



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday Bulletin 3rd Sunday Advent

Parish Priest: **Father Jeyapaul Packiasamy**

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In today's Liturgy, each of us is being called to stand in that crowd and hear the "good news" of John's call to repentance. We should examine our lives, asking from our hearts as they did: "What should we do?" Our repentance should spring not from our fear of coming wrath (see [Luke 3:7-9](#)) but from a joyful sense of the nearness of our saving God. This theme resounds through today's readings: "Rejoice! . . . The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all," we hear in today's Epistle. In today's Responsorial, we hear again the call to be joyful, unafraid at the Lord's coming among us.

In today's First Reading, we hear echoes of the angel's Annunciation to Mary. The prophet's words are very close to the angel's greeting (compare [Luke 1:28-31](#)). Mary is the Daughter Zion—the favored one of God, told not to fear but to rejoice that the Lord is with her, "a mighty Savior." She is the cause of our joy. For in her draws near the Messiah, as John had promised: "One mightier than I is coming."

Yours in Christ,

Scott Hahn, PhD
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Crusade Prayer (133) A Call To Return To God

Dear Jesus, forgive me, an estranged would who renounced You because I was blind. Forgive me for substituting Your Love with useless things which mean nothing. Help me to pluck up the courage to walk by Your Side to accept with gratitude, Your Love and Mercy. Help me to remain close to Your Sacred Heart and to never wander away from You again...Amen.



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MASS TIMES

SUNDAY	11:00 am
Rosary	10:30 am
Monday	9:00 am
Tuesday	9:00 am
Wednesday	9:00 am
Thursday	9:00 am
Friday	7:00 pm
Saturday	7:00 pm

RECONCILIATION

Friday 7:30 – 8:15 pm
and by appointment

ADORATION

Friday 7:30–8:15 pm

Sunday Mass Readings

1st Reading	Zephaniah 3.14-18a
2nd Reading	Philippians 4.4-7
Responsorial	Isaiah 12
Gospel	Luke 3.10-18

Submissions for the Sunday Bulletin
before 5:00 pm Thurs to
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What Do We Do?

The people in today's Gospel are "filled with expectation." They believe John the Baptist might be the messiah they've been waiting for. Three times we hear their question: "What then should we do?" The messiah's coming requires every man and woman to choose—to "repent" or not. That's John's message and it will be Jesus' too (see [Luke 3:3](#); [5:32](#); [24:47](#)).

"Repentance" translates a Greek word, metanoia (literally, "change of mind"). In the Scriptures, repentance is presented as a twofold "turning"—away from sin (see [Ezekiel 3:19](#); [18:30](#)) and toward God (see [Sirach 17:20-21](#); [Hosea 6:1](#)). This "turning" is more than attitude adjustment. It means a radical life change. It requires "good fruits as evidence of your repentance" (see [Luke 3:8](#)). That's why John tells the crowds, soldiers, and tax collectors they must prove their faith through works of charity, honesty, and social justice.....cont'd on reverse.



**3rd Sunday Advent
12-12-2021**

*Parish Pastoral Council meets 1st Tuesday after Mass at 7pm; no meeting July or August
Parish Financial Council meets 2nd Tuesday after Mass at 7pm; no meeting July or August
CWL meets 4th Tues after Mass at 7pm; no meeting July or August*

**Sunday Collection 12-05-2021 = \$ 00...1,200.00 NEEDED
Collection Count for December 2021 – Ron + Rose Major**


Date	Lector/Reader 1	Lector/Reader 2	Gift Bearer	Cross Bearer	Music	Advent Candle Lighting
12-12-2021	Mary McLaughlin	Lucille Partington	TBA	Ray Wald	Pat Zmean + Chelsea Pal	Pat Zmean + Chelsea Pal
12-19-2021	Barb London	Frank Wasowicz	TBA	Ron Major	Carmen + Mona + Shirley	Carmen + Mona + Shirley
12-24-2021	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
12-24-2021	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
12-25-2021	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
12-26-2021	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	Carmen + Mona + Crew	TBA

Christmas Decoration of Church
Today after Mass. Kindly lend a hand. Thank you
Advent Penitential Service and Confessions
Dec 17th 7pm – 8pm
St Mary's School Christmas Mass
December 21st at 10:30am

Christmas Gifts For Needy Children
A Christmas Tree in the entrance will have initials and age of child in need. We encourage you to pick a child and buy a \$20.00 gift and write a little Christmas message to the child.

Mass Intentions for Dec 12-18, 2021

	Offered By	Offered For
Sun		
Mon	Parishioner	Personal Intentions
Tue	Parishioner	Personal Intentions
Wed		
Thu		
Fri		
Sat		



Prayer Chain

**Call Cecile Gregory with prayer requests urgent or emergency
587-202-8887**
Linda Foley, Lena Hagerman, Brooklyne Russell and for all the sick and needy in our community.

Prayer for Blessing of the Advent Candle and Wreath
Lord our God, we praise You for Your Son, Jesus Christ. He is Emmanuel, the hope of all peoples; He is the wisdom that teaches and guides us; He is the Saviour of every nation. O God, let Your blessings come upon our community gathered here before You. Bless us and our advent candles. May the light that shines forth from them illumine our way as we journey towards Christmas. May the light that shines forth from them illumine our lives as we wait in hope for the birth of Christ Jesus. We ask this through Christ who is the Light of the World....Amen

We Need You
Cross Bearers, Readers and Gift Bearers are requested to sign up for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. Signup sheet at the entrance of the church.
Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Mass Signup
Kindly sign up for the Mass (8:00 pm and 11:00 pm) that you and the members of your family would attend on Christmas Eve as well as for Mass on Christmas Day (11:00 am) Maximum of 60 people are allowed as long as social distance is maintained.

**Mercy Monday Dec 13th at St. Joseph's in Grande Prairie
Confessions from 1:00 + 8:00 pm**



Christmas Eve Dec.24th
Christmas Eve Dec 24th
Christmas Day Dec 25th

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5:00 pm
8:00 pm and 11:00pm
11:00 am

Alberta-Mackenzie CWL Advent Retreat (Zoom)
Theme: A Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission
Date: December 13, 2021, 7 – 9 pm
Facilitator: Sandra Prather
Zoom Link: Call Cecile Gregory 587-202-8887


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