, it is particularly important during the cold winter months to be able to share **warm hats, mitts/gloves, scarves and socks** with those in need of all ages. We deliver these to the **Pregnancy Center, Headstart, schools and shelters** as well as to outreach programs for those living outside. These may be left at the main entrance of the church or be placed on the **Mitten Tree** set up by the elevator during the Advent season. Thank you in advance for your kindness.



Notice of Meeting.

St. Bernard's CWL will hold its December meeting and St. Nicholas Party on Sunday **Dec. 7th** in the church hall at **2:00 pm**. The meeting will be preceded with the rosary at **1:30 pm**. Our St Nicholas Party is an opportunity for our members to socialize and celebrate the feast of St. Nicholas which occurs on Dec. 6 during the season of Advent. In the spirit

of St. Nicholas, we will have a money tree with donations going to the Peter McKee Food Bank Centre for their Christmas boxes. Members are invited to bring finger foods for our social time. New members are welcome!



Sunday Missal Available!! Pick up your copy to follow the **readings and prayers** for each Sunday of the liturgical year. Available after all Masses and at the parish offices during office hours.

St. Bernard's Simbang Gabi 2025

Dear Friends,

The Filipino Community of the Archdiocese of Moncton invites everyone to join in our **Simbang Gabi** celebrations. **Simbang Gabi**, a Tagalog phrase that literally means "**Evening Mass**," is the Filipino traditional novena Masses offered for nine consecutive evenings before Christmas Eve. It is a spiritual journey for Filipinos, a time of reflection, devotion, and anticipation as we prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. Centred on the Eucharist, the **nine Masses honour the Blessed Mother Mary**, who carried Our Lord Jesus in her womb for nine months. How is it different from a daily Advent Mass? On Simbang Gabi Masses, the priest wears white festive vestments, and the Gloria is sung.



We invite you to **St. Bernard's Church** from **December 14th to the 23rd at 7:00 PM** for these evening Masses, which will be celebrated in English, with hymns beautifully led by the Filipino choir. Please note, our parish's regular **daily and weekend Mass schedules will remain unchanged**, with these nine special evening Masses added for the season. We would be deeply honored to have you join us in these celebrations.

With blessings,
Fr. Carlos Jacinto



The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule

Wednesday, December 24, 2025 – Christmas Eve

St. Bernard's	5:00PM, 8:00PM & 10:00 PM <i>(please note: no 9:30 AM Mass)</i>
St. Clement's	4:00 PM
St. Vincent's	6:00 PM

Thursday, December 25, 2025 - Christmas Day

St. Bernard's	11:00 AM <i>(please note: no 9:30 AM Mass)</i>
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Wednesday, December 31, 2025 – New Year's Eve

St. Bernard's	4:00 PM <i>(please note: no 9:30 AM Mass)</i>
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Thursday, January 1, 2026 – New Year's Day

St. Bernard's	11:00 AM <i>(please note: no 9:30 AM Mass)</i>
St. Clement's	11:00 AM
St. Vincent's	9:00 AM



We are nearing the end of 2025!

It is a great time to make up for any Sunday offerings that you may have missed over the year. Together as a parish community we can meet St. Bernard's financial commitments for the year. Donations can be made by cash, cheque, and preauthorized payments. **All donations for 2025 must be received prior to December 31st to be included in 2025 taxation receipts.**

Thank you for your continued generosity!!

*Remembering our Deceased Family & Friends
with Christmas Flowers & Wreaths*

Once again, this year, you are invited to make monetary donations for our Christmas floral arrangements in memory of deceased loved ones. All monies contributed will be used to purchase flowers that will decorate our church throughout the Christmas season. If you would like to donate funds for **Christmas flowers and Wreaths** in memory of a loved one, you may do so by completing the information below & placing it with your donation in a plain envelope. That envelope can be put into the collection basket at mass or dropped off at the parish office during regular office hours. Names will be in the Christmas bulletin. **Thank you to all those who donate to this yearly project.**

Indicate parish:	St. Bernard's	St. Clement's	St. Vincent's
In Memory of:			
Donated by:			
Address:			
\$ Amount		Envelope # (if applicable)	



*The Advent season is the beginning
of a new year in our liturgical church life.*

