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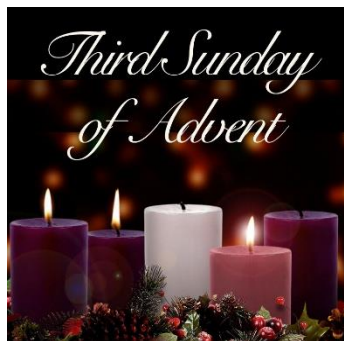
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December 14, 2025: Third Sunday of Advent



“Happy is the one who does not lose faith in me.”

Today is known as Gaudete Sunday – meaning “Rejoice” in Latin. In the Gospel reading, we hear that John the Baptist is in prison, awaiting execution. He seems very perplexed. He had heard that Jesus is living a life that seems to be a complete contrast to his own. Jesus, the one he had baptized and whom he believed to be the Messiah, does not seem to be behaving in a way that Jewish tradition had taught him to expect. John sends a message to Jesus: “Are you the one who is to come?” The message that he receives is that “the blind see again, the lame walk, the deaf hear”, offering signs that the Messiah has indeed arrived. John can only rejoice! Jesus assures John that all that has been prophesied has come to pass and he is the anointed one. **As we approach the feast of Christ’s birth, it might be**

helpful to consider how I imprison my own darkness within myself or what am I afraid of? This is what Jesus comes to free in us so that we may live our lives in light and peace. Rejoice indeed!

Date	Intentions	Lectors	Communion	Collection
Saturday, December 13 4 pm	+ Eveline Lagace Paulette Lagace	Randy Bossuyt		Dolores Mogg
Sunday, December 14 11 am <i>3rd Sunday of Advent Youth Mass & Bake Sale</i>	+ Dale Copping Claude Lagace & Bernadette Lagace	Youth	Suzanne Lavallee	Youth
Wednesday, December 17 9 am <i>7 pm – Community Celebration of Reconciliation</i>	+ Desneige Mageau Rousseau Family			
Thursday, December 18 7 pm	+ Marie Therese Levesque Knights of Columbus			
Saturday, December 20 4 pm	+ Michel Lamoureux Mathilde & Gilbert Comeau	Rachel Cahill		Dolores Mogg
Sunday, December 21 11 am <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>	+ Robert (Bobby) Hogue Claude Lagace & Bernadette Lagace	Gayle Hansen Suzanne Lavallee	Claude Lagace	Jean Rochon Claude Lavallee



JOY is central to Advent, as it reflects the excitement and gratitude for the coming of Jesus, who brings salvation to the world. This joy isn’t merely happiness – it’s a profound, resilient gladness rooted in God’s love and promises.

Christmas Holiday Mass Schedule

Nativity of our Lord (Christmas) – Wed. Dec. 24 - Mass & Christmas Pageant 7 pm (Caroling 6:30 pm)

Wed. Dec. 24 - Midnight Mass (Caroling 11:30)

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph – Sat. Dec. 27 - Mass 4 pm

Sun. Dec. 28 - Mass 11 am

Mary, Mother of God (New Year's) – Wed. Dec. 31 - Mass 4 pm



“Life Is Better With Jesus!” – 2025-2026 PARISH THEME

St. Hyacinthe Parish News

- ❖ **Donations to the parish:** Please remember your parish through your Sunday Offerings and Fall Drive gift.
- ❖ **Donation Envelopes:** The 2026 donation envelopes are now available in the church entrance. Please pick up your box. Advise us of any changes to your contact information. If you would like to have donation envelopes please contact the Parish office.
- ❖ **Youth Bake Sale:** THIS SUNDAY is our final bake sale of the year. Please give generously!
- ❖ **Catechism Toy Drive:** The Catechism program’s annual toy drive continues until Dec. 21, with proceeds going to the families at Holy Cross Food Bank. Please take an angel from the tree in the church entrance and bring an unwrapped gift to donate. Monetary donations can be made and dropped into the collection basket with “Toy Drive” written on the cheque or envelope.



Knights Of Columbus Christmas Multi-Purpose/Baby Needs Drive: Donations of non-perishable goods and personal hygiene items are being collected for Holy Cross Soup Kitchen and Food Bank until next Sunday, December 21. Baby items are being accepted for the Family Support Centre. Monetary Donations are also gratefully accepted. See poster in church entrance.

Thank you so very much to all who have already donated!

- ❖ **Community Choir Concert: This Monday, Dec. 15 at 7 pm** in our church. No admission fee but please bring a nonperishable item for the Holy Cross Food Bank or baby supplies for the Family Support Centre.
- ❖ **Advent Community Celebration of Reconciliation:** A special way to prepare ourselves for Christmas! **Wednesday, December 17 at 7 pm**, at St. Hyacinthe Church. Arrangements can also be made with Father Gabriel to celebrate individual confession in preparation for Christmas. For dates and times of Confessions in neighbouring parishes, please see list in the church entrance. Full list: www.archsaintboniface.ca
- ❖ **Christmas Pageant:** Practice after this Sunday’s Mass and next Sunday. Calling all children & youth!
- ❖ **“Slowing Down to the Speed of Joy”** Advent book discussion after mass on Dec. 7, 14 and 21. A brief time of sharing, coffee and goodies. This Sunday: pages 26-64 of Matthew Kelly’s book.

Remember in Your Prayers

- ✂ We pray that those in distress are supported by their communities and families and receive the help they need.
- ✂ For families who are searching for God in this Christmas season, may they find him in all they encounter.
- ✂ Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope. (Pope’s prayer intention for December)

Marriage Tip – Don’t let the chaos that often accompanies the Christmas rush disrupt your peace and love. If you realize that you have spoken harshly or impatiently to your spouse or child, ask God to grant you more peace and ask your spouse or child for forgiveness.

Stewardship Reflection – “*You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand.*” (James 5.8) Patience is one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule. We like things to be convenient. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer God reveals to us what he wants us to do with the gifts he has given us. We are able to better align ourselves with God’s will and his plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

Did You Know? – *The Christmas Tree* – Originating in Northern Europe in the 16th century, it is a decorated evergreen, or now, in modern times, an artificial tree of similar appearance. The tradition of the Christmas tree was introduced to North America in 1781 in Quebec, when an army general and his wife held a Christmas party and delighted guests with a fir tree decorated with lighted candles and fruits. Today, there is a wide variety of traditional and modern ornaments. An angel or star placed at the top of the Christmas tree represents the Angel Gabriel or the Star of Bethlehem from the Nativity. “A Charlie Brown Christmas” (1965) immediately influenced our culture. For example, the term “Charlie Brown Christmas tree” describes any poor-looking or scraggly little tree resembling the one in the holiday special.

