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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)

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**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR B)
DECEMBER 06, 2020
MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK**

Day	Location	Time	Intentions	Donors
Sat. 05	Highland Grove	4:30 PM	+Tom & Julia Elliott	Joanne & Gary Burroughs
Sun. 06	Chandos	9:00 AM	For the People of the parish	
	Cardiff	11:00 AM	+Laura Tomasini	Edith Doney
Mon. 07	Cardiff	NO MASS	DAY OFF—FR. VIC	
Tue. 08	Highland Grove	7:30PM	Intentions of Doug Bowen	Joanne & Gary Burroughs
Wed. 09	Cardiff	11:00AM	Deceased Hughes/McKenzie fam.mem.0	Sandy Cole
Thu. 10	Chandos	11:00 AM	+Debbie Jensen	Evelyn Mutis
Fri. 11	Cardiff	12:10 PM	+died fighting for our freedom	Sandy Cole
Sat.12	Highland Grove	4:30 PM	For the People of the parish	
Sun. 13	Chandos	9:00 AM	For the Souls in purgatory	
	Cardiff	11:00AM	+Joan Peters	Madeleine Vachon

Weekly Financial Report	
NOVEMBER 29, 2020	
Highland Grove	\$200.00
Chandos	\$245.00
Cardiff	\$595.00
Total (Offertory)	\$1040.00
Priests' Benefit Fund	\$160.00
Mass Stipend	\$20.00
WSIB	\$14.13
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

Hendricks, Eleanor Cadeau, Hermance Therrien, Doug Bowen, Leelani Tan, Loreta Cook, Adelaine Diaz, Sr. Pingping Ocariza, Deacon John Cannon, Sally Rayes, Sr. Rosangela Ronda, Fr. Charlie Fitzpatrick, Stella Glen, Luming Lontok

Readings Next Week (Dec. 13, 2020) 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 61:1-2a,10-11(The Lord's salvation will be made known to the poor and the oppressed.)

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 (Paul encourages the Thessalonians to rejoice and pray always.)

John 1:6-8,19-28 (John gives testimony that he is preaching and baptizing in order to prepare for the coming of another.)

Background on the Gospel Reading

This Sunday's Gospel invites us to continue our reflection on the person and mission of John the Baptist. Today we depart from the Gospel of Mark and read a selection from the Gospel of John. The Gospel for today combines a brief passage from the prologue to John's Gospel with a report about John the Baptist. As in Mark's Gospel, the Gospel of John contains no birth narrative. Instead, John's Gospel begins with a theological reflection that has come to be called the "prologue." This prologue places the story of Jesus in its cosmological framework. It speaks of Jesus' existence with God since the beginning of time. In John's Gospel, Jesus is presented as the fulfillment of the Old Testament and the culmination of the Word, the light that is coming into the world's darkness. Following this prologue, John reports on the ministry of John the Baptist. We learn about the attention that John the Baptist received from the Jewish authorities. Messengers from the Jewish priests, the Levites and the Pharisees question John about his identity and the meaning of the baptisms that he is performing. John's Gospel uses these questions to establish the relationship between Jesus and John the Baptist. John the Baptist is not the Messiah, nor is he Elijah or the Prophet. In John's denials, we hear echoes of the kind of messianic expectations that were common in first-century Palestine. The only affirmative

response that John the Baptist gives is when he quotes the prophet Isai-ah. Upon answering the next question, John announces that the savior they seek is already among them, but as yet unrecognized. John’s re- sponse highlights for us an important Advent theme: Jesus has already come into the world as our savior. During Advent, we pray that we will be able to recognize Jesus’ presence in our midst. Advent also reminds us that Jesus will come again to fulfill the promise of salvation. We pray that we will continue to be watchful as we anticipate that great day. The third Sunday of Advent is also called *Gaudete Sunday*. *Gaudete*, a Latin word which means “rejoice,” is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday’s Mass. This theme is echoed in today’s second reading from the first Letter to the Thessalonians. It is a reminder that Advent is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand.

Members of the St. Mary’s Church in Chandos, recognized that handi- capped entrance was needed to the church. They gathered the funds quickly and proceeded to finance the said project. It is now in place with no cost to the parish. I would like to thank Sally Rayes for taking the bigger share of the expenses... thanks to several parishioners who helped raised the funds. The total cost is \$1,200.00. Flooring was a do- nation from Jim Whelan with the help of Gerry Pietschmann both in- stalled it. Thank you to all our donors and our carpenter Joseph Pennell of Apsley who contributed all the work for the entire project. Fr. Vic

CHRISTMAS PROJECT: I’ve been approached by one of the schools in southern Philippines (Zamboanga del Sur) if we could help them pro- vide a water reservoir tank. This time of pandemic, hand washing is a primary health requirement to slow down the spread of COVID 19. As an expression of solidarity with the children in need, our financial con- tributions will certainly promote health and safety to young children in school. This request doesn’t require a lot. During this season of Advent, why don’t we make it a project to save our spare change (loonies & toonies). Whatever amount you raised, bring them to church this Christ- mas and Fr. Vic will forward it to them. Thank you. Fr.vic

.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

I am an 86 year old great grandmother with 12 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. The Covid19 Pandemic truly changed my life in ways I never imagined. Where before my life was filled with the joys and experiences of a large and loving family.....who visited from their homes in Toronto.....and I in turn visited them theresuddenly those wonderful times were no longer possible. We all realized that it was necessary to follow the direction for social distancing and the limit- ing my exposure to the virus, which for three months isolated me in my home on Baptiste Lake. My wonderful neighbours and friends from my Parish kindly offered to pick up groceries and medications for me during this period for which I was most grateful. Father Vic Valles, our pastor, sent me copies of the “The Word Among Us” which allowed me to read the daily Masses and Meditations. While I was not able to attend Mass at our church, I found great spiritual support and peace as I viewed Sunday Masses on TV. It was a time of isolation but also a time to do what I had not had time to do for so many years. I began to sort and organize old photos, letters, books and special gifts which brought great joy to me as I truly saw how grateful I felt for all the wonderful experiences of love and support that have been so much part of my life. I was thankful for this time to see what really is important, and the many blessings that I have experienced. Diana Gurley, St. John Vianney Mission, Highland Grove

DISPENSATION FROM THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS
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 con- sider 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 Moth- er of God.” - +Bishop Miehm, November 10, 2020

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULES

DECEMBER 24 4:30PM—HIGHLAND GROVE

DECEMBER 25 9:00AM—CHANDOS

11:00 AM—CARDIFF

CATECHISM IN A YEAR

85. Why did the Son of God become man? For us men and for our salvation, the Son of God became incarnate in the womb of the Virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit. He did so to reconcile us sinners with God, to have us learn by God's power of the Holy Spirit. He did so to reconcile us sinners with God, to have us learn of God's infinite love, to be our model of holiness and to make us "partakers of the divine na- ture" (2 Peter 1:4).

86. What does the word "Incarnation" mean? The Church calls the mystery of the wonderful union of the divine and human natures in the one divine Person of the Word the "Incarnation." To bring about our salvation the Son of God was made "flesh" (John 1:14) and became truly man. Faith in the Incarnation is a distinctive sign of the Christian faith.

WORDS OF WISDOM

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

Accept the will of God, obey the will of God, love the will of God...which way will you choose?

If you happen to endure some disgrace because of your mis- sion in life, at that moment you share the burden of the Lord’s cross.

Let your response be, “O Lord, my mission has brought me to Calvary; I am a holocaust.”

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