Advent has a twofold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered and as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation [Norms 39]. We tend to think of Advent only as the season in which we prepare for Christmas, or the First Coming of Christ, but as the General Norms point out, it is important that we also remember it as a celebration in which we look forward to the Second Coming of Christ. Properly speaking, Advent is a season that recalls the Two Comings of Christ. Advent remains a time of preparation; however, the focus is on a joyous preparation. The circle of greens with four candles (The **first candle** symbolizes **hope**, the purple color symbolizes royalty, repentance, and fasting. The **second candle** represents **faith**; it is also purple to symbolize preparation for the coming king. The **third candle** symbolizes **joy**; the color rose signifies joy. The **fourth candle** represents peace; it is also purple to represent the culmination of love through the Messiah. Advent is clearly identified as a season of anticipation, not of penance. **No matter what we celebrate throughout the liturgical year, it is always a part of the Paschal Mystery, the Life, Death, and Resurrection of Christ.**

We are an Easter people even during this season. With the successive lighting of one, two, three and finally four candles, there is the idea of increasing light. The Advent season should be an accounting of how we have lived our lives over the past year.

Have we become better disciples? Has there been a change in our hearts? If not, what needs to change? Has our faith life deepened? How? What steps have we taken to work on our relationship with God, with Jesus, with our Church community? What are some of the acts of kindness or generosity that we could do that could start in Advent, but continue throughout the year?

**Advent is meant to be the beginning of a new heart.
How will you change this Advent season for the long term?**

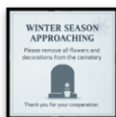
St. Vincent's



WHITE GIFT SUNDAY – Today is WHITE GIFT SUNDAY at St. Vincent's.

Children's gifts will be taken to Sackville United Church on **Wednesday, December 10, 2025**. If you wish to donate new toys or new hats/mitts/gloves to Christmas Cheer and have not already done so, please drop them off at the Parish

Office on **Monday, December 9, or Tuesday, December 10, 2025**.



HOLY ROSARY - ST. VINCENT CEMETERY – With the winter season approaching, we ask that all flowers and decorations be removed from the cemetery.



JOIN OUR PARISH CHOIR – ALL ARE WELCOME! – For info, please contact **Karen Olscamp**, kolscamp@live.com, or **506-536-3050**.



ROSARY – You are invited to join a group of faithful parishioners who gather to pray the Rosary in St. Vincent's chapel **every Thursday at 10:00 a.m.**



PARISH CALENDAR – Please consult the calendar at the entrance to the church for upcoming events.



SACKVILLE FOOD BANK - If you are able, please contribute non-perishable food and/or toiletry items to our local Food Bank. The donation basket is located on the right-hand side of the entrance to the church. In addition, please note that a **new thrift store** has opened at **18 Lorne Street** and is accepting donations of household items, clothing, etc. All proceeds are forwarded to the Sackville Food Bank.

FAITH FORMATION at St. Vincent's

The Rite of Enrollment was celebrated with the Confirmation candidates at Mass on November 30th, which starts a special journey to deepen their faith and relationship with Jesus! Let us pray for and with these youth, their sponsors, their parents, and their catechists.

The Faith Formation schedule is as follows (location is St. Vincent's Hall):

Dec 7th at 10am	Primary group sessions (gr. 1-3), continue after Christmas
Dec 14th at 10am	Elementary group (grades 4+), continues after Christmas

Sacramental preparations:

Confirmation gatherings (service to others: January to April and beyond)	January 11th, February 1st, February 22nd, March 15th, March 29th, April 5th (gatherings start at 6:30pm)
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Questions? contact Cathy Crinnion at ccrinnion@yahoo.ca

St. Clement's



Please bring any **flowers or plants you wish to give in memory of loved ones** for Christmas, to the church prior to **Dec. 23rd**, including the person's name.



Annual Sweet-Plate Fundraiser — Our annual sweet plate fundraiser is being planned. Parishioners will be called to bake a variety of sweets and bring them to **Jan Leger's house/or the church on December 12th**. Orders are being taken for plates up until **December 10th**, they are \$15. a plate. Orders are to be picked up on **Saturday, December 13th at 1:00 pm**.



INVITATION: Let us fully embrace the final weeks of the Ordinary Jubilee 2025

Throughout this year, we have celebrated the 2025 Jubilee under the theme Pilgrims of Hope, responding to Pope Francis' calls to rekindle hope in our world. This Jubilee year has offered a unique opportunity to obtain the Jubilee Plenary Indulgence, a powerful expression of God's infinite mercy, inviting us to live forgiveness and grace in a deeply transformative way.

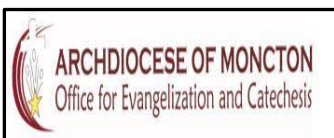
To allow the greatest number of faithful to obtain the Jubilee indulgence, it may be received during the Sunday Masses of the 4th Sunday of Advent, on December 20 and 21, in every parish of the diocese, by those who fulfill the required conditions: sacramental confession (on the same day or within two weeks before or after the Mass), reception of Holy Communion, and prayer for the intentions of the Roman Pontiff and of the Church.

