



## St. Hyacinthe Roman Catholic Church

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### November 30, 2025: First Sunday of Advent



#### **“Stay awake.”**

Today as we begin a new liturgical year, the liturgy invites us to come to the house of God, so that God may teach us his ways and help us walk in his light. Advent is like a spiritual wake up call to us, and has an awakening power. To awake spiritually means to be open and receptive, vigilant and active. It's

about understanding things, seeing things, hearing things. In other words, **to be spiritually awake means to be attentive to God and others. It means to be living in love.** Jesus urges us to stay awake, to be on our guard, to be on the watch. We have nothing to fear and everything to gain from answering Advent's wake up call. In today's first reading, Isaiah invites us to turn away from darkness and live in the light of the Lord. We can't do it without God. God has not left us alone. May we respond to His Son Jesus and walk in His ways, thus trying to be a copy of Christ – a witness of hope and love.

Date	Intentions	Lectors	Communion	Collection
<b>Saturday, November 29</b> <b>4 pm</b>	<b>+ Eveline Lagace</b> <b>Mathilde &amp; Gilbert Comeau</b>	<b>Randy Bossuyt</b>		<b>Dolores Mogg</b>
<b>Sunday, November 30</b> <i>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</i> <i>Youth Mass &amp; Bake Sale</i>	<b>+ Marie Graboweski</b> <b>Bell &amp; Pfrimmer Families</b>	<b>Youth</b>	<b>Ray Cormier</b>	<b>Youth</b>
<b>Wednesday, December 3</b> <b>9 am</b>	<b>+ Desneige Mageau</b> <b>Rousseau Family</b>			
<b>Thursday, December 4</b> <b>7 pm</b> <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	<b>+ Marie Therese Levesque</b> <b>Rose Bellemare</b>			
<b>Saturday, December 6</b> <b>4 pm</b>	<b>+ Eveline Lagace</b> <b>Michelle Schaubroeck</b>	<b>Rachel Cahill</b>		<b>Dolores Mogg</b>
<b>Sunday, December 7</b> <b>11 am</b> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</i>	<b>+ Franz Kames</b> <b>Annemarie Kames</b>	<b>Donna Bell</b> <b>Frenzie Bulacso</b>	<b>Gayle Hansen</b>	<b>Andrea Morann</b> <b>Larry Franz</b>

#### **Hope!**

Advent's first Sunday theme, sets the tone for a period of anticipation and expectation. Rooted in the promises of God, hope during Advent looks forward to both the celebration of Christ's birth and his eventual return. The four themes of Advent—hope, peace, joy, and love—guide us through a season of meaningful reflection and spiritual preparation. As each week unfolds, these themes encourage us to align our hearts with the message of Christ's birth, praying and deepening our understanding of his presence in our lives. By reflecting on God's promises, seeking his peace, rejoicing in his presence, and sharing his love, we enter Christmas with hearts ready to receive the gift of Jesus anew.



**“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.
- ❖ **2025-2026 Sunday Missals:** The new Missals that will begin THIS SUNDAY with the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent are for sale in the church entrance. Both Sunday and Youth Missals are \$5.



**Youth Mass & Bake Sale:** This Sunday is our Youth Mass & Bake Sale. Please come and buy some goodies after mass in the church entrance!

**Catechism Toy Drive:** The Catechism program's annual toy drive will begin this weekend Nov. 30 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:** 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. See poster at the entrance of the church.

- ❖ **Advent Family Calendar & Nativity Stickers:** Our youth-inspired acts of kindness! Available in the church entrance.
- ❖ **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** On Thursday, December 4, immediately following the 7 pm mass.
- ❖ **Knights of Columbus Cash Bingo:** Sunday, Dec. 7 at Caisse Community Centre, doors open at 12:45 pm. All proceeds go to the La Salle School Parent Advisory Council.
- ❖ **Advent Community Celebration of Reconciliation:** A special way to prepare ourselves for Christmas! Wednesday, December 17, at 7 pm, at St. Hyacinthe Church.



**Meridian Advent Prayer Service** THIS SUNDAY, at 7 pm, at Springstein Mennonite Church. Please join us for an evening of prayer, song and hope as we enter into the Advent season in preparation for the great celebration of Christmas.

## Remember in Your Prayers

- ✎ We pray for the repose of the soul of **Jeanne Dion (née Hince)**, mother of Daniel & Annette Dion, and David & Lynne Bosc of this parish, who passed away on November 15. May Jeanne's family receive the support and comfort they need in this difficult time.
- ✎ We pray that, on this first week of Advent, we remember to offer hope and encouragement to those who are facing struggles such as illness, loneliness or grief.
- ✎ To make time for God throughout our daily activities and for our neighbours through acts of service.
- ✎ We pray that those who are tempted to commit suicide might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life. (Pope's prayer intention for November)



**Feast of the Immaculate Conception** – You are invited to the bilingual eucharistic celebration on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, on Monday, December 8, 2025, at 7:30 pm at the St. Boniface Cathedral. Refreshments following mass.

Livestream: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a0mC9pPKPwI>

**Marriage Tip** – Take a moment each day to tell your husband/wife how much you love them. Thank them for what they do for the family, or simply tell them that you miss them when you are apart.

**Stewardship Reflection** – “Stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.” (Matthew 24.42) People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and you begin to see God's active presence in your life. You grow in gratitude for all that we have been given.

**Did You Know?** – *Why purple during Advent?* In liturgy, purple is the colour that represents conversion and giving of self. This colour reminds us that there is always more we can do to grow, to change and to be better.