



All Saints

Roman Catholic Parish



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December 20, 2020

Fourth 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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Sunday Reflection

The greatest gift

Christmas is coming! So much time has been spent in the past weeks thinking about gifts, where to find just the right presents for all the people on our list. Nothing but the best for those we love. And if we're honest, we've spent a few hours thinking about the presents we'll receive.

Today's Advent message makes even the best gift seem a little shabby. In accepting her role as the mother of Jesus, Mary gave everything to God. She gave up her reputation, her "social acceptance" and the ability to "choose her own path". She willingly sacrificed her will, her life, her future and in doing so brought God's greatest gift to us, His son Jesus. As Christmas day fast approaches, may Mary's gift teach us the real meaning of Christmas, giving to God in celebration of the gifts He's given us.



Mass Times

Saturday 5:00 p.m. - Assumption
7:00 p.m. - St. Basil's

Sunday 7:30 a.m. - St. Basil's
9:00 a.m. - Assumption
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

You are able to **register for weekend masses** by phoning the office on Thursday at 403-327-8931.

Prayers of the Faithful

Remember the sick of the Parish

Carol Treadwell, Donald Wilson, Vonda Danielson, Catherine Ek, Vera Linders, Perry Kaupp, Barb Lea, Mara Ostafichuk, Cathy McGinty, Allan Feist, Joe Kelenc, Math Harty, Cinette Kado, Carmen Groten, Lucy Pavan & for all those infected with the coronavirus;

and the Deceased

Frank Benci, Helen George, Celeste Zeinstra & Joanne Perlich.

Anniversaries of Death remembered this week

Rosa Sandoval, David Szalski, Joseph Wesko, Ricardo Casimiro & Helen Heck.

Open for Prayer

Assumption Church will be open for prayer Monday to Friday from 9:30am - 4:00pm
Please use the east entrance.
Please respect social distancing of 6 feet

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Tuesday the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the upper window of the parish office at Assumption from 8 until 11:00p.m

Sacraments

Reconciliation

By appointment, please phone the parish office.

Tuesday 8:00-10:00p.m. at Assumption (during drive-up Adoration).

Anointing of the Sick

Arrangements made by calling the Parish Office.

Stewardship Reflection

Mary, do not be afraid. (Luke 1:30)

Are you afraid of being a true disciple of Jesus? To express this discipleship through good stewardship is a radical and counter-cultural life choice. Do not be afraid. The Lord is with you.

Christmas Masses

Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Masses

6:00 pm Mass at both St. Basils and Assumption
 8:00 pm Mass at Assumption
 10:00 pm Mass at Basils
 12:00 Midnight at Assumption

Dec. 25 - Christmas Day Masses

9:00 am at Assumption
 11:00 am at Basils

You may register online, the link is on our website homepage, or by phoning the parish office.

If the masses fill we may add more masses.

Attendance will be by registration ONLY.

Capacity will be 60 people per Mass as determined by Mandatory COVID Restrictions.

All Saints Livestream

We are pleased to announce that we will livestream the following Masses:

Christmas Eve at 6:00 p.m. and Midnight

Christmas Day at 9:00 a.m.

New Years Masses

December 31st 7:00 pm at St. Basil's Church

January 1st 9:00 am at Assumption Church

12:00 pm at St. Basil's Church

Registration for these Masses will begin on Thursday, Dec. 24.

You may register **online**, the link will be on our website homepage.

You may try phoning the parish office but we will be closing at noon and you will **not** be able to register by leaving voicemail.

If you cannot connect to the online registration that means the Mass is full.

