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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.

Last Name

First Name(s)

STREET# AND NAME/APARTMENT# OR UNIT #

CITY

POSTAL CODE

TELEPHONE#

EMAIL ADDRESS

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

NAME(S) DD/MM/YEAR

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 15, 2024
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

CYCLE C (LUKE)

**What Do We Do? Scott Hahn Reflects on the
Third Sunday of Advent**

Readings:

Zephaniah 3:14–18

Isaiah 12:2–6

Philippians 4:4–7

Luke 3:10–18



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. 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."

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 14TH TO DECEMBER 21ST 2024

Sat	Dec 14th	5:00pm - Margaret & Anne Boriskot †
Sun	Dec 15th	7:30am - 25th Wedding Anniversary Blessings for Devaraj & Sylvia
		9:00am - The Paes Family
		10:30am - People of the Parish
		12:00pm - Rolando & Rollie Yap; Fernando & Marilou Escalada †
Mon	Dec 16th	8:30am - Inacio Fernandes †
Tue	Dec 17th	8:30am - Stan Kolodziejczak †
Wed	Dec 18th	7:30pm - Olga †; Thanksgiving for Grayson Allen Lugos
Thur	Dec 19th	8:30am - Richard Dignum †
Fri	Dec 20th	7:30pm - Thanksgiving for Clarence & Anita Carneiro
Sat	Dec 21st	8:30am - Open



**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:

Ron McGarry; Erwin Wagner, 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 Ecclejton, 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 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)



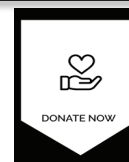
CWL Gift Cards:

The deadline to return the Christmas Tree Gift Card is December 15th. Please put the gift card and the Christmas Tree in an envelope and place it in the collection basket. Thank you for your goodwill and generosity.

CWL Membership 2025

We are encouraging women of the parish to join the CWL in their faith journey. Please pick up a membership form at the front entrance of the church. Place the completed form and \$40 fee in an envelope and place it in the collection basket. Thank you.

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

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



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