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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 7:30 am; 9:00 am; 10:30 am; 12:00 pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:45 pm to 4:45 pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday: 8:30 am
Wednesday & Friday: 7:30 pm

DEVOTIONS

ROSARY

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday:
@ 8am before morning Mass

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

Wednesday: 7:00 pm

SACRED HEART OF JESUS

First Friday: 7:00 pm

ADORATION AND DIVINE MERCY

Every Friday after evening Mass

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

Registered parishioners are invited to pick up a Baptism information package from the Parish Office.

COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

Please contact Parish Office for program start dates.

MARRIAGE

Couples should contact the Parish Office ONE year in advance. At least one party must be a registered and practicing member of St. Boniface.

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Welcome Visitors and New Parishioners

A very warm welcome to all new parishioners and those who are visiting St. Boniface Parish this weekend. New parishioners are asked to fill out registration form below and put it in the collection basket or drop-off at the office.

PARISHIONER INFORMATION SHEET

MR. & MRS. MR. MRS. MISS MS.

NAME(S) AND DATE(S) OF BIRTH OF CHILD/CHILDREN:

NAME(S) DD/MM/YEAR

Last Name

First Name(s)

STREET# AND NAME/APARTMENT# OR UNIT #

CITY

POSTAL CODE

TELEPHONE#

EMAIL ADDRESS

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH? WOULD YOU LIKE ENVELOPES?
YES NO YES NO

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE CONTACTED ABOUT PARISH INVOLVEMENT?
YES NO

ONCE REGISTERED, ENVELOPES WILL BE AVAILABLE BY ENTRANCE OF CHURCH.



DECEMBER 8, 2024 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CYCLE C (LUKE)

The Road Home: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Second Sunday of Advent

Readings:

Baruch 5:1-9
Psalm 126:1-6
Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11
Luke 3:1-6

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.

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."

Thank you to Dr. Scott Hahn and the St. Paul Center for the use of the weekly Mass reflections. More resources are available at www.stpaulcenter.com

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



DECEMBER 7TH TO DECEMBER 14TH 2024

Sat	Dec 7th	5:00pm - Maria Theresita Malolos
Sun	Dec 8th	7:30am - Thanksgiving for Laura Ugwce
		9:00am - People of the Parish
		10:30am - Kathleen & Victor Hogg †
		12:00pm - Josefina Dollete †
Mon	Dec 9th	8:30am - Sister Medeiros †
Tue	Dec 10th	8:30am - Terri-Ann Gagos †
Wed	Dec 11th	7:30pm - Olga †; Patricia (Trish) Nicholson †; and Michael Squille †
Thur	Dec 12th	8:30am - Birthday Thanksgiving for Babeth Bauzon
Fri	Dec 13th	7:30pm - David Hogg †
Sat	Dec 14th	8:30am - Special Intention for Grant Valentine

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE



CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

7:00PM — Mass with
Children's Pageant
**9:00PM and 11:30pm Carols
Mass 12 MIDNIGHT
(NO MORNING MASS)**

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

**9:00AM and 11:00AM
(NO EVENING MASS)**

NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31ST

**5:00PM
(NO MORNING MASS)**



**NEW YEAR'S DAY
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1ST
9:00AM AND 11:00AM
(NO EVENING MASS)**

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Lay Pastoral Associate (LPA), Part-time (15-19 hours per week).

St. Boniface Parish, Scarborough, Ontario.

The Lay Pastoral Associate (LPA), under the direction of the Pastor, is responsible for religious education initiative in the parish including RCIA, Sunday school, and sacramental preparation for Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. The Lay Pastoral Associate also serves as a liaison to three parish schools and is a member of the Pastoral Team.

Those wishing to be considered for the position should submit a resume and cover letter to Fr. Alex Osei, CSSp. Pastor, at st.boniface@rogers.com or stbonifacesc@archtoronto.org by **Friday, January 9th 2025**.

Applicants with formal pastoral education preferred. The successful applicant will be required to submit to a police background check.

Thank you to all those who have applied.