Eucharistic Adoration

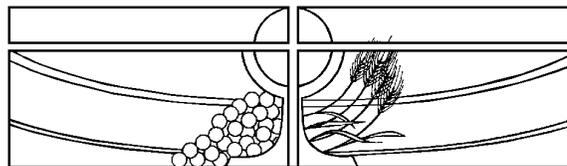
Every Tuesday the **Blessed Sacrament** will be exposed in the upper window of the parish office at Assumption from **8:00 to 11:00 p.m.**

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be available from 8:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, Dec. 22	7:00 p.m.	Cecilia Chapman (dec.)
Wednesday, Dec. 23	12:05 p.m.	Petri Family (dec.)
Thursday, Dec. 24	all	People of God
Friday, Dec. 25	all	People of God



Mass Attendance

	Week of Nov 24-29	Week of Dec 1-6	Week of Dec 8-13
Tuesday 7:00	35	53	56
Wednesday 12:05	29	30	28
Thursday 12:05	55	43	36
Friday 9:00	53	66	52
5:00 Assumption	85	105	51
7:00 St. Basil's	35	47	35
7:30 St. Basil's	51	46	35
9:00 Assumption	93	93	60
11:00 St. Basil's	73	83	57
6:00 Assumption	62	59	51

With the new mandatory measures in effect the church capacity for both churches is **60** people.

Please respect physical distancing.

With the new Covid mandatory measures in effect Bishop McGrattan would like to remind everyone that if you attend a weekday Mass please **DO NOT** attend a weekend Mass. And if you can attend a weekday Mass please do and save the weekend for those who cannot attend on a weekday.

Our new church capacity for both St. Basil's and Assumption is 60 people.

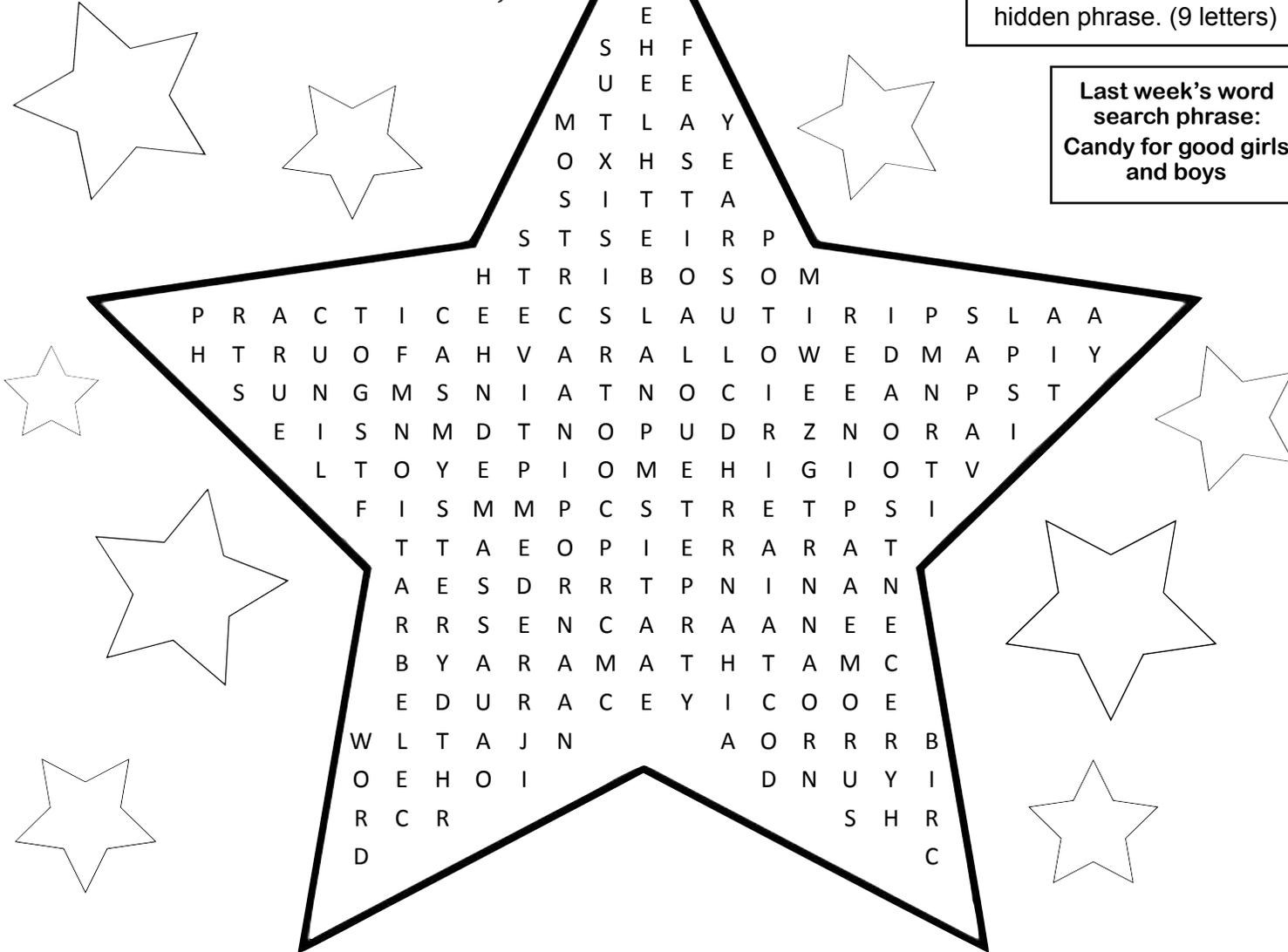
We will be taking registrations for all Masses on Thursdays, please phone the parish office at 403-327-8931. Weekend & Christmas Mass registration is also available online, the link is on our website homepage: AllSaintsLethbridge.org



