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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**

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

## **DEVOTIONS**

### **ROSARY**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday &  
Saturday:  
@ 8am before 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.

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## **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 #

CITY

POSTAL CODE

TELEPHONE#

EMAIL ADDRESS

### **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 3RD, 2023**  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**CYCLE B (MARK)**

**Watch for Him: Scott Hahn Reflects on the First Sunday of Advent**

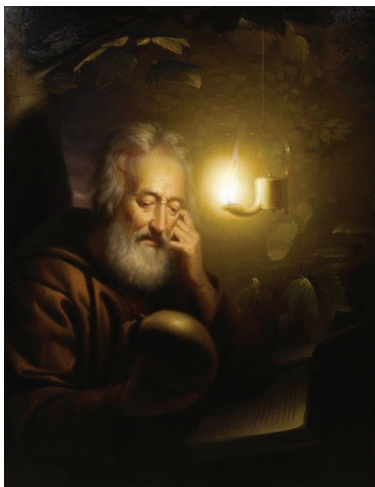
**Readings:**

**Isaiah 63:16–17, 19**

**Psalms 80:2–3, 15–16, 18–19**

**1 Corinthians 1:3–9**

**Mark 13:33–37**



The new Church year begins with a plea for God's visitation. "Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down," the prophet Isaiah cries in today's First Reading. In today's Psalm, too, we hear the anguished voice of Israel, imploring God to look down from His heavenly throne—to save and shepherd His people. Today's readings are relatively brief. Their language and "message" are deceptively simple. But we should take note of the serious mood and penitential aspect of the Liturgy today as the people of Israel recognize their sinfulness, their failures to keep God's covenant, their inability to save themselves. And in this Advent season, we should see our own lives in the experience of Israel. As we examine our consciences, can't we, too, find that we often harden our hearts, refuse His rule, wander from His ways, withhold our love from Him? God is faithful, Paul reminds us in today's Epistle. He is our Father. He has hearkened to the cry of His children, coming down from heaven for Israel's sake and for ours to redeem us from our exile from God, to restore us to His love. In Jesus, we have seen the Father (see [John 14:8–9](#)). The Father has let His face shine upon us. He is the good shepherd (see [John 10:11–15](#)) come to guide us to the heavenly kingdom. No matter how far we have strayed, He will give us new life if we turn to Him, if we call upon His holy name, if we pledge anew never again to withdraw from Him. As Paul says today, He has given us every spiritual gift—especially the Eucharist and penance—to strengthen us as we await Christ's final coming. He will keep us firm to the end—if we let Him. So, in this season of repentance, we should heed the warning repeated three times by our Lord in today's Gospel: be watchful, for we know not the hour when the Lord of the house will return.

Thank you to Dr. Scott Hahn and the St. Paul Center for the use of the weekly Mass reflections. More resources are available at [www.stpaulcenter.com](http://www.stpaulcenter.com)

**Mass Intentions**  
**FOR THE WEEK**

**DECEMBER 2ND TO DECEMBER 9TH 2023**

Sat Dec 2nd	5:00pm -	Delio Lasat †
Sun Dec 3rd	7:30am -	People of the Parish
	9:00am -	Maude, Harry and Neville D'Sa †
	10:30am -	Patrick Smith †
	12:00pm -	Birthday Thanksgiving for Tess Malolos
Mon Dec 4th	8:30am -	Yvonne Middlecoat †
Tue Dec 5th	8:30am -	Mr. and Mrs. Felix's Family
Wed Dec 6th	7:30pm -	Audrey Knapp †; Jun Santos †; Gilda Gaglione † Thanksgiving for Elizabeth Santos
Thu Dec 7th	8:30am -	Thanksgiving for Leticia Bolingot
Fri Dec 8th	7:30pm -	Sarah Anne-Marie Ermintrude
Sat Dec 9th	8:30am -	John Moolasseril †; Thanksgiving for the gift of Mary



