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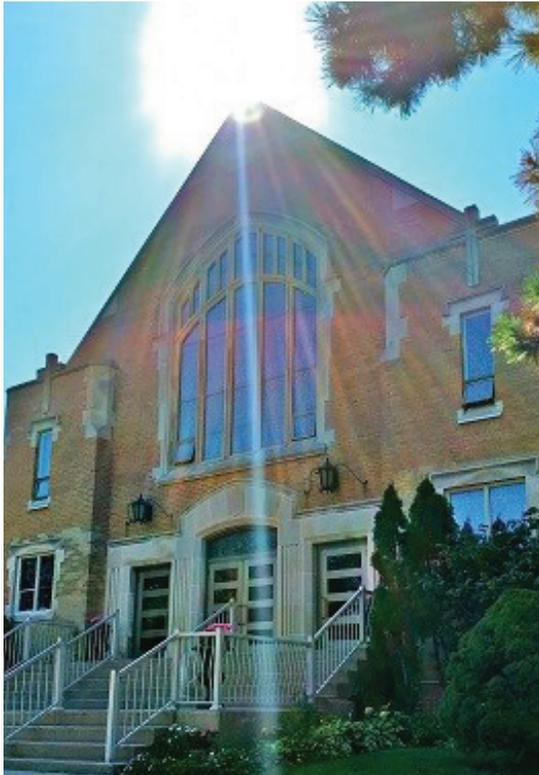


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## SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 pm  
Sunday: 7:30 am; 9:00 am; 10:30 am; 12:00 pm

## CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:45 pm to 4:45 pm

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday: 8:30 am  
Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 7:30 pm

## DEVOTIONS

### **ROSARY**

Tuesday & Thursday:  
following morning Mass

### **MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP**

Wednesday: 7:00 pm

### **SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

First Friday: 7:00 pm

### **ADORATION AND DIVINE MERCY**

Every Friday after evening Mass

## SACRAMENTS

### **BAPTISM**

Registered parishioners are invited to pick up a Baptism information package from the Parish Office.

### **COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION**

Please contact Parish Office for program start dates.

### **MARRIAGE**

Couples should contact the Parish Office ONE year in advance. At least one party must be a registered and practicing member of St. Boniface.

## PARISH SCHOOLS

### **ST. AGATHA - 416-393-5302**

49 Cathedral Bluffs Drive, M1M 2T6

### **ST. BONIFACE - 416-393-5277**

20 Markanna Drive, M1M 2J1

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### **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

Help Line: 416-261-3528

## Welcome Visitors and New Parishioners

A very warm welcome to all new parishioners and those who are visiting St. Boniface Parish this weekend. New parishioners are asked to fill out registration form below and put it in the collection basket or drop-off at office.

## PARISHIONER INFORMATION SHEET

MR. & MRS.  MR.  MRS.  MISS  MS.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
First Name(s)

\_\_\_\_\_  
STREET# AND NAME/APARTMENT# OR UNIT #

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**NAME(S) AND DATE(S) OF BIRTH OF CHILD/CHILDREN:**

NAME(S)

DD/MM/YEAR

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH? WOULD YOU LIKE ENVELOPES?  
YES  NO  YES  NO

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE CONTACTED ABOUT PARISH INVOLVEMENT?  
YES  NO

**ONCE REGISTERED, ENVELOPES WILL BE AVAILABLE BY ENTRANCE OF CHURCH.**



# DECEMBER 6 2020

## 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### CYCLE A (MATTHEW)

I arrived at St. Boniface Parish on August 27<sup>th</sup> during the pandemic restrictions, but not in the total lockdown that we are now in. During all this time I have been anxiously awaiting the day when we can celebrate the joy of our faith together, freely and openly without masks or physical distancing.

Here we are now in the Advent Season, a time of waiting and of hopeful expectation of the coming of our Lord into this wounded world. It is so important for us to remember this now. Jesus came into an afflicted world to pronounce a new and divine truth, that the things that afflict us are passing away with his coming.

In the first reading for the Second Sunday of Advent, the prophet Isaiah proclaims, "*Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God*". How are we to be comforted in a time of such discomfort? Which is the better way to go? Shall we continue in social and economic lockdown, and people face the loss of their jobs, their incomes and cope with so many emotional and financial hardships? Or shall we end the lockdowns and let only those people who have the strength and natural immunity survive the pandemic? Both scenarios present hardship and loss of some kind. There seems to be no comfort in this kind of dilemma.

Yet Isaiah cries out, "*In the wilderness prepare the way of the lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God*". Whatever the times we live in, we must not let our waiting grow cold and insensitive or fall into dormant inactivity. Advent is a time to hone our waiting skills, and this pandemic has presented us with a situation we can look at either way. We can fall into neglectful abandonment, being pulled along by troubling situations but not really trying. Or we can practice attentive waiting, looking for God's presence in those near us and reaching out to those who may need help with their waiting. There are many who are experiencing loneliness, isolation and depression in our times who will benefit from your kindness.

I pray that we are all able to appreciate the challenging context of facing the struggles of life and keeping faith. Jesus' divine presence among us was proclaimed by the prophet Isaiah, confirmed by John the Baptist and anointed with the power of the Holy Spirit. We are living in a period that calls us to a new attention. It is a real opportunity to embrace what Jesus' coming means for us. We go where life takes us, and we pray that God's providence and our faith will carry us through the things that are so averse to human life - always remembering Jesus' promise to be with us in all our lives. You are in my prayers every day. Fr. Peter.