Feast of the Nativity

Find the bolded words from the story below and use the unused letters to find the hidden phrase. (9 letters)

Last week's word search phrase:
Candy for good girls and boys



The Feast of the Nativity of the Lord on December 25th commemorates the **redemptive Mystery** of the entrance of Christ into the world. This feast is **characterized** by the **celebration** of three Masses, one at midnight, one at dawn, and another during the day. The oldest one is the mass of the day, the third one, which was celebrated in the Basilica of St. Peter already in the **fourth** century. The second Mass which used to have a **commemoration** of St. Anastasia, was **said** by the **Popes** for many **years** at the Basilica of St. **Anastasia**, a church used by the Greeks who lived in **Rome**. Although that Mass was in honor of Saint Anastasia, today the second mass of Christmas at dawn is truly an **incarnational** nature, probably built **upon** the **practice** of having a Mass at Jerusalem for those who were returning from **Bethlehem** from the Midnight Mass. The midnight Mass is the **most recent** and proclaims the dogma of the Maternity of Mary. The midnight mass came into use in the year 430 under Pope **Sixtus** III in the Basilica of St Mary **Major**. By the twelfth century, the

practice of Midnight **Mass** had become more **widespread** as all **priests** had been granted the faculty of celebrating three Masses on Christmas **Day** (previously reserved to the Pope), provided the three different propers were celebrated at their **appropriate** times of midnight, dawn and day. The Midnight mass was **sung** in the Basilica of Mary Major, which had been rebuilt with a crypt containing a replica of the **crib** built in imitation of the grotto of the **Nativity** in Bethlehem and **contains** a relic of the **manger**. The Mass of Christmas Eve, (when there is one, there should not be an evening mass if the mass at Midnight is not celebrated), on December 24th is of an **anticipatory** nature to the Feast of the Incarnation of Christ, a typical Vigil mass. All priests are **allowed** to celebrate **three** Masses on Christmas. The **spiritual** sense of the Christmas **Feast** is related to the three births: the eternal birth of the **Word** in the **bosom** of the splendor of the paternal glory; the temporal **birth** in the humility of the **flesh**; and the final birth in the **return** on the Day of Judgment.



Join Santiago for a Zoom Book Study of The Chronicles of Narnia. We will begin by reading *The Magician's Nephew*. Everyone is welcome and depending on registration we will have different age groups. We will begin in the new year so get your books and start reading before then.

Email santiagoallsaints@shaw.ca to register.

Career Opportunities - St. Martha's Parish and St. Ambrose/St. Catherine's Catholic Parishes are currently hiring new office staff. Information about the positions, responsibilities, and how to apply can be found on our website. The link is on our homepage, right-hand column, below the bulletin link.

