

Our Parish Bulletin

First Sunday of Advent

December 3rd, 2017





Blessed Sacrament Church

St. Eustache Church

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Infant Baptism /Baptism Preparation – Please call the Parish rectory office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation – Before or after weekday Masses; half an hour before Sunday Masses or call when in need. For the Sacrament of Marriage – Six months notice is required; Marriage Preparation Course is very necessary. Couples may be asked to go where the program is offered.

Sacrament of the Sick / Needing to talk to someone – Please call the Parish rectory office.

Bulletin Announcements: Contact Len Desilets – phone: (204) 353-2116 email: lenmona@shaw.ca

Parish Website: www.blessedsacramentelie.com

This Week's Mass Schedule

Sunday, Dec. 3rd - 9:00 a.m. – St. François Xavier

11:00 a.m. - St. Eustache - Mass intention for +Reg Bernardin requested by Aline

Bernardin

Tuesday, Dec. 5th - No mass

Wednesday, Dec. 6th - 5:00 p.m. - Blessed Sacrament Church - Mass intention for +Napoleon & +Maria Lussier

requested by Antoine Lussier

Thursday, Dec. 7th - 9:30 a.m. – Elie Manor – Mass intention for the Souls in Purgatory requested by Rita

Bernardin

Friday, Dec. 8th - 3:30 p.m. – Blessed Sacrament Church – Mass intention for +Laurette Brooker from

funeral collection 2:30 p.m. – Adoration

Saturday, Dec. 9th - 9:30 a.m. – St. Eustache – Mass intention for +Laurent Bernardin from funeral collection

Sunday, Dec. 10th - 9:00 a.m. – St. François Xavier

11:00 a.m. - Elie - Mass intention for +Paul Joubert requested by (Aunt) Rose Girard

Ministry Schedule

Sunday, December 3rd

Readers First: Karen Cyrenne

Second: Estelle Tanguay Intercessions: Len Desilets

Welcoming ministers/

Collection ushers: Dean & Shelley Combot Vic & Louise Beaudin

Communion ministers: André Allard Sherry Legault

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Collection counters: Len & Mona

Sunday, December 10th

Readers First: Bob Whitechurch

Second: Marcel Gauthier Intercessions: Brigitte Rivard

Welcoming ministers/

Collection ushers: Vince & Nicole Gillis
Presentation of gifts: James Rogowy family
Communion ministers: Matthew Lachance

Gerry Senecal Glen McKay Yvonne and Ann

Collection counters: Yvonne and An

Church cleaners: Elie (Nov 27 – Dec 9) – Gilles & Sherry Legault

St. Eustache (Dec 4 – Dec 16) – Ken Beaudin and Lorraine Bernardin families

Please pray for those who are sick, awaiting tests or receiving medical treatment. Paisley Amyotte, Roger Menard, Danny Gusnowsky, Linda Stewart, Robert Boudreau, Louise McKay, Dell Schade, Fernand Menard, Joan Regnier

Sunday Missals for the 2017-2018 liturgical year are now available at the church entrance.

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Ministry schedule for December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017 to February 11<sup>th</sup> 2018 is available at the church entrance.

#### "Blue Christmas"

An inter-faith service of remembrance and hope Thursday, December 14th, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.
At Elie Blessed Sacrament Church

For more info e-mail Fr. Michel (michelfr@shaw.ca)

Presented by Blessed Sacrament Church and Adam's Funeral Services

Christmas is a time for memories and remembering. For some, the memories are of their loved ones who have died, and the pain of their loss is real.

For others, the memories of happier times, relocation and poor health cloud this season. We need to remember, and we need the space to acknowledge our sadness and concern; and we need to know we are not alone.

For other reasons, we need a special time to be together to receive the words of hope that speak to us in the midst of sorrow. It is time to acknowledge a "Blue Christmas", a time to hear and share prayers, scripture readings and hymns that help us to know that God's presence is for those who mourn, and God's word comes to give light to our darkness.

