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This is what the Advent readings are all about: We recall God's saving deeds—in the history of Israel and in the coming of Jesus. Our remembrance is meant to stir our faith, to fill us with confidence that, as today's Epistle puts it, "the one who began a good work in [us] will continue to complete it" until He comes again in glory. Each of us, the Liturgy teaches, is like Israel in her exile—led into captivity by our sinfulness, in need of restoration and conversion by the Word of the Holy One (see [Baruch 5:5](#)). The lessons of salvation history should teach us that, as God again and again delivered Israel, in His mercy He will free us from our attachments to sin if we turn to Him in repentance.

That's the message of John, introduced in today's Gospel as the last of the great prophets (compare [Jeremiah 1:1-4, 11](#)). But John is greater than the prophets (see [Luke 7:27](#)). He's preparing the way not only for a new redemption of Israel but for the salvation of "all flesh" (see also [Acts 28:28](#)). John quotes Isaiah (40:3) to tell us he's come to build a road home for us, a way out of the wilderness of sin and alienation from God. It's a road we'll follow Jesus down, a journey we'll make, as today's First Reading puts it, "rejoicing that [we're] remembered by God."

Yours in Christ,

Scott Hahn, Phd
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Crusade Prayer (137) Prayer of Restoration

O God Almighty One, O God the Most High, look upon me, Your humble servant with love and pity in Your Heart; restore me in Your Light; lift me back into Your favour. Fill me with the grace so I can offer myself to You in humble servitude and in accordance with Your Most Holy Will. Rid me of the sin of pride and everything which insults You and help me to love You with a deep and abiding desire to serve You all of my days forever and ever...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	Baruch 5.1-9
2nd Reading	Philippians 1.3-6 8-11
Responsorial	Psalm 126
Gospel	Luke 3.1-6

Submissions for the Sunday Bulletin
before 5:00 pm Thurs to
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Sunday Bulletin

2nd Sunday Advent

Parish Priest: **Father Jeyapaul Packiasamy**



The Road Home

Today's Psalm paints a dreamlike scene—a road filled with liberated captives heading home to Zion (Jerusalem), mouths filled with laughter, tongues rejoicing. It's a glorious picture from Israel's past, a "new exodus," the deliverance from exile in Babylon. It's being recalled in a moment of obvious uncertainty and anxiety. But the psalmist isn't waxing nostalgic. Remembering "the Lord has done great things" in the past, he is making an act of faith and hope—that God will come to Israel in its present need, that He'll do even greater things in the future.cont'd on reverse.



**2nd Sunday Advent
12-05-2021**

*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 11-28-2021 = \$1057 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
12-05-2021	Violet Raskauskas	Angelina Russell	TBA	Ron Major	Pat Zmean + Chelsea Pal	TBA
12-12-2021	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	Pat Zmean + Chelsea Pal	TBA
12-19-2021	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	Carmen + Mona + Shirley + Crew	TBA
12-24-2021	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	Carmen + Mona + Shirley + Crew	TBA
12-25-2021	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	Mary + Vella + Crew	TBA
12-26-2021	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA


Parish Council Meeting Dec 7th
after Mass at 7:00 pm
Parish Feast Immaculate Conception Dec 8th
Adoration 12:00 pm -6:30 pm; Rosary + Mass at 7:00pm
Christmas Decoration of Church
Dec 12th after Mass. Kindly lend a hand. Thank you
Advent Penitential Service and Confessions
Dec 17th 7pm – 8pm



Christmas Eve Dec.24th	Bezanson	5:00 pm
Christmas Eve Dec 24th	Sexsmith	8:00 pm
Christmas Day Dec 25th	Sexsmith	11:00 am

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 5 - 11, 2021		
	Offered By	Offered For
Sun		
Mon		
Tue		
Wed		
Thu		
Fri		
Sat		



**Call Cecile Gregory with prayer requests urgent or emergency
587-202-8887**
Linda Foley, Brooklynne 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

Christmas Bazaar + Fundraiser Dec 10th and 11th
Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church
10315-114th Avenue, Grande Prairie
Friday December 10th 4:00 – 8:00 pm
Saturday December 11th 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Crafts, Baked Goods for Sale. Tables available for rent. There will be raffle prizes; 50/50 tickets, games and activities for children.

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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