Greccio: A St. Francis Christmas Pageant - Mount St. Francis Retreat Centre invites you to check out our *Annual Greccio Event*. Due to the pandemic this year's event is online. Beginning December 6 until January 4. visit our website www.mountstfrancis.ca or <https://www.youtube.com/embed/MlCtyktENrU> to experience this annual event. As always, we encourage you to make a donation to a local Food Bank or Safe Shelter.

May the peace of Christ, and the love of God, be yours this Christmas.

from the Friars and Staff at Mount St. Francis



Our Lady of the Assumption Prayer Community offers two weekly Virtual Zoom sessions. Each Wednesday there is a Charismatic Prayer Group and Thursday there is a program called DIALOGUE, which offers sharing and teaching experiences to charge and strengthen the Christian Community. If you would like to receive information about these events call Ken Fabbi at 403-331-8923 or email healing-workshops-subscribe@googlegroups.com

Martha Retreat Centre Programs - 403-328-3422 or admin@martharetreatcentre.ca

Six Degrees of Meditation - Wednesday, Jan. 13 to Feb. 24 7:00pm to 8:30pm. This six-week course will explore the topics of Leadership, Resilience, Present Moment, Courage, Creativity and Gratitude and how they all connect back to meditation and mindfulness.

Spirituality for a Winter's Night - Thursday, January 28, 7:00pm to 9:15pm. Fr. Ron Rolheiser's 3 lectures on DVD "Dark Nights and Doubts in Our Lives" (2011) where he takes us on a "journey out of the darkness so many of us have experienced recently, back into the light." With the pandemic so present, Fr. Ron's wisdom is particularly pastoral for our hearts, bodies, minds, and spirits.

Year-End Giving - In order for donations to be included on your 2020 tax receipt the donation must be received in the parish office by Dec. 31 at 4:00. Thank you for your continued support of the parish.

Fr. Kevin's Cluttered Desk

Growing up in a large family in Saskatchewan the anticipation of Christmas was very special. All the extra holiday meals, the relatives would be visiting, neighbours coming over, gifts and games, and no school. For an extravert this was a time of great joy and having ADHD just added to the mix. But every now and then someone would throw a damper on things. It seems not everyone is into the noise, the celebration, the coming and going of many people. It seems some people prefer quiet and peace and very small groups. I have a friend like that. Christmas is one of the most stressful times of year for her. All that struggle of finding the right gift and who do you buy for, do you have to buy for everyone or just some people, just the people you see or even the ones you won't see? And all that running around to this house and that house and we must go see these people and those people. And how do you refuse that second helping of "my aunts favourite dessert" that nobody likes? And then all that noise and hurry up and this "must" be done and can only be done this way. For some people it's just too much stress.

For her this Christmas is going to be extra special. She does not have to worry about "going home", she does not have to worry about who to go visit and who she might insult by not visiting them. And since she's not going to be seeing many people, there are less gifts to buy and definitely less food to have to eat. As she said, "my Christmas will be a very quiet one with a focus on me and Jesus". Which got me thinking. At the beginning of this pandemic people talked about more time to pray, more time to reflect, more time for family, but as I look around now, and this is just my take, but it seems like there are now a whole bunch of extraverts with ADHD out there with a great need for a party.

Being quiet is not my strong suit, being still is not my strong suit, being still and quiet is not part of my makeup. But it was pointed out to me many years ago, put a baby in my arms and I will be still and quiet. Maybe we all need to just take a little more quiet-time with Jesus. He is the Prince of Peace, He is our great security, He is love incarnate. Maybe we need to be still with the Lord. Maybe, just maybe, we need to take a break from our family traditions and embrace the family tradition of God: rejoice, again I say rejoice in the Lord and be still before your God.

Peace Fr. Kevin

A Great Light. Isaiah declares (in 9:1): "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light." We have surely walked in darkness during this pandemic year. Some of us, perhaps all of us may still be there. We have been confined to home. We have jobs and homes in peril. We grieve the sickness and death of family, friends, and unknown-to-us citizens of this country and of the world. Yet we take hope this Christmas. For we are not alone. We are not left in darkness. Today, the Lord Jesus Christ is with us. In truth, he never abandons us. He will be with us today and tomorrow and tomorrow's tomorrow. And all the tomorrows.