

All Saints

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December 12, 2021

Third Sunday of Advent

Our Churches

Assumption 2405 - 12 Avenue S.
St. Basil's 604 - 13 Street N.
St. Patrick's Closed

Our Priests

Fr. Kevin Tumback - Pastor
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Mass Times

Saturday 5:00 p.m. - Assumption
This Mass is Live-streamed
7:00 p.m. - St. Basil's

Sunday 7:30 a.m. - St. Basil's
9:00 a.m. - Assumption
This Mass is Live-streamed
11:00 a.m. - St. Basil's
6:00 p.m. - Assumption

Tuesday 7:00 p.m. - St. Basil's

Wednesday 12:05 p.m. - St. Basil's

Thursday 12:05 p.m. - Assumption

Friday 9:00 a.m. - Assumption

Open for Prayer

Assumption Church will be open for prayer
Monday to Friday from 9:30am - 4:00pm
The church will be locked, please ring the office
doorbell and someone will open the east entrance.

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday at Assumption Church from 8 - 11:00 pm
First Friday of each month at Assumption. It will
begin after the 9:00am Mass until 6:00pm

Sacraments

Reconciliation

By appointment, please phone the parish office.

Tuesday 8:00-10:00 p.m. at Assumption
Saturday 3:30-4:30 pm at Assumption
Sunday 4:30-5:30 pm at Assumption

Baptism & Marriage

Arrangements made by calling the Parish Office.

Anointing of the Sick

Arrangements made by calling the Parish Office.



Sunday Reflection

What should we do?

The crowds came to John wanting instruction. "What should we do?" they asked. This is a typical human reaction. We want to manage our lives, even our faith or salvation by taking action. It feels so much safer when we think we're in control. But we pay a price for this micromanagement in stress and anxiety. We're never really freed from the pressure to strive. There is always pressure to do something. Or, if we have already done something, there is the pressure to keep on doing it. This is the way of the world.

But God has done something entirely different. When the crowds pressed John for an answer about what to do, he didn't answer. Instead, he talked about what God has done. It's not what we do that matters, but what God did. It is this and this alone that gives life to the world. When you find yourself stressed this Advent, take John's advice: Forget yourself and focus on God.

Prayers of the Faithful

Remember the sick of the Parish

Charlene Lavkulik, Victor Lund, Lisza Bruder, Vickie Richter, Alice Murray, Sandie Schaaf, Joe Gallo, Donald Wilson, Vonda Danielson, Irena Gugala, Cinette Kado, Gerald Wright, Helen Hazuda, Borys Gleb, Trina Schuyler, Leo Cattoni, Elizabeth Grant & Czesia Aksnowicz.

and the Deceased

Victoria Sevigny & Helen Purkins.

Anniversaries of Death remembered this week

Helen George, Joanne Perlich, Celeste Zeinstra & Walter Gluszkowski.

Baptisms

Please welcome into our Christian community **Bronson Henry Pawlowski** who will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

Stewardship Reflection

Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem!
(Zephaniah 3.14)

This season is the most stressful in our society because it imposes stylized expectations of what we should have in terms of wealth, family, and happiness. Gaudete Sunday asks us to pause from the frenzy and consider the gift of the first coming of Jesus for our salvation and the promise of His second coming at the end of the ages. How we are rich, loved, and joyful in the Lord!

Christmas Masses

Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Masses

6:00 pm Mass at both St. Basil's and Assumption
(This Mass will be live-streamed.)
8:00 pm Mass at both St. Basil's & Assumption
10:00 pm Mass at St. Basil's
12:00 Midnight Mass at Assumption
(This Mass will be live-streamed.)

Dec. 25 - Christmas Day Masses

9:00 am at Assumption & St. Basil's
(This Mass will be live-streamed.)
11:00 am at Assumption & St. Basil's



Attendance will be by registration ONLY.

Registration will become available on Thursday, December 16, at 9:00 a.m. You may register online at www.allsaintslethbridge.org or by phoning the parish office at 403-327-8931.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, Dec. 14	10:00 a.m. Golden Acres	Adella Lutterotti (dec.)
	7:00 p.m.	Ed Lastuka (dec.)
Wednesday, Dec. 15	12:05 p.m.	Martin Wagner Family - living & deceased
Thursday, Dec. 16	12:05 p.m.	Juli Ann Calpas (dec.)
	7:00 p.m. St. Basil's	Loreta Arciso (dec.)
Friday, Dec. 17	9:00 a.m.	Antonia Ambrozic (dec.)
	10:00 a.m. Legacy Lodge	Mary & Reg Chisholm (dec.)
	7:00 p.m. St. Basil's	Janina Simioni (dec.)