Finally, the Holy Year will conclude with a solemn bilingual diocesan celebration, gathering priests around the Archbishop, on December 28 at 2:00 p.m., at Our Lady of the Assumption Cathedral. Priests will be available starting at 1:15 p.m. for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This celebration will be the final opportunity to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence.

I personally invite you and warmly encourage you to join us for this special moment that unites us with the worldwide community. This Eucharistic celebration is an opportunity to give thanks to the Lord for all He has accomplished throughout this year of prayer and conversion. Truly, hope does not disappoint!

+ Guy Desrochers, C.Ss.R.

+Most Rev. Guy Desrochers, C.Ss.R.
Archbishop of Moncton



Office for Evangelization & Catechesis
Trevor Droesbeck - 857- 4879 or adultfaith@diocesemoncton.ca
Karen LeBlanc – 387- 4198 or youth@diocesemoncton.ca



ADVENT GOES TO THE MOVIES – All are invited to join us as we journey through Advent using faith themes from popular films. We will meet virtually on Zoom on **December 8th** (Paddington II) and **15th** (Joyeux Noel). **Zoom sessions** go from **10:00 am until 11:30 am**. Contact **Karen** at **506-387-4198** or youth@diocesemoncton.ca for more information.



COFFEE FOR CAREGIVERS, is an opportunity for regular fellowship with others providing care for an adult spouse, family, or friend with needs. Please join us as we gather on the following dates: **December 11th at Holy Family Church Hall at 2:00 pm**. Contact **Mike Jeffries** **506-851-1271** or **Karen** at **506-387-4198**. Everyone is welcome.

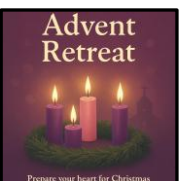


WHERE FAITH AND LIFE MEET. Thank you to everyone who came out to participate in our annual catechist formation on **November 15th** with **Dr. Carol Kuzmochka** from the Center for Religious Education and Catechesis with Saint Paul University. We have five copies of the book ***Where Faith and Life Meet: Adult Faith Education that Transforms*** for sale at a cost of \$25.00 (including taxes and shipping cost). Please contact **Karen** at **506-387-4198** to obtain

a copy.



Welcome to **SENIOR'S CONNECT**. Our next gathering will take place on **December 11th at 10:30am**, at Holy Family Parish Hall at 52 Falkland Street Moncton. It will be **A CHRISTMAS SOCIAL and YANKEE SWAP!** Bring a gift (**\$5.00 value or less**) in a bag and if you have an **Ugly Christmas sweater or not so ugly...Wear it!!** Questions? Contact **Karen LeBlanc** at 387-4198 or email youth@diocesemoncton.ca.



ADVENT RETREAT 2025, join us on Saturday **November 29th** when **Dr. Andrew Wilson** will help to prepare our hearts and minds to live out this advent season. The theme of the day will be Faith on the Move: Journeying through Advent from a Pilgrim's Perspective. Location will be at Broadleaf farm in Hopewell Hill at 8:30 am until noon. If you are interested, please contact **Karen LeBlanc** at youth@diocesemoncton.ca or call (506)387-4198. There is no fee for the retreat, but we are inviting participants to offer a free-will donation to help defray costs.

Gospel Study Group: December 11th and 12th:

Weekly in person or Zoom, Thursdays at **St. Lawrence O'Toole** 6:00pm followed by adoration at 7:00pm AND Fridays at **St. Augustine's** 11:00am, followed by Mass at 12:00noon and adoration. For information contact **Charlie Farrell** at **857-4223** or charlie.farrell@gasmoncton.com.

For Third Sunday of Advent click on the following links and read:

Scott Hahn

<https://www.catholicfidelity.com/apologetics-topics/kingdom/matthew-gospel-of-fulfillment-by-scott-hahn/>

St. John Chrysostom (Chapters 1,2,3)

<https://www.newadvent.org/fathers/200137.htm>

Second Sunday of Advent

Simply commit to “**The Star Flowers of Saint Thérèse**”: As announced last week, a new prayer booklet will be offered at Mass on the weekend of **December 27 and 28**. Joining the Star Flowers means offering your joys and sorrows “through Jesus, with Jesus, and in Jesus” for the good of the diocese, guided by daily prayers and missionary intentions. A monthly Mass will be celebrated for those who commit to praying every day for the missionary renewal of our diocesan Church. Members will also receive a medal of St. Thérèse of Lisieux.



