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St. Mary (Chandos)*



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Saturday: 4:30 PM (Highland Grove)
Sunday: 9:00 AM (Chandos)
11:00 AM (Cardiff)

Weekdays: Please refer to the schedule in the Bulletin

Reconciliation: 30 minutes before weekend Masses

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All couples are required to attend Marriage Preparation Sessions

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Devotions:

Rosary: before weekend Masses in all churches.

Adoration/Benediction: First Fridays 11:00 AM (Cardiff)
First Saturdays 5:30 PM (Highland Grove)

Mother of Perpetual Help Novena: Wednesdays 11:00AM (Cardiff)

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**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR B)
NOVEMBER 29, 2020
MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK**

Day	Location	Time	Intentions	Donors
Sat. 28	Highland Grove	4:30 PM	Deceased Parents of Peter McEney	Peter & Susan McEney
Sun. 29	Chandos	9:00 AM	For the People of the parish	
	Cardiff	11:00 AM	Deceased parents of Peter McEney	Peter McEney
Mon. 30	Cardiff	NO MASS	DAY OFF—FR. VIC	
Tue. 01	Highland Grove	7:30PM	Intentions of Peter McEney	Peter/Susan McEney
Wed. 02	Cardiff	11:00AM	Intentions of Peter McEney	
Thu. 03	Chandos	11:00 AM	Intentions of Peter McEney	
Fri. 04	Cardiff	11:00AM	Adoration of the Bl. Sacrament	First Friday devotion
		12:10 PM	Intentions of Peter McEney	
Sat.05	Highland Grove	4:30 PM	+Tom & Julia Elliott	Joanne & Gary Burroughs
		5:30PM	Adoration of the Bl. Sacrament	First Saturday devotion
Sun. 06	Chandos	9:00 AM	For the People of the parish	
	Cardiff	11:00AM	Laura Tomasini	Edith Doney

Weekly Financial Report	
NOVEMBER 22, 2020	
Highland Grove	\$455.00
Chandos	\$325.00
Cardiff	\$755.00
Total (Offertory)	\$1535.00
Priests' Benefit Fund	\$430.00
Mass Stipend	\$40.00
Donation	\$50.00
PAP October 15	\$1090.00
PAP October 30	\$1140.00

Lectors			
Date	H. Grove	Chandos	Cardiff
	Sat. 4:30 PM	Sun. 9:00AM	Sun. 11:00 AM
Nov. 28/29	Melissa B.	Frances P.	Peter P.
Dec. 5/6	David H.	Gene T.	Sandy C.
Dec. 12/13	Katie	Carm C.	Gary B.
Dec. 19/20	Gary B.	Sharon C.	Theresa P.
Dec. 26/27	Melissa B.	Frances P.	Brenda B.

Please pray for the sick:

Philip Hughes, Nick Novakowski, Kevin Ralph, Robert Cadeau, Rhys Telka, Scott McKenzie, Jane Tsagrinos, Fr. Bart Burke, Anne Carr, Sandra Hickey, Noreen Howe, Fiory Sarueda, Sr. Bernadina Aguillon, Sr. Consolata Manding, Ella Richard, Emilee Callzonetti, Peter Malloy, Pierre Longevin, Amelia Vargas, Dennis

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Readings Next Week (Dec. 06, 2020) 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11 (Isaiah tells the people to prepare a way for the Lord.)

2 Peter 3:8-14 (Peter teaches that we must always be holy because the return of the Lord cannot be predicted.)

Mark 1:1-8 (John the Baptist preached repentance and baptized the people, in preparation for the one who would baptize with the Holy Spirit.)

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel is taken from the beginning of Mark. Unlike Luke and Matthew, Mark does not include any details of Jesus' birth. Instead Mark begins with the appearance of John the Baptist in the desert. On this the Second Sunday of Advent, we are invited to reflect upon the role of John the Baptist, who prepared the way for Jesus and the salvation that he would bring to us. Mark's description of the appearance of John the Baptist highlights John's continuity with the Jewish prophetic tradition. Mark combines quotations from the Old Testament books of Malachi, Isaiah, and Exodus. Mark's description of John as an ascetic, living in the desert, clothed in camel hair, and eating locusts and wild honey, is reminiscent of the description of the prophet Elijah found in Second Kings. The people of Judea and Jerusalem flock to him, listening to his message of repentance and forgiveness; they also come to him to be baptized. Mark's Gospel is clear, however, that John the Baptist's role is only to prepare the way for another who will come, one who is greater than John. Many scholars be-

lieve that the Gospels reflect the tension that likely existed between followers of John the Baptist and disciples of Jesus. Each of the four Evangelists report on John's preaching and baptizing, and they each emphasize the importance of Jesus' baptism by John. The four Gospels also explain that John was sent to preach in preparation for another. In the Gospel of Luke, the question is raised as to whether John the Baptist was himself the Messiah. Just as in today's Gospel, however, John speaks quite explicitly that the Messiah was to come after him. In today's Gospel we hear John the Baptist contrast his baptism of repentance with the baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John says that he has baptized with water, but that the one who is to come will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John's baptism was not yet a Christian baptism, but a preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received. John the Baptist is presented to us as a model during Advent. We, too, are called upon to prepare a way for the Lord. Like John the Baptist, we are messengers in service to one who is greater than we are. Our Baptism commissions us to call others to life as disciples of Jesus.