Advent Mission



7:00 to 8:00 pm
at Assumption Church and
Live-streamed on allsaintslethbridge.org

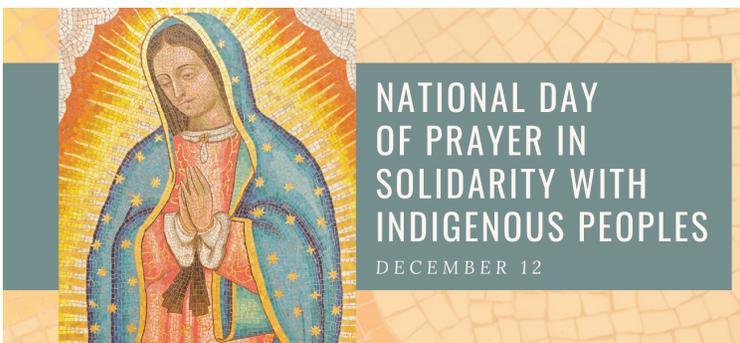


December 15th

Rebellion
with Fr. Kevin

December 22nd

Redemption
with Fr. Kevin



On Dec. 12, the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Church in Canada celebrates the National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples. This year, the reflection by the Council centres on the theme

We are called to Healing, Forgiveness, Reconciliation.

"We, the Body of Christ, are called to live in friendship and harmony with all peoples. We are brothers and sisters of our One Creator God. God gives everything to all of us. God creates and sustains the wonderful diversity of peoples, cultures, races and creeds."

The link to read the full 2021 Message of the Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council can be found on our website.

Young Adults Event

Advent Adoration Night – Assumption. Friday, Dec. 17 @ 7 p.m. An evening of Eucharistic Adoration and reconciliation, led by Fr. Derek and Fr. Cristino Bouvette. There will be a talk on preparing ourselves for Christmas, time for silent prayer, and an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Confession.

For more information, please contact Fr. Derek at derek.remus@calgarydiocese.ca or (403) 327-8931.



Holy Spirit Catholic School Division is still looking for Homestay Families to host international students who will be attending St. Francis and Catholic Central High beginning in January! These students are from Spain.

\$800/month is offered to reimburse families for the student's living costs.

Homestay Families willing to open their hearts and homes to international students are asked to provide the following:

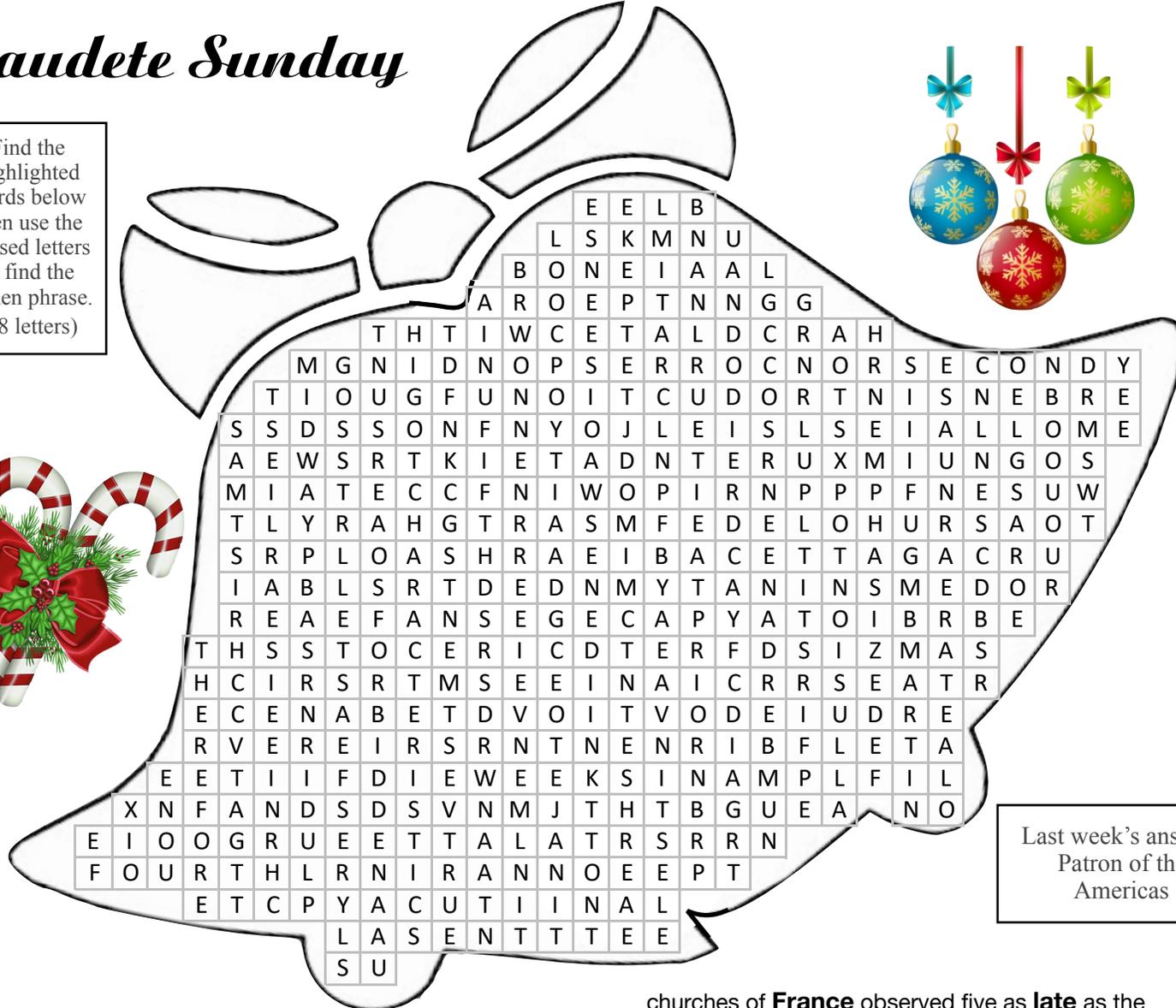
- Private bedroom
- Three wholesome meals a day and snacks as required
- Quiet, well-lit and heated study space
- Hot water and facilities for bathing
- Emotional & academic support
- Participation in family activities
- Internet Connection



Please be aware that a Personal Identification Check and a Child Intervention Check will need to be provided for all Home Family residents over the age of 18.

Gaudete Sunday

Find the highlighted words below then use the unused letters to find the hidden phrase. (28 letters)



Last week's answer:
Patron of the Americas

Gaudete Sunday is the **Third** Sunday of Advent, and takes its name from the first **word** of the **Introit** at Mass (*Gaudete*, meaning Rejoice). The **season** of Advent originated as a fast of **forty** days in preparation for **Christmas**, commencing on the day **after** the Feast of St. **Martin** (November 12), and was **often** called "St. Martin's Lent"- a **name** by which it was **known** as **early** as the **fifth** century. The **introduction** of the Advent fast cannot be placed much earlier, **because** there is no **evidence** of Christmas **being kept** on **December** 25 before the end of the **fourth** century, **thus** the preparation for the feast **could** not have been an earlier **date** than the feast itself.

In the **ninth** century, the duration of Advent was reduced to four **weeks**, the first **allusion** to the shortened season being in a letter of St. **Nicholas** (858-867) to the **Bulgarians**. By the twelfth century the fast had been replaced by **simple** abstinence. St. **Gregory** the **Great** was the **first** to **draw** up an Office for the Advent season, and the Gregorian **Sacramentary** is the **earliest** to provide Masses for the Sundays of Advent. In both Office and **Mass** provision is made for **five** Sundays, but by the tenth century four was the **usual number**, though **some**

churches of **France** observed five as **late** as the thirteenth century.

Even **with** all these changes Advent still **preserved most** of the **characteristics** of a **penitential** season which made it a **kind** of **counterpart** to Lent, the middle (or third) Sunday **corresponding** with **Laetare** or **Mid-Lent** Sunday. On it, as on Laetare Sunday, the **organ/piano** and flowers, **forbidden** during the **rest** of the season, were permitted to be used; **rose**-coloured **vestments** were allowed instead of **purple** or **black** as formerly worn. Gaudete Sunday, **therefore**, makes a **break about midway** through a season and **signifies** the nearness of the Lord's coming. The joy of expectation is **emphasized** by the **constant** Alleluias used during Advent in contrast to Lent where the Alleluia is not used at all. The spirit of the Liturgy all through Advent is one of **expectation** and preparation for the Christmas **feast** as well as for the **second** coming of Christ, and the penitential **exercises suitable** to that spirit are suspended on Gaudete Sunday to symbolize that **joy** and gladness in the Promised **Redemption**, which should **never** be **absent** from the heart of the **faithful**.

