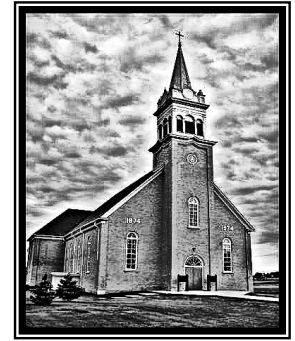


Blessed Sacrament Church

# Our Parish Bulletin

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

### December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016



St. Eustache Church

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**Sharing God's Gifts** – Jeanine Whitechurch  
**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](mailto:lenmona@shaw.ca)  
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### This Week's Mass Schedule

**Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> -** 9:00 a.m. – St. François Xavier  
11:00 a.m. – Elie – **Mass intention for +Claire Bernardin (4<sup>th</sup> anniversary) requested by Aimé Bernardin & family**

**Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> -** *No mass today*

**Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> -** 5:00 p.m. – Blessed Sacrament Church – **Mass intention for +Leon Menard requested by Roger Menard**  
7:00 p.m. – **Blue Christmas Service at St. Eustache**

**Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> -** 9:30 a.m. – Elie Manor – **Personal mass intention requested by Grace Petersen**

**Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> -** 2:30 p.m. – St. Eustache – Adoration  
3:30 p.m. – Mass – **Mass intention for +Virginie Bernard requested by Yvonne Bernard**

**Christmas Eve, December 24<sup>th</sup> -** 5:30 p.m. – St. François Xavier - Mass  
7:30 p.m. – Blessed Sacrament Church

**Christmas Day, December 25<sup>th</sup> -** 11:00 a.m. – St. Eustache

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**Church Cleaners:** St. Eustache (Dec 11 – Dec 24) – Rick Senecal and André Laramée families  
Elie (Dec 18 – Dec 23) – Richard & Brigitte Beaudry

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**Please pray for those who are sick, awaiting tests or receiving medical treatment.** Paisley Amyotte, Roger Menard, Michelle Beaudin.

*We encourage everyone in our parishes to pray for those who are sick. If you know of others who may be sick and in need of prayer, please let us know so we can include their names in our Sunday bulletin.*

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### Reconciliation Service

Dec 20<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. Good Shepherd Parish Portage

**"Blue Christmas"**  
**An inter-faith service of remembrance and hope**  
**December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**at St. Eustache Church**  
**For more info e-mail Fr. Michel ([michelfr@shaw.ca](mailto:michelfr@shaw.ca))**  
**Presented by St. Eustache 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 come to give light to our darkness.

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***At the back of the church you will find the tree ornaments for the Blue Christmas celebration. Families are encouraged to take some home and prepare with family. Co-ordinate with others so names are not duplicated.***

**SPC Breakfast:** The Knights of Columbus will be hosting their annual pancake and sausage breakfast for the students and teachers at St. Paul's Collegiate on Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Volunteers needed. Contact Bob 204-353-2360.

**Caisse Populaire Hamper Collection:** In case you missed last week's deadline for donating items to the Cartier Hamper Fund, items will still be accepted at the Elie Caisse Populaire for their hamper **until Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>**.

**Children's Liturgy:** Help is needed for children's liturgy offered during our Sunday services. The children really look forward to attending this special ministry. Call Nickole Bernardin at 204-353-2851 if you are willing.

**Confirmation Classes 2016-2017:** Confirmation classes will be offered for confirmation youth of age 12 and over with confirmation date to be determined in Spring 2017. If you have a child or are aware of a child that could be a candidate, please contact Ginette Gauthier at 204-470-4151 or email [gauthierg60@gmail.com](mailto:gauthierg60@gmail.com).

**First Communion:** The Sacrament of First Communion will be offered in the new year. Please call Jocy Gillis at 204-353-2178 or Nickole Bernardin at 204-353-2851 if you would like to register your child. Spread the word to family and friends!

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### **Funny Story**

George Phillips, an elderly man from Walled Lake, Michigan, was going up to bed, when his wife told him that he'd left the light on in the garden shed, which she could see from the bedroom window.

George opened the back door to go turn off the light, but saw that there were people in the shed stealing things.

He phoned the police, who asked "Is someone in your house?"

He said "No, but some people are breaking into my garden shed and stealing from me." Then the police dispatcher said "All patrols are busy, you should lock your doors and an officer will be along when one is available".

George said, "Okay." He hung up the phone and counted to 30. Then he phoned the police again.

"Hello, I just called you a few seconds ago because there were people stealing things from my shed. Well, you don't have to worry about them now because I just shot and killed them both; the dogs are eating them right now," and he hung up.

Within five minutes, six police cars, a SWAT Team, a helicopter, two fire trucks, a paramedic and an ambulance showed up at the Phillips' residence, and caught the burglars red-handed.

One of the policemen said to George, "I thought you said that you'd shot them!"

George said, "I thought you said there was nobody available!"

Don't mess with old people.