

First Sunday Of Advent

December 2, 2012

"Your redemption is drawing near."

– Luke 21.25-28, 34-36

When there is a funeral at "either" Holy Trinity or St. Joachim's, our regular 12 noon Mass will be cancelled and the Mass intention rescheduled for another day.

MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

<u>Tuesday</u>	December 4	12 noon	Mark Mulholland
<u>Thursday</u>	December 6	12 noon	Clara Stephen
<u>Saturday</u>	December 8	5:30pm	For All Parishioners & Their Intentions
<u>Sunday</u>	December 9	9:30am	Sullivan Family - Mark, Mary, John & Harold

MASS INTENTION

Last Week's Offertory Collection

Parishioners Using Envelopes: 107 Average Envelope Donation: \$33.65

48	Regular Envelopes	\$1,615.00
	Loose Donation	\$96.11
5	Building Fund	\$550.00
9	Christmas Baskets	\$1,145.00
2	Memorial Tree	\$20.00
23	Retired Priests & Seminarians	\$410.00
	<u>Last Weekend's Total</u>	<u>\$3,836.11</u>

Other Income Ornaments \$860.00

Father Peter Thanks Everyone For their Generosity

Holy Trinity Pewter Ornaments

We only have a few ornaments left. They are available in the parish office weekday mornings, 8am - 1pm (653-6838), The Catholic Bookstore (653-6828), and at St. Joachim's (653-6852). They make a great gift for someone who was baptized or married at the church.

Pastoral Plan - Diocese Of Saint John

The Diocese has released their new Pastoral Plan. Bishop Robert Harris' introductory letter and the full Pastoral Plan document are available at HolyTrinitySJ.com/PastoralPlan.

Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Presentation - Sunday, December 2nd At 3pm

You are invited to attend a DVD presentation featuring Miko Peled, who was born and raised in Israel. His father was an Israeli General in the army in 1948 and played a key role in the establishment of the State of Israel. As a peace activist, Miko Peled accurately speaks about the history of Israel, his personal experience with both Jews and Palestinians, and cuts through the myths and misunderstandings about the unrest in the Middle East. For anyone interested in educating themselves about the truth of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict today, this is a must see DVD which will be shown today, Sunday, December 2nd, 3pm in the Holy Trinity Family Centre. Please use Family Centre Entrance. A group discussion will follow the presentation for those who are interested. All are welcome.

Advent Reading Materials

Daily Reflection Booklets for Advent are now available at the entrance of the church.

Christmas Party

The annual parish Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 9th, after the 9:30am Mass. Everyone is welcome and we plan on having hot dogs, cake, guessing games, treat bags, and possibly pictures with a special guest.

CWL

The CWL will hold their Christmas Pot Luck Dinner on Wednesday, December 5th. Mass will be celebrated at 5:30pm, followed by dinner in the Family Center. Members are asked to bring an unwrapped gift for a child. Membership fee of \$20 can be paid that evening.

Memorial Tree

You are invited to print the names(s) of deceased relatives and friends on an envelope and mark it "Memorial Tree". These names will be placed on ornaments prepared and decorated by the children in our Religious Education Program and the ornaments will be placed on the Tree. Deadline for submission of names is Sunday, December 16th.

Adult Religious Education - The Eucharist

Everyone is invited to attend a 7-week program on the “Eucharist” every Thursday, 7pm, until December 13th, in the Saint Joachim’s Parish Center. Each session has a 1-hour video presentation followed by a question & answer period. It is not necessary to have attended any of the previous weeks in order to participate.

Christmas Ministry Schedule

There are sign-up sheets at the back of the church. Please check off which Masses you plan on attending so that Cindy can complete the Christmas Ministry Schedule. We ask that you please check off your name by today, Sunday, December 2nd.

Turkey Foster Families Required

We will be receiving a donation of frozen turkeys for our Christmas Baskets from the Uptown Food Bank. Unfortunately, we aren’t able to store all of them in the church. If you have a little extra space in your freezer and can give a frozen turkey a loving home (they are quiet and they don’t eat much) between now and December 21st, please call Sr. Nickerson (696-1500). She also requires help picking up the turkeys from the food bank.

First Friday Holy Hour And Mass

The monthly First Friday Holy Hour will take place at St. Joachim's on Friday, December 7th from 11am - 12:30pm.

Christmas Baskets

Requested food item for the weekend of December 8th/9th: **2L Pop, Assorted Flavours**

Sr. Nickerson also needs cash donations; and these can be placed in the collection at any time. Please mark the envelope “Christmas Baskets”. Containers are located at the back of the church to accept mittens, scarves, hats, gloves and socks. Volunteers needed to help pack baskets on Friday, December 21st beginning at 9:30am, drivers needed to help with deliveries from 12:30 - 2pm.

Concert

Saint John High School Concert Choir will present a concert on December 16th, 2pm, at Portland United Church, 50 Newport (off Millidge Avenue). Tickets are \$10. There will also be a Silent Auction.

Christmas Basket Zumba

On Wednesday, December 5th, 7pm, at St. Joachim’s, all proceeds from Zumba will be going towards St. Joachim’s Christmas Basket program. If you haven’t tried Zumba yet, this is your chance! Admission is only \$5. Come out for a night of fun and support a great cause!

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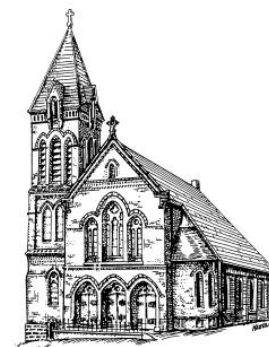
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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated on the first Sunday of the month at 1pm for family members of Holy Trinity Parish and those who are living within the geographical boundaries of our parish. To make arrangements for a baptism please contact the office.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE / RECONCILIATION

Confessions are celebrated by appointment only. To schedule a time, please speak with Father Peter.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

To reserve our church for a wedding, couples must first make an appointment with our pastor to discuss their plans and complete the pre-nuptial investigation forms. At least a six month notice and taking a marriage preparation course is a requirement. Because of our pastor's schedule for two parishes, weddings cannot be celebrated any later than 1pm on Saturday.

SACRAMENT AND MINISTRY TO THE SICK

If there is a family member or relative in the hospital who would like to receive a visit from the pastor, please inform Father Peter. Also, please let Father Peter know if there is someone sick or confined to their home who would like to receive a visit, receive Holy Communion, or be anointed with the Sacrament of the Sick.