

Dec 15th, 2019
3rd Sunday of Advent



Stewardship Reflection

You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand.” (James 5:8) Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule. Any change brings anxiety and fear.

Through daily prayer we better align ourselves with God’s will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own. *-Copyright © 2019 Archdiocese of St. Louis*

Prayers and Condolences: As a Parish we offer our prayers and condolences to Andrea Law (John Hough) at the passing of her uncle †Roy Moulton. †Roy died on Saturday, Dec 7th. Many of us remember how tender he was toward his beloved wife †Trish as she became ever frailer. †Roy would make sure that she got to Mass because he knew how special the Mass and our community had been to her throughout her life. He was ever gracious at chauffeuring †Trish and his sister-in-law †Margaret Law to parish events. May we all become so tender and thoughtful toward our loved ones as we age.

Respectful of his wishes a small family memorial was celebrated for †Roy. †Roy knew that the real celebration would be in heaven where he would be dancing once more with his beloved Trish within the communion of saints. Eternal rest grant unto †Roy, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Donations for 2019

Please drop off any donations at the Parish office by noon on Dec 31 or put in the collection basket when you come for Mass if you would like to have it receipted for 2019.

2020 Sunday Envelopes

are available for pick up from the Parish Center. Please refrain from using your envelopes from previous years as your number may have changed. If you were not assigned a box of envelope for 2020 and would like to have one, please contact Kathy at the Parish office.

Project Advance 2019
Brothers and sisters at Immaculate, have you made your pledge for this year yet?

A 2019 tax receipt will be issued for all donations received by noon on Dec31.

Christmas & New Year Office Hours



Monday, Dec 23 - 9:00am to 12noon
Monday, Dec 30 - 9:00am to 4:00pm
Tuesday, Dec 31 - 9:00am to 12noon

◆ **We are Closed**

on Jan 1, Jan 2 & Jan 3 for the New Year, and will reopen on Monday, Jan 6 at 9:00am.

Advent Tree for ‘Talitha Koum’ Society



At the back of the Church there is a small Christmas tree. Each decoration names one item that Talitha House needs. If you would like to help them with their ‘wish list’ simply select a decoration of your choosing from the tree. Each decoration names one item that is needed. Afterwards, place the item requested under the Christmas tree in the sanctuary. All of the items requested are simple things that the women and children need. This might be a ‘little’ Christmas ministry that everyone in the family could help with.

Saint Anthony’s Bread is an expression of devotion reminding us of Saint Anthony’s love and aid to the poor.



The term – St. Anthony’s Bread – became well known through a French woman who promised to feed the poor if St. Anthony would assist her with her prayer to God. Her prayer was answered. In appreciation for the blessing received she started feeding the poor from her small linen shop. She daily gave out loaves of bread in St. Anthony’s name.

Mindful of this tradition and of the statue of St. Anthony at the back of the Church, our children in PREP – in the spirit of St. Anthony’s Bread for the poor – are organizing a food drive to fill a Christmas Hamper for a family in need. If you would like to help with the food hamper we need canned cranberries, box stuffing, vegetables in jars, box pie crust, mincemeat pie filling, other non-perishable items and a gift card for a turkey. It is a wonderful grace that our children genuinely desire to reach out to a family in need.

Turkey Dollars The Knights of Columbus are once again collecting Turkey Dollars as offered by Stongs Market to deliver turkeys to Catholic Charities during Christmas time. A collection box is located at the Church entrance. Thank you for your support.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2019

**Children are invited to bring dinner bells to ring at the Gloria!*



***** Tuesday, December 24th - Christmas Eve *****



***4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass**

Leader of Song – Organist and singer Susanne Nordin

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*** 8:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass**

***** 'Festival of Carols' 7:30 pm!**

Leader of Song – Tim and Bernadette, 11:30 am Sunday Choir plus 'featured guests'

*** A Hot Cider reception follows...**

***10:00 pm – "Christmas Night Mass"**

*Leader of Song – Jim Wearing and the Sunday 10:00 am Choir plus special guests –
This Mass is what we would traditionally call 'Midnight Mass'!*

***** 'Festival of Carols' - 9:30 pm! *****

***A Hot Cider reception follows...**

*****Christmas Morning Masses*****

Wednesday, December 25th

***10:30 am Christmas Morning Mass**

***** 'Festival of Carols' 10:00 am – Sunday 10:00 am Mass Choir! *****

***12:00 'Noon' Christmas Morning Mass**

Leader of Song – Tim and Bernadette

******New Year's Eve and Day Mass Schedule******

*** New Year's Eve – Tuesday, Dec. 31st - *4 pm Mass**

*** A light reception follows to usher in the New Year.**

***New Year's Day – Wednesday, Jan. 1st – *10:00 and *11:30 am**

*** There is no 8:30 am Mass on New Year's Day**



You can now **E-Transfer** or use your **Credit Card** to make donations to the Parish!
You can E-Transfer your donations to the Parish to our Parish Accounting email:
IC_Accounting@shaw.ca (Please note: no Password is required for E-Transfer).

For those who would like to make Monthly Donations with their credit cards, please contact Kathy at the Parish office (604)224-5678 and she will take your credit card info from you at the office or by phone. As a Parish family we gratefully thank you for your faith-filled support. May God bless you for your generosity!