# St. Boniface Church

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## **ADVENT**





### DECEMBER 21,2025 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CYCLE A (MATTHEW)

#### <u>Christmas Message to</u> <u>St. Boniface Parishioners</u>

Each Christmas, we gather in great joy and festivity to have our Christmas dinner, our Christmas lunch, to open presents. But if the truth be known, it's a very busy time in which we struggle. And in this time of our lives, some people are struggling to put food on the table this year. This Christmas, we ask you to do one very simple thing that is to recognise that all these things that bother us are in fact not about Christmas at all. Christmas is not about Christmas trees or presents. It's about that little image that we often forget of the manger with Jesus, Mary and Joseph, perhaps a few animals looking on, and maybe a few straggling shepherds that happen to be passing by. Christmas is about the gift of love, which is taught to us in the silence of We suggest you enter that the manger. manger. Enter the manger and enter the silence of the manger. The manger is in stark contrast to where we come from. We come from noise; we come from stress. We come from wanting things that we can't have. Enter the manger, where the only thing that matters is who is there and the silence. Take on that silence into your life. Receive the silence of the manger into your hearts, and then you will begin to find direction, proportion, and understanding of what life is. Life is not the way life is outside the manger, but life's possibility is given in that silence of midnight. It's given in that quiet. As you enter that, you will begin to see who you are, what really matters, and that everything that you thought was important fades into nothingness, and you'll begin to see as Mary, Joseph and Jesus see each other. You'll begin to see what is important in life. You'll begin to recognise the people that you love, and in the silence, you'll begin to know how to love, because Christmas is about the gift of love, which is taught to us in the silence of the manger. Let us go there.

We are grateful to the Parish Staff Team, Finance Committee, Building Committee, Facilitators of RCIA, First Holy Communion/Reconciliation, Confirmation, Altar Servers, Lectors, Musicians, Extra ordinary ministers of Communion, Our Sacristan (Nelia), for your working Relationship with us.

This Christmas, we will pray for you and give you our blessings, prayers and wishes. Happy Christmas.

Fr. Alex Osei, C.S.Sp. Fr. Percy Acquah, C.S.Sp.



#### **DECEMBER 20TH TO DECEMBER 27TH 2025**

Sat Dec 20th 5:00pm - Healing for Robin and Sonali Gupta Bhaya

Sun Dec 21st 7:30am - People of the Parish

9:00am - Vizzy Barreto†

10:30am - John Vassair †

12:00pm - Birthday Blessings for Shella Atchico

Mon Dec 22nd 8:30am - Parishioners of St. Boniface Parish

Tue Dec 23rd 8:30am - Hilda Martyn +; Victor Martyn +; Crofton

Martyn †; and for all deceased members of the Martyn family

Wed Dec 24th 7:00pm - Stephanie Cabello (Christmas Eve) 9:00pm - Corazon Ong †; Jose, Leocadia, Rey and Ophelia Dionisio

12 midnight People of the Parish

Thur Dec 25th 9:00am - Jesusa Jimenez Alinas † (Christmas Day) 11:00am - Benjamin, Cecilia and Jeffrey Lugos †

Fri Dec 26th 7:30pm - Mrs. Blanche Jeanne Marr Cartwright †

Sat Dec 27th 8:30am - Thambipillai Yogamani †; healing for Mackenzie Simpson



#### **OUR SICK:**

Fausto Tomasi, Marybel Irwin, Margaret Horvath, Daniel D'Alimonte, Magdalene Trotman, Holly Macinnis, Inacia Rodrigues, Carol Morra, Edna Zetazate, Tonya

Medelkowski, Ray Acayan, Romeo Florentino, Anne Dyer, Joan Fitzgibbon, Virginia Johnson, Derek John Taylor, Oliver Malinowski, Anunciacion Chang, 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, Evelyn Gatila, Judith Ritch, Rita Clemenz, Steve McAuley, George Paramby Varghese, Emmanuel Carpio, Ligaya Carpio, Dionne Hastings, Sonia Miranda, Kevin Andrey Morales, Rhaquel Elizabeth Jojan, Ruth Claire Alinas, Andre Baksh, Alicia Alvares, Anna Ardurini, Lolita Ramos, Rose Marie Sorbera, Alice Rego, Mary Foulkes, Jean Griffin Davis, Shirley Eccleton, Ursula Solomon, Kathleen Copeland, Giacomina Genova, Rosa Lim, Vera Conway, Joe D'Souza, Claudio Borgono, Jennifer Young, Liam Matthews, Benigno Jose Jr., Irene Bituin, Leonisa G. Albaran, Innes Potgieter, Rebecca C. Baltazar, Dina Sorbera, Monica Bouchard, Harold Hunt, Antonio Sorbera, Julia Genova, Ronaldo Maravilla, Lucas Sorbera, Sheryl Watson, Stanley de Freitas, Peter Pinto, Isabel Grosvenor, Marie Herrera, John Germain, Marie Dignum, Stephanie Solomon, Ofelia Magat.

#### **BUILDING FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN**



In support of the on-going construction at the front of the church, the St. Boniface Finance Council is targeting to raise \$120,000. **To date, we have raised \$33,915.** Your donations are still needed. You can donate by using the grey Buy a Brick Building Fundraising Envelopes that are available at the entrance of the Church or along the wall pockets.

Please note that an anonymous donor has volunteered to match donations up to \$15,000 for any donations to the Buy a Brick campaign made before December 31, 2025. So please give soon if you are able.

Kindly drop your envelop donations in the offertory baskets. Thank you for your continued generosity to our Fundraising Campaign.



#### CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE



CHRISTMAS EVE
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 24TH

**7:00PM** (Mass with Children's pageant)

9:00 PM

11:30PM CAROLS followed by Mass at 12 MIDNIGHT

(NO 7:30 PM MASS)

CHRISTMAS DAY - THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25TH 9:00AM and 11:00AM

(NO 8:30AM MASS)

New Year's Eve - Wednesday December 31st 5:00 pm

(No 7:30PM MASS)



New Year's Day Thursday, January 1st

9:00am, 10:30AM AND 12:00PM (No 8:30am Mass)



#### **Thank You & Christmas Blessings**

On behalf of the Catholic Women's League and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, we sincerely thank the parishioners of St. Boniface Parish for your generosity and support in making the Angels on the Christmas Tree campaign a great success. Your kindness has brought hope and joy to many this Christmas season.

We wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and God's abundant blessings.

Catholic Women's League & Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Boniface Parish.

#### PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND



A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land under the Spiritual Leadership of Fr. Alex Osei, Cssp. is being organized by International Heritage Tours from November 8<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup> 2026 (9 days).

Please pick up a brochure at the back of the Church for more details. You can also visit our website for more information and registration.

The amount for this trip is in Canadian Dollars.

#### PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Parish Office holiday schedule:

December 24th (Christmas Eve) - closes at 12 noon December 25th (Christmas Day) - closed December 31st (New Year's Eve)- closes at 12 noon January 1st (New Year's Day) - closed Office will re-open on Friday, January 2nd at 9am.





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