



## St. Hyacinthe Roman Catholic Church

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### December 21, 2025: Fourth Sunday of Advent



#### **“The Lord himself will give you a sign.”**

Today, the Sunday before Christmas, the Church teaches us who we are and where we come from. It is a teaching about Jesus himself, about who he is. Matthew has begun his Gospel story with a genealogy, a family tree, to show us the blood line of Jesus. It is a story of Mary and Joseph, and of a surprise pregnancy. The birth of Jesus is the most important sign given by God. This child is the fruit of the Holy Spirit. **He is son of Mary and Son of God. With this understanding, Joseph makes a home for mother**

**and child.** St. Paul, in the second reading, tells us that this message must be passed on to the whole world. Once you know he has come to live among us, the way you view your life can never be the same. Let's make room for Christ in our hearts this Christmas, and when he arrives we will sing for joy knowing God has come close!

Date	Intentions	Lectors	Communion	Collection
Saturday, Dec. 20 4 pm	+ Michel Lamoureux Mathilde & Gilbert Comeau	Rachel Cahill		Dolores Mogg
Sunday, Dec. 21 11 am <i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</i>	+ Robert (Bobby) Hogue Claude Lagace & Bernadette Lagace	Gayle Hansen Suzanne Lavallee	Claude Lagace	Jean Rochon Claude Lavallee
Wednesday, Dec. 24 7 pm <i>Children's Christmas Mass &amp; Pageant</i>	Parishioners Intentions Father Gabriel	Youth	Suzanne Lavallee Randy Bossuyt Rob Masi	Youth
Wednesday, Dec. 24 <i>Midnight Mass</i>	Parishioners Intentions Father Gabriel	Fatima Kostas Christopher Lippens	Ray Cormier Christopher Lippens Claude Lagace	Volunteers
Saturday, Dec. 27 4 pm	+ Eveline Lagace Michelle Schaubroeck	Randy Bossuyt		
Sunday, Dec. 28 11 am <i>Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph</i>	+ Matthew Lagace & + Suzie Lagace Claude Lagace & Bernadette Lagace	Fatima Kostas Larry Franz	Ray Cormier	Andrea Morann Jean Rochon
Wednesday, Dec. 31 4 pm <i>New Year's Mass</i>	Special Intention Lucille & Gilles Lavallee	Volunteer	Volunteers	Volunteers

**Love** – As we light the fourth Advent candle, we reflect on how Jesus calls us to love one another as he has loved us. This season encourages us to embody God's love through acts of kindness, compassion, and forgiveness, extending that love to family, friends, and those in need. This prepares us to welcome Christ with a heart full of gratitude and grace.



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

## St. Hyacinthe Parish News

- ❖ **2025 Fall Drive:** This fundraising effort is to ensure our parish will have the necessary funds to maintain our daily operations and future building renovations and repairs.
- ❖ **Donation Envelopes:** The 2026 donation envelopes are available at the table in the church entrance. Please pick up your box. If you would like to have donation envelopes please contact the Parish office.
- ❖ **Advent Reconciliation:** Father Gabriel will be available for individual confessions on Saturday, Dec. 20 from 2 to 3:45 pm. He can also be contacted to schedule an individual confession with you at another time. For dates and times of Confessions in neighbouring parishes, please see list in the church entrance. Full list: [www.archsaintboniface.ca](http://www.archsaintboniface.ca).
- ❖ **Christmas Pageant:** Final practice after this Sunday's Mass. Not too late for other children to take part!
- ❖ **"Slowing Down to the Speed of Joy"** Advent book discussion after Mass on Dec. 21. A brief time of sharing, coffee and goodies.
- ❖ **This weekend is the last weekend for toy and food drop off.**

**Catechism Toy Drive:** Proceeds going to the families at Holy Cross Food Bank. Please bring your unwrapped gift to place under the tree in the church entrance. 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:** Between Nov. 29 and Dec. 21, donations of non-perishable goods and personal hygiene items are being collected for Holy Cross Soup Kitchen and Food Bank. Baby items are being accepted for the Family Support Centre. Monetary Donations are also gratefully accepted.

## 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 pm)

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



**Closing of the Jubilee Year** – Jubilee 2025 will conclude on Sunday, December 28 on the Feast of the Holy Family. We will mark the end of the Jubilee in our parish at that weekend's masses. All the priests, deacons and lay faithful are also invited to the diocesan celebration to be held at the St. Boniface Cathedral at 3 pm, with a light reception to follow.

## Remember in Your Prayers

- ✠ We pray that all who believe may find the joy and happiness that comes with the nativity of our Lord.
- ✠ We pray that 2026 brings Christians throughout the world together in prayer and thanksgiving.
- ✠ 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** – During this Christmas season, as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, let us remember to cherish our humanity. Christ honoured us by humbly sharing our human condition. Today, grant yourself and your spouse the right to simply be human: accept imperfections, laughter, and even mistakes. That is where true love lies.

**Stewardship Reflection** – *"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home."* (Matthew 1.24) Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. Joseph was a model of these pillars of our faith. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

**Did You Know?** – Christmas cards became popular in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The first one was designed by John Calcot Horsley in 1843. It had religious pictures of Christ's birth but also a seasonal greeting and message.

