

Second Sunday of Advent

<p>Saturday, December 5th 5:00pm Charles Merpaw by Hugh McAlear</p> <p>Sunday, December 6th 2nd Sunday of Advent 9:00am Pro Populo 11:00am Sandra Sauve by Miriam & John Shearer 7:30pm Julie Primeau by Jason Primeau</p> <p>Monday, December 7th Saint Ambrose 8:00am For the Souls in Purgatory by Bernadette Blakely</p> <p>Tuesday, December 8th The Immaculate Conception 8:00am Lucy Ann King by Wayne & Monique Read</p> <p>Wednesday, December 9th Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin 5:00pm Tracey Firth by a parishioner</p> <p>Thursday, December 10th 8:00am Julie Primeau by Wilfred & Evelyn Maloney</p> <p>Saturday, December 12th Our Lady of Guadalupe 5:00pm Mona Cameron by Catholic District School Board</p> <p>Sunday, December 13th 3rd Sunday of Advent 9:00am Amelia Lalonde by Lucille Bellefeuille 11:00am Julie Primeau by Nicole & Aline Poirier 7:30pm Pro Populo</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SUNDAY OFFERING November 29th, 2015</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">Env.</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$2594.05</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Loose</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$362.10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Heat</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>\$1452.00</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$4408.15</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>Ladies Auxiliary Gathering</u> is Scheduled for Wednesday December 9th, 2015 with mass at 5:00pm followed by Dinner.</p> <p>Please do not put chewing gum underneath the pews. This is disrespect to your Parish and to the community at large. Thank you for your understanding.</p>	Env.	\$2594.05	Loose	\$362.10	Heat	<u>\$1452.00</u>	Total	\$4408.15
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The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week "In memory of Tracey Firth" by Norma Shaver.

Parish Breakfast on December 13th

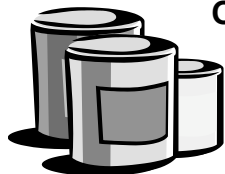
COME ONE ---- COME ALL ----- to the Parish breakfast on Sunday, December 13th, in the parish hall, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. **COST: FREE WILL OFFERING.**

Ladies Auxiliary

MEMBERHISP DUES members are reminded that the 2016 dues (\$20) should be paid by the end of December 2015. If you are 16 years of age or older and would like to join, please call Linda at the rectory for details. New members are welcome!

SUNDAY NIGHT MASS

After consultation and reflection we have come to a decision in regards to the Sunday night mass. For pastoral and administrative reasons we will be stopping the Sunday night mass as of December 20th, 2015. I understand that some people will be sad with the elimination of the mass. Please understand that the Sunday night mass was on a trial basis. As we mentioned for pastoral and administrative reasons we will be discontinuing the Sunday night mass. To all those who participated and made it special... Thank you!



Once again this year we will have a FOOD DRIVE in the parish, this is a friendly reminder... We will be invited to drop off non-perishable food and/or money at the church. Please be generous!! The food will be distributed during the Christmas season to people in our area.

FIRST CHRISTMAS STORIES FROM THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

Blessed Sacrament Parish will be having an evening of music, praise and reflection to prepare us for the great celebration of Christmas. You are invited to join us on **DECEMBER 19th, 2015 at 7:00pm**. Come and hear the stories of those who were there at the Birth of Christ Jesus ... the Shepherd, a Wiseman, the Innkeeper, and others ... Everyone is Welcome!

Opening Mass set to begin Year of Mercy

All the faithful of the Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall are invited to the Co-Cathedral of the Nativity as **Bishop Marcel Damphousse celebrates the solemn opening Mass for the holy year on Tuesday, December 8th at 7:00 pm. This special Mass will also provide the faithful of the Diocese the opportunity to bid farewell to Bishop Marcel before he takes up his new assignment with the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie. Let's show our affection and fill the Co-Cathedral!**

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

This year we will be preparing a special bulletin for Christmas. The bulletin will be published for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. We will have special envelopes for people to donate towards the Christmas flowers in memory of someone special. The name of that person will be published in our Christmas bulletin and we will pray for them at Our Christmas Eve mass. Everyone is welcome to participate. All donations will be going towards our Christmas flowers and special decorations. Envelopes are available.