#### Cartier Hamper Fund "TAKING CARE OF OUR OWN"

We will be collecting nonperishable food items until Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT THE DATES ON THE FOOD ITEMS ARE NOT EXPIRED.

We are also accepting monetary donations (make cheques payable to "Cartier Hamper Fund").

If you know of a family in need of a Christmas hamper, please contact: Jeanine or Bob Whitechurch 204-353-2360

Knights of Columbus Grey Cup Pool (*lic# LGA 6232-RF*) Winners: Adam Dyck-St. François \$300, Shelley Combot-St. Eustache \$100, John Peters-St. François \$100, Helene Prejet-Winnipeg \$100, Gerry Arnal-Elie \$100, Melissa Whitechurch-Winnipeg \$25, Tom Marchessault-Winnipeg \$25, Josephyne Bernardin-Elie \$25. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all who participated! Thanks also to those who attended our Grey Cup Breakfast last Sunday. Proceeds will go to various needs and charities in our tri-parish communities.

Clothing for the Homeless: There is an ever growing number of people in desperate need of warm clothing at this time of year. If you have any items you can give (toques, scarves, mittens, long underwear, etc.), please bring them and put them in one of the designated boxes located near the church entrances in Elie and St. Eustache.

**Thank you from Blessed Sacrament Parish** to Guy and crew for trimming the trees around the cemetery, church and rectory areas. **Special thank you to Western Grain Dryer** (Jeff Wallack) for donating the use of the man-lift.

#### The Nadeau Ensemble

A Prairie Christmas

Sacred Heart Parish Fundraiser Fannystelle Church

Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 p.m.

Tickets available from Rachelle 204-436-2486

### Singing for a Cause!

Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. St. François Xavier Roman Catholic Church

Everyone Welcome!

Free Will Offering in Support of Agape Table

### Update on Bill 34 and Thanks from Archbishop Gagnon

4,408 letters were received by Patti Fitzmaurice, from parishes and individual parishioners. Many more were sent directly to your MLAs or submitted by email. In total over 10,000 letters have been received by the Manitoba Provincial Government from our Archdiocese, other dioceses, and other faith-based organizations and directly from the public. To date Bill 34 has past its first reading. Let us continue to pray that this bill will be passed for the protection of conscience rights for our doctors, nurses and health care workers.

#### **Advent Penitential Services**

| Dec. 5  | 7:00 p.m.          | Good Shepherd Parish (Portage la Prairie)                               |
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| Dec 7   | 7:00 p.m.          | St. Charles Parish                                                      |
| Dec. 12 | 7:00 p.m.          | St. Eustache Parish                                                     |
| Dec. 13 | 10:00 a.m.         | St. John XXIII Parish                                                   |
| Dec. 14 | 7:00 p.m.          | St. Paul the Apostle Parish                                             |
|         | Dec. 12<br>Dec. 13 | Dec. 5 7:00 p.m. Dec. 12 7:00 p.m. Dec. 13 10:00 a.m. Dec. 14 7:00 p.m. |

#### Sharing God's Gifts November 2017

| Blessed Sacrament Parish Goal  | \$ 3,930.00 | St. Eustache Parish Goal      | \$<br>2,230.00 |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Monthly Goal                   | \$ 327.50   | Monthly Goal                  | \$<br>185.85   |
| Contributions for November     | \$ 654.65   | Contributions for November    | \$<br>417.50   |
| # Of Households - 11 envelopes |             | # Of Households - 8 envelopes |                |
| Loose collection - \$ 14.65    |             | Loose collection - \$ 42.50   |                |
| To Date                        | \$ 7,749.35 | To Date                       | \$<br>3,889.60 |
| Above Parish Goal              | \$ 3.819.35 | Above Parish Goal             | \$<br>1.659.60 |

Please make cheques payable to "Sharing God's Gifts"