St. Bernard's Marriage Apostolate — Marriage Enrichment Activities

This winter we're offering two opportunities for couples to reconnect and be renewed.



1) Love & Respect — 10-Week Zoom Video Study

Thursdays, 7:00 PM (AST) • Jan 8 – Mar 12, 2026, • Online

Facilitators: Joe & Deb D'Ettore

Based on Dr. Emerson Eggerichs' bestselling program, Love & Respect unpacks the biblical insight of Ephesians 5:33, that she most deeply desires love and he most deeply needs respect, and gives practical tools to improve communication, break the “crazy cycle,” and build an “energizing cycle” of grace at home.

- Registration: **\$10/couple** (includes electronic workbook + Zoom invite)
- Miss a night? Sessions are recorded so you can catch up later.
- Register: Email atvnonno@gmail.com



2) Marriage Enrichment Retreat @ Villa Madonna (Rothesay, NB) “Love that Reflects Heaven:

Encountering God in Our Marriage”

Feb 13–15, 206 (Check-in Fri 5:30 PM; Check-out Sun after lunch)

Speakers include Joe & Deb D'Ettore, Fr. Carlos Jacinto, and guests.

Retreat highlights: inspiring talks, couple reflection & prayer, Mass, Confession, Spiritual Direction, Renewal of Marriage Vows, Valentine's celebration, and fellowship with other couples.

- Early Registration (by Dec 15): **\$200/couple**
- Standard (Dec 16 onward): **\$250/couple**
- Includes: Two nights' accommodation, all meals, and retreat materials
- Limited spots, register now: atvnonno@gmail.com

Thanks to our generous donors for helping keep costs low. Questions?

Email: atvnonno@gmail.com.

Come be refreshed, because your marriage matters!

Video series « **Journey through Advent» 2025**, which includes reflections on the readings for each Sunday of Advent. The videos are available on the CCCB website. In English: <https://www.cccb.ca/announcement/journey-through-advent-video-series-to-introduce-and-reflect-on-the-season/>

Links to the videos will be sent out **every Monday** for the upcoming **Sunday celebration**.



*A time to mourn...
sincere sympathies to all who
'mourn the loss of a loved one.*

*Oscar Jacinto, Gisele Landry, Emmett Leger, Normand Melanson, Bernard McCourt,
Gregory Murphy, Virginia "Jenny" Purcell, Len & Perry Wickham,
Yolanda Tristan & Emilio Famatid*



*Ecclesiastes 3
Under every season there is a time...
A time to heal...*

St. Bernard's

Rosemarie Villariasa	Conrad Coughlan	Honesto Madrid	Peter Quach	Romualdo Mesias
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St. Clement's

McGraw Family	Sharon Wall	Lorraine Doiron	Ron Drisdelle	Erika Doiron	Margaret Schriver	Cullen Flood
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St. Vincent's

Alvin Bernard	Vince Wood	Leone Campbell	Kathy Mattatall	Art Chase	Barb DeWitt	Alvin Bernard	Leonard Burke
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And those who have died including Leona Mary Hollis, who passed away on November 29, 2025.

Mass times / Intentions:

St. Bernard's

Mon.	Dec 08	9:30 AM	Late Judy Ann LeBlanc	Claironce & Maria Richard
Tues.	Dec 09	9:30 AM	Hildebrand Family	Theresa Quinn
Wed.	Dec 10	9:30 AM	Quinn & Blazey	Theresa Quinn
Thurs.	Dec 11	9:30 AM	Late Sharon Corcoran	Norma & Tony Zuurro
Fri.	Dec 12	9:30 AM	Late Isabel Currie	Shelley Chase
Sat.	Dec 13	4:00 PM	For the People	
Sun.	Dec 14	11:00 AM	Late Gerry Cormier	St. Bernard's Choir

St. Clement's

Sun.	Dec 07	11:00 AM	Rejeanne Niles	Rita Niles
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St. Vincent's

Sun.	Dec 07	9:00 AM	Dawn Marie Shea	Catherine Shea
Sun.	Dec 14	9:00 AM	Safety & well-being of all first responders	Family of the late Irene LeClair

OFFERINGS

St. Bernard's Offerings: December 02, 2025 - Online portions to be reported later.