2016 Sunday Envelopes

They are ready on the table at the back of the church. **We ask that you pick them up as soon as possible, but please do not use them before January 1, 2016.** If you did not receive a box and would like one, please call the office and we will prepare one for you. We really encourage you to use the envelope system; it facilitates the calculations for tax receipts. Without envelopes, we cannot issue a receipt for your donations. Another advantage is that you can use your envelope in any parish of our diocese and it will come back here at Blessed Sacrament. We would like to remind everyone that, whether you use envelopes or not, it's everyone's responsibility to support the parish financially. **Thank you very much for your cooperation!**

CHRISTMAS MASSES

This year Christmas Masses for 2015

December 24th 5:00pm & 8:00pm

December 25th 10:00am.

Please share this information with family and friends so that everyone can begin to make arrangement to attend one of our celebrations.

Advent Penitential Celebrations

You are invited to attend one of the following celebrations to help prepare your heart to receive Christ Jesus on Christmas day...

Tuesday, **December 15th** from 2pm to 3pm at **Saint Columban's Parish**

Wednesday, **December 16th**, from 7pm to 8pm at **Saint Francis de Sales Parish**

Thursday, **December 17th** from 7pm to 8pm at **Saint Andrew's Parish**

The Candle

Once upon a time a little candle stood in a room filled with other candles, most of them much larger and much more beautiful than she was. Some were ornate and some were rather simple, like herself. Some were white, some were blue, some were pink, and some were green. She had no idea why she was there, and the other candles made her feel rather small and insignificant. When the sun went down and the room began to get dark, she noticed a large man walking toward her with a ball of fire on a stick. She suddenly realized that the man was going to set her on fire. "No, no!" she cried, "Aaaaagghhh! Don't burn me, please!" But she knew that she could not be heard and prepared for the pain that would surely follow. To her surprise, the room filled with light. She wondered where it came from since the man had extinguished his fire stick. To her delight, she realized that the light came from herself. Then the man struck another fire stick and, one by one, lit the other candles in the room. Each one gave out the same light that she did. During the next few hours, she noticed that, slowly, her wax began to flow. She became aware that she would soon die. With this realization came a sense of why she had been created. "Perhaps my purpose on earth is to give out light until I die," she mused. And that's exactly what she did. Every Christmas light we see during Advent is a reminder that life on earth is the path, it is a task, a mission - it is not the goal.

Remind Everyone of the Reason for the Season

Christmas is only a few short weeks away. Now is the time to order your outdoor Nativity Scene. What better way than this to remind the community that it is the birth of Jesus that we celebrate on December 25th. The 6 piece set includes the Holy Family, 2 sheep star and stable. The pieces are unfinished, but the painting is easy! The price is \$125 + HST. **If you order by November 30th the Diocese will pay the HST.** Contact Yolande at 613-933-1138, ext. 24 or visit the website at www.alexandria-cornwall.ca

Christmas Cards

We have a selection of Christmas Cards available for sale at a nominal cost of \$8 for a package of 10 cards. These cards contain beautiful religious pictures and verses. For more information or to order yours please contact the office by phone at 613-937-0536 or by email at prolife@cogeco.net or alternatively you can contact Joan by phone at 613-931-2087.

SPECIAL DONATION FOR CHRISTMAS BASKETS... if you would like to donate towards Christmas Baskets this year, please place your donation in a plain envelope with your Envelope Number and marked "Christmas Basket".

Go!

We each have a mission. Being a Catholic means experiencing the joy of being loved and chosen and forgiven by God. How am I called to communicate this good news? **As a husband and father?** Perhaps you could make a commitment to pray 10 minutes a day during Advent. You could pray especially for your wife and family. This will change the way you interact with them. And you'll be showing them that God loves them. **As a wife and mother?** Maybe you could make the same commitment, and pray especially for your husband and children. Try it and see. **As a child?** Maybe you could offer to help your parents with some work around the house. **As family?** What about taking a morning to volunteer at a soup kitchen. **As a friend?** Maybe I could invite a friend to go to Mass with me. Jesus believes in us. He has made us partners in telling others the amazing news that our lives have a purpose. We are not random – as Pope Benedict XVI said, "Each of us is the result of a thought of God. Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, and each of us is necessary." We're called to tell that to others. When we receive Christ in the Eucharist, we're receiving all the power and the presence of God. So let's be intentional about this. Let's pick one way this week that we can bring joy to others.

Elevator / Lift Update

To date we have raised \$7585.00 for this project. If you would like to make a donation before the end of the year, please put your donation in an envelope marked "Elevator Fund" along with your name and envelope number so we can issue you a tax receipt. We will give you updates as funds are raised for this enormous project. Your support is greatly appreciated.