**OUR SICK:**

Anunciacion Chang, Derek Rosario, Maria Theresa, Maria Johanna Tizon, Bob & Linda Morgan, Sally Benadetto, Maverick Valle, Richard Stockman, Don O'Shaughnessy, Alana Maurica Gerardine, Bette McDermott, Josephine Lavecchia, Romeo Dimalanta, Mara Ezgeta, Fredrick Martyn, John Rodriguez, Sabrina Achalbar, Sharon Garisto, Elizabeth Singh, Richard Rodriguez, Kenny Gonsalves, Kris Gonsalves, Carlo Tomasi, Anna Tomasi, Evelyn Gatila, Judith Ritch, Rita Clemenz, Estela Pett, Steve McAuley, George Paramby Varghese, Edward Kaminski, Emmanuel Carpio, Ligaya Carpio, Holly MacInnis, Norma Diso, Jennifer Solomon, Bill Filipchuk, Kathleen Filipchuk, Colleen Balgobin, Dionne Hastings, Sonia Miranda, Kevin Andrey Morales, Rhaquel Elizabeth Jojan, Ramona Labo, Ruth Claire Alinas, Andre Baksh, 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 Ecclejtton, Kathleen Copeland, Conchita Estolano Paran, Giacomina Genova, Frosa Karakolis, Rosa Lim, Vera Conway, Joe D'Souza, Claudio Borgono, Jennifer Young, Glenda McNeil, Naty Germain, Liam Matthews, Benigno Jose Jr., Irene Bituin, Leonisa G. Albaran, Innes Potgieter, 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, Marie Herrera, John Germain, Ms. Dalhoo, Carla Di Cecco, Virginia Johnson, Wynn Young, Mary Rocha, Eric Hudder, Marguerite Watson, Duverney Family, Mr. & Mrs. Cerami, Simon Fernandes, Arnold Uy Cruz, Charles Gill, Patrick Doty, Debra Fernandes, Marina Jose, Frances Schober, William Schober, Marie Dignum, Ahilla Kissoon.



**CHRISTMAS  
AND NEW  
YEAR'S  
MASS SCHEDULE**  
**SUNDAY DECEMBER 24TH**

Regular Sunday Masses  
7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, & 12pm

**CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES**  
**7:00 PM** — Mass with Children's Pageant  
**9:00 PM**  
**11:30pm CAROLS; Mass 12 MIDNIGHT**

**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 25TH**  
**9:00 AM \* 11:00 AM**  
**(NO 7:30 AM, 10:30 AM OR NOON MASSES)**

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 31ST**  
Regular Sunday Masses  
7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, & 12pm

**NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS**  
**5:00 PM**

**NEW YEAR'S DAY**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 1ST**  
**9:00 AM \* 10:30**  
**AM \* 12 NOON**  
**(NO 7:30 MORNING MASS)**



**DEADLINE FOR DONATIONS FOR 2023**  
**(tax receipt purposes)**

Please note that the last day to drop off donations for this year's (2023) tax receipt will be on **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27TH.**

Any donations received after that day will be counted towards next year's (2024) donation.

Thank you for always being generous towards our Parish.



**DONATE NOW**

**CONFIRMATION 2023-2024**



Confirmation registrations have begun. If you have a child in grade 7 or up who has not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact the parish office.

You would need to bring a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate and the registration fee of \$50.00.

Thank you!

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Our next Children's Liturgy of the Word Program will be on **Sunday, December 17th at the 10:30am Mass.** All children 4 to 7 years of age are welcome.



**PARISH DAY OF CONFESSION FOR ADVENT**

Confessions at St. Boniface Parish will be held on **Thursday, December 14th from 7pm to 10pm.** There will be many priests available.



**CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S PAGEANT**



**Christmas Pageant**

Parents with children age 4 and up, who would like to participate in this year's Children's Christmas Pageant on Christmas Eve at the 7pm Mass are invited to attend rehearsals on the following dates: December 10th; December 17th; and December 24th after the 12pm Mass

For more information, please contact Trinity Carlos at [trinitycarlos0610@gmail.com](mailto:trinitycarlos0610@gmail.com).

Thank you.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

**LOOKING FOR WAYS TO GET MORE OUT OF ADVENT?**

Reflect on Advent as a time of waiting. The idea of waiting is not popular in our culture of instant gratification, but it creates in us a new kind of self-discipline that helps us to appreciate the present moment and look to the future with peaceful anticipation.

Turn your breathing into a prayer. Take a few deep breaths throughout the day and imagine that God's love is flowing through you to every part of your body. As you exhale, let go of tension, worry and anything else that is not of God.







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