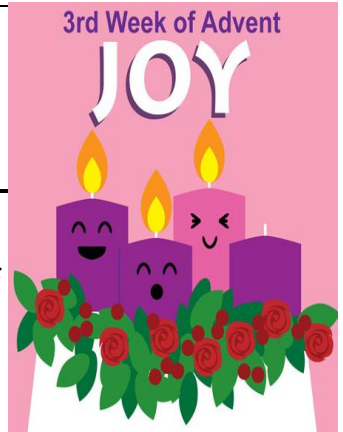


THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DEC 17TH, 2023

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<p>Sunday Mass: 10 AM Weekday: Mon, Tues, Thurs 9 AM Rosary: ½ hr before Mass. Adoration: Monday 9:30 AM to 4 PM Reconciliation: ½ hr before Mass. Baptism, Wedding & Funeral: by appt.</p>	<p>Parish Organizations: Planning Committee: <i>Dan Canuel</i>; Finance Committee: <i>Carole Holtzman</i>; Knights: <i>Gerald Schut</i>; CWL: <i>Carole Holtzman</i>; Prayer Shawls/CFFC: <i>Yvonne Lebrun</i>; Bible Study: <i>Pat Tresierra</i>; Legion of Mary: <i>Anna Daly</i></p>



SCHOOL NEWS:

Christmas Concert is on Wednesday, Dec 20th at 6 pm in the Hall and 1 pm Thursday Dec 21st.

Early dismissal Friday Dec 22nd. The school is back in session Monday, January 8th.

In the New Year: All pink envelope donations (cash & cheques) will be receipted by the school commencing Jan 1, 2024. Please make your cheques payable to St. Ann's School. (Or just "St. Ann's") Thank you for your help and understanding in this matter.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS:

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST AFTER MASS TODAY.

CWL: PICK UP YOUR COOKIE TRAYS AT THE PANCAKE BREAKFAST TODAY

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS are accepting donations for the Dinner for the Less Fortunate scheduled for the new year on January 7th, 2:30 pm in the hall.

NO ADORATION: Monday Dec 25th and Jan 1st.

CWL Membership Drive on Jan 7th and 14th All ladies of the parish are invited. Please consider joining! **Dues are \$50/yr. Annual General Meeting:** Feb 4th in the Hall.

LEGION OF MARY meeting on Thursdays at 9:30 am in the church.

RCIA: Next meeting in the New Year



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS REMINDER: WINTER MITTS AND HATS, SCARVES AND SOCKS DRIVE IS ON! BOX IN THE FOYER.

Last Sunday's Donation \$2,924.25 Thank you for your generosity! Our parish now accepts donations

Through Interac email transfer: giving@stannsquesnel.org

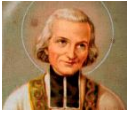


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MINISTRY SCHEDULE:

DATE		SUN DEC 24 TH 10 AM	SUN DEC 24 TH 5 PM	MON DEC 25 TH 10 AM
4TH SUNDAY OF DEC & CHRISTMAS EVE/DAY	READER	T. ROBERTSON	K. VAN PUTTEN	L. CANUEL
	EUCCHARISTIC	M. VALOIS	S. VAUGHAN	D. CANUEL
	MUSIC	M. VAN DEN ELZEN	M. VAN DEN ELZEN	M. VAN DEN ELZEN
	USHERS	H. LOURIERO	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS

DIOCESAN NEWS:



“Blessed are they that are tempted! It is when the Devil sees that a soul is tending towards union with God that he redoubles his efforts.” ~St John Vianney

FAITH IN ACTION CAMPAIGN 33 “BE A DOER OF FAITH”

Our parish project is to continue paying down the roofing bill.

PLEDGES: **\$26,560.00**; RECEIVED: **\$26,185.00**; **OVERGOAL: \$2,608.00**



Tax Receipt 2023 reminder for parishioners: Faith in Action donations must be received by Friday, December 29 (before the banks close/or parish office closes). This includes E-transfer donations as well. Donations may be mailed to the parish or the Chancery office post marked no later than December 29 to be eligible for 2023 tax receipt. All donations received after 12 noon on Friday, December 29, or are post marked later than December 29, will go towards the 2024 Tax Receipt.