OUR SICK:

Anne Dyer, Jocelyn San Juan, Amy McCordy, Roberto Ressa, Tonya Nedelkovski, Evelyn Santiago, Edgardo Ramos, Dina Sorbera, Joan Fitzgibbon, Virginia Johnson, Derek John Taylor, Oliver Malinowski, Derek Rosario, Maria Theresa,

Maria Johanna Tizon, Linda Morgan, Sally Benadetto, Maverick Valle, Richard Stockman, Don O'Shaughnessy, Alana Maurica Gerardine, Bette McDermott, Josephine Lavecchia, Romeo Dimalanta, Mara Ezgeta, Fredrick Martyn, John Rodriguez, Sabrina Achaibar, Cheryl Garisto, Elizabeth Singh, Richard Rodriguez, Kenny Gonsalves, Kris Gonsalves, Carlo Tomasi, Anna Tomasi, Evelyn Gatila, Judith Ritch, Rita Clemenz, Estela Pett, Steve McAuley, George Paramby Varghese, Emmanuel Carpio, Ligaya Carpio, Holly Macinnis, Ursula Solomon, Jennifer Solomon, Randeer Kumar Hulooman, Norma Dulnuan, Bill Filipchuk, Kathleen Filipchuk, Dionne Hastings, Sonia Miranda, Kevin Andrey Morales, Rhaquel Elizabeth Jojan, Ramona Labo, Ruth Claire Alinas, Andre Baksh, Alicia Alvares, Anna Ardurini, Lolita Ramos, Rose Marie Sorbera, Alice Rego, John Jansen In De Wal, Mary Foulkes, Jean Griffin Davis, Stephanie Solomon, Shirley Eccleiton, Kathleen Copeland, Conchita Estolano Paran, Giacomina Genova, Frosa Karakolis, Rosa Lim, Vera Conway, Joe D'Souza, Claudio Borgono, Jennifer Young, Glenda McNeil, Liam Matthews, Benigno Jose Jr., Irene Bituin, Leonisa G. Albaran, Innes Potgieter, Rebecca C. Baltazar, Monica Bouchard, Harold Hunt, Antonio Sorbera, Julia Genova, Christina Lochan, Ronaldo Maravilla, Lucas Sorbera, Sheryl Watson, Stanley de Freitas, Peter Pinto, Marina Sequeira, Ofelia Magat, Paul Swoffer, Minoli Paul, Isabel Grosvenor, Marie Herrera, John Germain, Ms. Dalhoo, Carla Di Cecco, Wynn Young, Mary Rocha, Eric Hudder, Simon Fernandes, Arnold Uy Cruz, Charles Gill, Patrick Doty, Debra Fernandes, Marina Jose, Frances Schober, William Schober, Marie Dignum, Ahilla Kissoon.

CONFIRMATION 2024-2025



Confirmation registrations have begun. If you have a child in grade 7 or up who has not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact the parish office.

You would need to bring a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate and the registration fee of \$60.00. Thank you!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD PROGRAM



Our next Children's Liturgy of the Word Programs will be on **Sunday, December 8th, Sunday, December 15th & Sunday, December 22nd at the 10:30am Mass**. All Children 4 to 7 years of age are welcome.

PARISH DAY OF CONFESSION FOR ADVENT



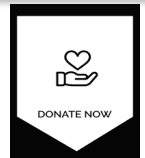
Confessions at St. Boniface Parish will be held on **Thursday, December 19th from 7pm to 9pm**. There will be many priests available.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (CWL) CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE



Thanks to your generosity, we have replenished our Angel Christmas Tree with more tags. We are inviting parishioners to please take an Angel tag from the Christmas Angel Tree and sponsoring a teen with a gift card. Please see gender and age written on the reverse side of the tag. We suggest gift cards such as a Mall card, Walmart, Best Buy, among others. Please return your Angel tag and Gift card in an envelope addressed to "CWL" and place it in the collection basket during Mass. **Deadline for this collection is December 14**. Thank you for your support and participation.

DEADLINE FOR DONATIONS FOR 2024 (tax receipt purposes)



Please note that the last day to drop off donations for this year's (2024) tax receipt will be on **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27TH**.

Any donations received after that day will be counted towards next year's (2025) donation.

CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S PAGEANT 7PM MASS

Parents with children age 4 and up, who would like to participate in this year's Children's Christmas Pageant are invited to attend rehearsals on the following dates after the 12 noon Mass:

Sunday, December 8th; Sunday, December 15th; and a dress rehearsal on Sunday, December 22nd

For more information, please contact Trinity Carlos at trinitycarlos0610@gmail.com.

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