#### Sunday Mass Readings:

First Reading: Isaiah 40.1-5, 9-11  
Psalm: Psalm 85  
Second Reading: 2 Peter 3.8-14  
Gospel: Mark 1.1-8



## DECEMBER 5TH TO DECEMBER 12TH 2020

Sat	Dec 5th	5:00pm	Stella Anthony +
Sun	Dec 6th	7:30am	Thanksgiving for Marina & Preman Patricks 25th Anniversary
		9:00am	People of the Parish
		10:30am	Josefina Dollete +
		12:00pm	Teodulfo Lacorte Sr. +
Mon	Dec 7th	7:30pm	Helen Eng +
Tues	Dec 8th	8:30am	Thanksgiving for Conchita Laranang
Wed	Dec 9th	7:30pm	In Honour of Immaculate Conception
Thur	Dec 10th	8:30am	Souls in Purgatory +
Fri	Dec 11th	7:30pm	Fr. Guenter Petricek +
Sat	Dec 12th	8:30am	In Thanksgiving for Michael & Delaila Paes



### OUR SICK:

Dionne Hastings, Sonia Miranda, Kevin Andrey Morales, Rhaquel Elizabeth Jojan, Ramona Labo, Ruth Claire Alinas, Jovencia Alo, Paul Chamberlain, Andre Baksh, Fernando Rajasoorier, Georgina DaCosta, Alicia Alvares, Anna Ardurini, Lolita Ramos, Rose Marie Sorbera, Alice Rego, John Jansen In De Wal, Mary Foulkes, Lorraine Fraser, Jean Griffin Davis, Stephanie Solomon, Shirley Ec-

clejton, Kathleen Copeland, Silvia Emma Rossi, Conchita Estolano Paran, Margaret Horvath, Giacomina Genova, Frosa Karakolis, Rosa Lim, Vera Conway, Joe D'Souza, Claudio Borgono, Lilia D. Perez, Jennifer Young, Glenda McNeil, Naty Germain, Liam Matthews, Benigno Jose Jr., Jean Schofield, Irene Bituin, Leonisa G. Albaran, Sr. Cecilia Marie Ching, Sr. Theresa Ching, Innes Potgieter, Daniela Alario, Rebecca C. Baltazar, Dina Sorbera, Monica Bouchard, Harold Hunt, Adeline Noronha, Antonio Sorbera, Julia Genova, Christina Lochan, Ronaldo Maravilla, Lucas Sorbera, Sheryl Watson, Stanley de Freitas, Peter Pinto, Marina Sequeira, Ofelia Magat, Paul Swoffer, Minoli Paul, Offe Ayuson, Isabel Grosvenor, Clera Uy Cruz, Marie Herrera, John Germain, Ms. Dalhoo, Carla Di Cecco, Virginia Johnson, Wynn Young, Mary Rocha, Eric Hudder, Marguerite Watson, Nelie Sicut, Teofilo Mondala, Duverney Family, Leonard Rodrigues, John Jarman, Mr. & Mrs. Cerami, Simon Fernandes, Arnold Uy Cruz, Charles Gill, Deacon Gerald Godsoe, Ellen Jarman, Patrick Doty, Debra Fernandes, Nida Carandang, Marie McPherson, Marina Jose, Frances Schober, William Schober, Marie Dignun, Maria Anna Diandra Rivera, Natalina Fernandes, Umbelina Felix, Erlinda Balita, Colleen Balgobin, Joan Crowley, Ela Sicut-Angeles.

**VISITING THE CHURCH FOR PERSONAL PRAYER TIME DURING THE LOCKDOWN:**

The office is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 am to 5:00 p.m. You may also visit the church on other days by making an appointment. Please call the office @ 416 261-5983 to arrange a time for personal prayer with Jesus. There is a limit of 10 people in the Church at a time.

**CONFESSIONS:**

Confessions are available by appointment only.



Come and be renewed in heart and spirit to be reconciled with our God.

**2021 SUNDAY DONATION ENVELOPES**

The 2021 Sunday donation envelopes are available in the office for pick-up. Please call the office to arrange a time to pick-up your envelopes. Thank you for continuing to support our Parish.



So many of the faithful rely on the reception of the sacraments and our churches to find solace, peace and support during this period of pandemic. Despite these new restrictions, we will make every effort to continue our outreach to you. We also ask that you find opportunities to assist those who are vulnerable or alone among us.

We pray that you and your loved ones remain safe and healthy. May God continue to bless you now and always!

**YOUTUBE REFLECTIONS FOR ADVENT**

Starting on the First Sunday of Advent (November 29) Fr. Neiman will be uploading daily reflections on his YouTube channel.



**<http://www.youtube.com/c/FatherNeimanDSouza>**

Please subscribe and turn notifications on to stay connected spiritually during the season of Advent.

Preparing for Christmas while under lockdown...

**<https://youtu.be/kFhkRI6GWuk>**



**CWL CARING AND SHARING DRIVE**

THANK YOU to all those who have already donated items for the Good Shepherd Centre. We appreciate your support and participation in this endeavor.

Due to the Provincial lock-down restrictions, we are still accepting your donations. Please drop them off at the Parish Office.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel, the CWL Patroness, intercede for us.



*Marriage Sunday*  
2021

Cardinal Collins has designated the weekend of February 13/14, 2021 as Marriage Sunday in the Archdiocese of Toronto. To celebrate the tremendous contributions of married couples who continue to strengthen our faith community, our parish is participating in a program to offer a personalized, special blessing certificate signed by Cardinal Thomas Collins to married couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, or 60+ wedding anniversary in 2021.

**To request a special blessing certificate for milestone wedding anniversaries in 2021, please visit <https://bit.ly/2021MS-SpecialBlessing>.**

The Office of Formation for Discipleship will be processing the orders – the deadline to order is January 17, 2021; we will be assisting in distributing the special blessing certificate to you.

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