**Light the first and second purple candles and the pink candle*

Scripture Reflection: "And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them." Luke 2:20 (**pause for reflection*)

Advent Wreath Prayer: *Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas. Amen.*

Candle Name: the Shepherd's Candle

The Third Week of Advent Represents: Joy Candle Color: Pink

This third candle is pink and symbolizes rejoicing. During the third week of Advent, we are filled with joy for the near arrival of Jesus on Christmas day. This Sunday is often called "Gaudete Sunday" as we reflect on the joy the shepherd's felt at the birth of Jesus.

PRAYERS & DEVOTIONS:



Mass Times and Readings

Mon 18	9 AM	Jeremiah 23.5-8; Matthew 1.18-24		
Tues 19	9 AM	Judges 13.2-7, 24-25a; Luke 1.5-25		
Wed 20	*NO MASS	Isaiah 7.10-14; 8.10d; Luke 1.26-38		
Thurs 21	9 AM	Zephaniah 3.14-18a (Or Song of Songs 2.8-14); Luke 1.39-45	Christmas Reconciliation 10 am to 1 pm; 6 pm to 8 pm	
Fri 22	*NO MASS	1 Samuel 1.24-28; Luke 1.46-56		
Sat 23	*NO MASS	Malachi 3.1-4; 4.5-6; Luke 1.57-66	OM St John of Kanty	
Sun 24	10 AM	St. Ann's Parishioners	4th Sunday of Advent	
	5 PM		Christmas Eve	

*Mass Intentions said elsewhere

*Mass Intentions may not be said on this particular day

*OM =Optional Memorial

Due to priest shortage: Mass Intentions for the months following October may not be said at St. Ann's Church nor on the date requested. The Mass intentions will be moved to such a time and place as a priest is able to say them. Thank you for your patience in this matter.

Please pray for Keith Holtzman, and all those who are in need, sick and suffering in our families, parish, and community.



We represent those in the world who do not know Jesus during our Holy Hour of Adoration. (St. John Paul II)

Canada Post Christmas Stamps – Please be sure to purchase the “Christmas 2023 – Madonna and Child” Permanent Domestic Stamp from Canada Post this year for your Christmas cards and parcels!



WANTED: DONATIONS New soap & old candle stubs. A box is placed in the foyer for these items.



HOW MUCH TIME DO YOU HAVE?

CHRISTMAS CONFESSION TIMES:

THURSDAY DEC 21ST

10 AM TO 1 PM;

6 PM TO 8 PM

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:

Dec 24th is a Sunday.

Sunday Mass: 10 AM

Christmas Eve Mass at 5 PM

Monday, Christmas Day 10 AM



How to pronounce “Gaudete” “gow-DEH-teh”

Meaning: “Rejoice”



St Peter Canisius: DEC 21st (d.1597)

In *Christ The King – Lord of History* by Anne W. Carroll, it states:

Protestantism had made much headway in Germany because many intellectuals had adopted it, making Catholicism appear to be the religion of the ignorant. By his debates, his writing and his teachings, Peter showed that Catholicism was thoroughly rational, that the Protestant arguments were not convincing. By his efforts, Peter won Bavaria (southern German) and the Rhineland (central Germany) back to the Catholic Church.

He also won converts in Austria, Hungary, Bohemia and Poland. Poland had become largely Protestant, but thanks to the efforts of Peter and other Jesuits, it returned to the Church and is still Catholic today despite Communist persecution.

DINNER FOR THE LESS FORTUNATE: Sunday, January 7th, 2:30 pm.

Please place any monetary contributions in the collection basket in an envelope labelled “Dinner”. Thank you for your continuing generosity. If you would like to contribute by volunteering, there are sign-up sheets in the foyer.

OFFICE CLOSED DEC 25TH AND 26TH

Look for your 2024 envelope sets coming soon.