Adoration and Confessions

Every Tuesday

Eucharistic Adoration at Assumption Church from 8:00 to 11:00pm.

Confessions are available from 8:00 - 10:00pm

Tuesday Adoration will be live-streamed from 8-9pm

Friday, December 17

Eucharistic Adoration at Assumption Church following the 9:00am Mass with Benediction at 6:00pm

Confessions are available from 10:00am until noon.

Croatian Mass & Confessions will be next Sunday, Dec. 19 at St. Basil's. Confessions will begin at 3:30 pm with Mass to follow.

2022 Donation envelopes can be picked up at Assumption hall during office hours. **It is important to note** that we have changed everyone's envelope numbers. Please do not use old envelopes or you may not receive proper credit on your tax receipt.

Refugee Family - All Saints Parish & St. Martha's Parish are co-sponsoring a Syrian refugee family of four. This Catholic family is expected to arrive early in the new year. God is both blessing us and challenging us to reach out to this family. Please be generous this Christmas in your giving to our refugee families.

Chalice Canada - Chalice works in impoverished communities to help struggling families overcome the cycle of poverty. The Christmas gift catalogue is available on our website or consider sponsoring a child. You can also make a donation to Chalice through the parish.

Mount St. Francis Retreat Centre - call 403-932-2012 or visit www.mountstfrancis.ca for updates or to register. **Advent Twilight Retreat** -Wednesday, Dec. 15, 6:00- 9:00 pm with supper at 6:30pm. *"In Thy Dark Streets"* **Greccio: A St. Francis Christmas Pageant** - Due to the pandemic, the Christmas Pageant will be online starting on Dec. 12. Visit the above website for more details.

Martin Brothers Virtual Holiday Remembrance Service - Monday, Dec. 20, 6:00 pm at www.mbfunerals.com A recording of the service will be on their website to watch at your convenience.

Gift Basket Raffle

The prize - A Nutter's gift basket valued at \$100.

Tickets are available at the parish office.

The cost is \$2 each or 3 for \$5

The draw date will be Monday, December 20 at 4:00 p.m.



Fr. Kevin's Cluttered Desk

The 3rd Sunday in Advent, Joyful Sunday. Just like during Lent when we celebrate that we are more than halfway to the end, Gaudete Sunday celebrates that we are more than halfway to the end of the Advent season. But what are we really rejoicing in?

Both Advent and Lent are penitential seasons. We tend to recognize Lent more so as a penitential season but historically both were. So, was the rejoicing based on almost being done our penance or was it in anticipation of the gift of salvation? Christmas without Jesus is to rob us of our means of salvation. It is to take away the incarnation of God and leave us with only a distant cry of hope. But with the birth of Jesus, hope springs eternal, for God is with us and now we know in a new and wondrous way, that God truly is with us.

I must admit that I don't always see God around me, but then there are moments, a child's laugh, two people sharing a moment, a beautiful sunrise or sunset. Or catching three green lights in a row on Mayor Magrath. Every now and then we become aware, and we should relish those moments and seek them often, for God is always with us, we just need to train ourselves to see and feel Him.

The crowds asked John the Baptist what they should do. Unlike them we already know what to do. Love God above all things and love your neighbour as yourself. Why love your neighbour as yourself? We are a temple of God and so is our neighbour and so we love the God that lives in all of us. The God that came to us, a child in a manger, small and helpless, yet a mighty king. When we try to find God, let's not be like the Israelites who thought they knew what to look for, let's be children of God and look for love in all its glory. For where there is real love, there is God.

Peace Fr. Kevin

Dear Friends,
Our new, creative, refreshing and prophetic signature program, Aurora Living, has been launched, with Module One completed and

Module Two about to begin. This unique, hybrid program out of the Star of the North, brings together the Word of God, care for creation based on Laudato Si, contemplative living based on the mystics, community building through monthly wisdom groups, and justice as right relationships, especially with the indigenous peoples as a follow-up to the TRC Calls to Action.

The goal of this gentle evangelization process is to help educate and empower people to make a difference. We want to inform more people of this possibility for personal and spiritual growth. Feel free to consult our website www.starofthenorth.ca for more details.

The cost for one module (online) is \$800 (Early Bird \$750). May God bless you, and thank you for considering this program.
Archbishop Emeritus Sylvain Lavoie OMI