SEASON OF ADVENT

Advent has two fold nature: It prepares us for Christmas, when we recall Christ's first coming among us, and it is also a time when we look forward to his second coming at the end of the ages. Advent is a season of joyful expectation.

As we begin the season of Advent, we hear Jesus exhort the disciples to watch as they wait by using a parable of the master of a house who leaves on a journey of indeterminate length. During that time, what will the servants do? In the first reading, Isaiah gives us a rather bleak picture of what happens over time when the people of God live by their own devices. Isaiah's plea for reconciliation reminds us that the God of Israel is the only God, no matter where or when the people have sought other gods. They find themselves in the emptiness of their disobedience, far from God's saving mercy.

We are God's people, waiting and watching. Advent is our time of journeying towards love and a reminder that our human nature is flawed. Devotion to gods of our own making will keep us separated from Jesus. In the second reading, Paul boldly reminds us what our hope is: "You are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will strengthen you to the end...God is faithful; by him you were called into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord." Watch, then, that we journey every moment with Jesus Christ our Lord. (Johanne Brownrigg)

.COVID 19 has already been with us for over half a year now and since then had brought significant changes in our attitudes about life, others, relationships, faith and God. Anybody who is willing to share the impact of COVID 19 in his/her life is welcome to send through email an essay not more than 300 words. The article will be published in the weekly bulletin as a means to connect and share life's experiences as we all journey together in this time of pandemic. Aside from being published we collect them and make an album so include some photos. See sample below.

Coping with the pandemic

What hit us?? Covid 19. Where did it come from? How does it spread? Around the world in a few weeks. How can that be possible. In God anything is possible. Advantages as I see them. Neighbors became more sharing., Families call more often. via. phone or internet concerned we are all abiding with the rules of safely set out for us for our protection..Sending love...Our Televisions sponsored more religious programes. Easter we could view Holy Mass from around the world, e.g.

Mass from Rome with the Holy Father. Many of our local church's used the opportunity of making weekly masses available vis the internet. I received many Blessings via my computer. Prayers were shared, Bible scriptures were sent , I did not realize so many of my younger family members were relating the Corona to the Holy Book..Blessings , bringing out deeper Faith. It was very difficult for me to do conversations with my friends in special care facilities, shut in their rooms, meals delivered to their small rooms, families visited through closed window ,sign language and large printed messages saying LOVE YOU. Time in isolation was a challenge, Month of April came feeling lonesome. Missed our church and Holy Mass. I did not realize how much I just wanted to drive into Timmie's and share a coffee with a friend. Grateful to our Local Food Land store, I could email my grocery order in and have a friend pick it up for me. . Mail kept being delivered. More gardens were planted this year. Friends and neighbors sharing freshness to me..Time in isolation meant knitting, reading, and doing much catch up household chores. Canning and preserving... May we all enjoy good health and a stronger Faith. Good things will come from all this, Perhaps this is part of our penance for our next journey,,? Evelyn Mutis, Our Lady of Lourdes, Cardiff

DISPENSATION FROM THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS

Priests and the faithful are reminded that the Dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass remains in effect as follows. "The obligation to attend Sunday Mass does not apply to those who are ill, especially those who suffer from a contagious illness. Those with flu-like symptoms should remain at home in order not to spread the virus to others." – +Most Reverend Bishop Miehm, March 13, 2020, COVID-19 Update #1 "During this period of transition, I continue to dispense the faithful from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. Those most at risk because of advanced age or compromised health should consider not attending Mass during this time, or attending only weekday celebrations of the Mass when participants are fewer." - Letter from +Most Reverend Bishop Miehm to the Faithful, June 10, 2020 "This Dispensation also applies to Christmas and the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God." - +Bishop Miehm, November 10, 2020

WORDS OF WISDOM

The Road of Hope a gospel from prison by Cardinal Francis Xavier Nguyen Van Thuan

It is not for acts of prophecy or the performance of miracles that saints become saints. They do not do anything extraordinary, they simply carry out their ordinary activities.

However, the mission of the present moment is not a passive thing. It is an unceasing renewal of yourself, it is a decision to choose the Lord, it is a search for the kingdom of God, and a belief in the infinite love of God. It is acting with all the ardor of your heart and of reflecting that love of God by means of your love for others right at this present moment.

God's will is your passport to heaven: "The one who does the will of my Father in heaven will enter the kingdom of heaven." Mt 7:21

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