Envelopes	\$3,884	Loose	\$1,539.30	Sunday Missal	\$ 240
Karing Kitchen	\$36	Moncton Archdiocese	\$ 60	Living Faith	\$ 4
Christmas Flowers	\$ 30	Candles	\$ 185.95	People in Need	\$ 10
Capital Expenditure	\$ 530				

St. Clement's offerings: December 02, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 815	Collection	\$ 20	Energy Needs	\$ 220
Capital Fund	\$ 1,500	Archdiocese	\$ 750		

St. Vincent's offerings: December 02, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 990	Loose	\$ 35	Maintenance	\$ 10
Missals	\$	HST Rebate	\$	Diocese Special Collection	\$ 25

Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!

**In case of
Inclement
Weather**

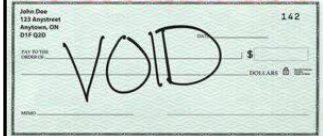


ST. BERNARD'S: IN THE EVENT OF A STORM OR INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELLATIONS WILL BE NOTED ON:

WEBSITE: www.gsmoncton.ca

OR BY CALLING OUR PHONE LINE @ 506-857-0425

Pre-Authorized Donations



PADS – If you would like to donate through the Pre-Authorized Debit System, kindly contact Genevieve Alo at 506-857-0425 or send an email to sbhf@rogers.com to register for St. Bernard's PADS.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

May 13 - 24, 2026

\$ 2795 only

Accompanying priests:

Fr. Carlos Jacinto and Fr. Jean-Guy Dallaire

Included in cost:

- *Return airfare from Moncton
- *Transfers by coach - Sarajevo - Medjugorje - Sarajevo
- *Accommodation based on double or triple occupancy with private facilities
- *Daily breakfast and dinner
- *Experienced professional local guide

Not included:

- *Taxes/security charges/fuel surcharges \$985.00
- *Optional Single room supplementary \$250.00

A deposit of \$700.00 guarantees you a spot.

Balance due March 16, 2026

Payment by e-transfer, bank transfer, or cheque - Rebate of \$250.00

EARLY BOOKING SPECIAL!

Book and pay in full now and avail a rebate of \$450.00.

For more information:

Hector Caissie

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Photo taken by Fr. Carlos Jacinto
May 19, 2025

Our lady of Guadalupe

Feast day Mass

*Honouring the Patroness of the Americas,
the Philippines and the Unborn*

FRIDAY DECEMBER 12TH, 2025

- Adoration and Rosary for the unborn - 4 pm
- Mass - 5 pm
- Potluck following Mass

St Lawrence O'Toole Parish

Irishtown

Free-will offering for Pro-life

To sign up for the potluck:

<https://www.PerfectPotluck.com/HVBW3677>

Questions? Tiffany: goodtiffany@hotmail.com
or 506-863-3427



Dear Padre,

Do non-Catholics go to heaven?

Yes, they do, because of the grace of God at work in his people. To suggest otherwise would seem to imply that Catholics somehow have a “golden ticket,” or some kind of right that simply does not exist.

The Incarnation of Jesus healed the division between heaven and earth, a division established by the “sin of Adam” and confirmed by our own lives of sin. Through his passion, death, and resurrection, all has been restored to the manner that the Father first envisioned through his Creation. The division was between humanity and divinity, not between religious practices and divinity. Catholics believe and celebrate that God accepts all people of a good heart and a good spirit. God is not blinded by the labels that sometimes blind his people to the bigger reality.

When Catholics, or people of any religion, proclaim exclusivity and specialness, particularly when it concerns eternal life, all people should be very cautious about what they assume. To assume a certain type of arrogance—to yourself and to your belief and life of faith—that excludes others or separates another as “not one of us” simply has no place in the kingdom of God. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / DearPadre.org



PASCAL HUOT / SHUTTERSTOCK

Monday

December 8
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Gn 3:9–15, 20
Eph 1:3–6, 11–12
Lk 1:26–38

Tuesday

December 9
Advent Weekday
Is 40:1–11
Mt 18:12–14

Wednesday

December 10
Advent Weekday
Is 40:25–31
Mt 11:28–30

Thursday

December 11
Advent Weekday
Is 41:13–20
Mt 11:11–15

Friday

December 12
Our Lady of Guadalupe
Zec 2:14–17
or Rv 11:19a;
12:1–6a, 10ab
Lk 1:26–38 or
Lk 1:39–47

Saturday

December 13
St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
Sir 48:1–4, 9–11
Mt 17:9a, 10–13

Sunday

December 14
Third Sunday of Advent
Is 35:1–6a, 10
Jas 5:7–10
Mt 11:2–11

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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

With the light and the strength of the Holy Spirit, let us build a Church founded on God's love, a sign of unity, a missionary Church that opens its arms to the world, proclaims the word, allows itself to be made “restless” by history, and becomes a leaven of harmony for humanity.

HOMILY, ROME, MAY 18, 2025