



Saint Joseph's Parish

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2nd Sunday of Advent Year C | December 05, 2021

THE LORD HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR US; WE ARE FILLED WITH JOY.

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Tues-6:30 pm
Wed- 9:30 am
Thur-Fri 9:00 am
Reconciliation
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Matrimony
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*"O people of Scion,
behold, the Lord will
come to save the na-
tions, and the Lord
will make the glory of
his voice heard in the
joy of your heart."
Isaiah 30.19, 30*

When we first begin our life's journey, the pathway is simple and clear. Ordinarily, our parents simply point us in a direction—and off we go. As we grow up, though, the journey becomes more complicated. Eventually we want to choose our own path.

And that is usually the time we arrive at an important crossroads, where we face a dizzying number of choices. We could follow the pathway of power, or the pathway of success; or the most popular one, the one with flashing lights, colourful streamers and a golden roadway: the pathway of possessions. Many people like that one.

So we choose one and continue walking. But the way of power often passes through the valley of loneliness, the way of success often leads to the labyrinth of exhaustion, and the way of possessions leads to the mountain of heavy burdens. Later, maybe years later, we start to wonder if we made the right choice.

If we're lucky, one day we encounter John. "Repent!" he says. "Stop. You're going the wrong way! Choose again and walk the Way of the Lord. There the valley of Loneliness is levelled, the labyrinth of Exhaustion is straightened, the mountain of Burdens made low. Turn and go the Lord's Way, where you will find your yoke is easy and your burden light."

Patrick Gallagher St. Joseph's Missal pg. 80



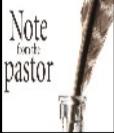
Holy Trinity
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ADVENT-PREPARING THE WAY. St John the Baptist is a central focus of the Advent season. His cry is “Prepare the ‘way’ of the Lord. Make the crooked ways straight!” as he prepares the hearts of the people to be ready for the long foretold coming of the Messiah. In the Gospel, John the Baptist connects to the first reading, which speaks of the ‘way’, the road, which goes through the hills and valleys: “...every high mountain, and the everlasting hills, will be made low, and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.” The Messiah will make this road smooth and straight, to help people to follow Jesus, the ‘Way’, the Truth, and the Life. On this ‘Way’ we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ at Christmas, in our lives, and for our “final home”. Jesus has prepared for us a ‘super highway,’ the ‘Way’, for us, by His teachings, His suffering, His death, and His resurrection.

Homework: Spend 30 seconds first thing when you wake up praying ‘Come Lord Jesus.’

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS: at present, we are not permitted to hold religious gatherings. Over the next week St. Joseph parish leaders will be meeting to organize various activities that we are permitted to do within the COVID directives. We are hoping for a parish meal, a gift to our shut-ins, liturgical instructions for us to celebrate meaningfully Christmas in our homes.

ALPHA 2022: our next course starts on January 05

PARISH ACTIVITIES : **ADVENT (liturgy):** waiting **singing:** the songs will be posted on our Facebook page and website page to allow people to find the songs and sing along.

PARISH ACTIVITIES : **ADVENT (liturgy):** waiting **visiting the Church:** COVID rules allow for people to visit the church; it will be open for extended time periods. Come and pray as a family or individually.

PARISH ACTIVITIES : **Development and Peace:** visit **devp.org** to participate in Fall Action

QUIET PARISH HEROS : our representatives to Neighbourlink, Tracee and Anne.

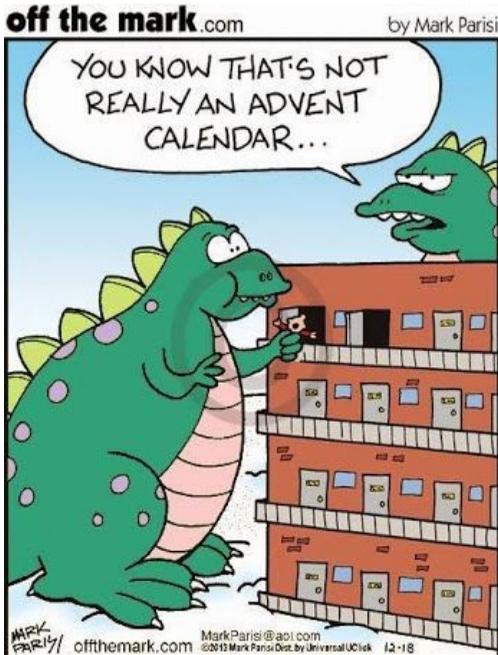
VANDERHOOF WINTER ALPHA ON-LINE- COMMENICING January 5th, 2022

The winter On-Line Alpha course commences on Wednesday January 5th 2022, with a 2nd session on Thursday January 6th, 2022 at 7:30 pm. Thereafter it continues on consecutive Wednesday evenings to and including the 9th day of March 2022. Weekly sessions are about an hour and 15 minutes in length. The Holy Spirit Weekend, which will be the 11th, 12th, and 13th of February, features sessions of about an hour on Friday night commencing at 7:30 pm, an hour and a half on Saturday night commencing at 7:30 pm and an hour on Sunday afternoon commencing at 2:30 pm.

There is no cost to attend the course and it can be experienced from the comfort of your own home.

We are asking parishioners to Invite friends, family members or others with whom they are in relationship to learn about Jesus in a non-threatening venue that includes a video teaching and a zoom small group meeting hosted by experienced Alpha alumni. We have now run 3 alpha courses and a scripture study course online and it works very well.

For information as to registration, contact Chris or Helen Wingham at 250-567-4881 or wingham@uniserve.com



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Second Sunday
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Second Sunday of Advent: the "Candle of Peace," or "Preparation," or in still other traditions the "Candle of Love" candle is lit, scripture is read, a devotional may be given, and prayer is offered.

Preparation means to 'get ready'.
"Help us to be ready to welcome You, O God!"
(Luke 3:4-6)



Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all flesh shall see the salvation of God.
Luke 3.4, 6

*You gave us so many gifts on the day of your birth;
a treasure chest of spiritual medicines for the sick;
spiritual light for the blind;
the cup of salvation for the thirsty;
the bread of life for the hungry.
In the winter when trees are bare,
you give us the most succulent spiritual fruit.
In the frost when the earth is barren,
you bring new hope to our souls.
In December when seeds are hidden in the soil,
the staff of life springs forth from the virgin womb.*
(Nativity prayer of St. Ephraim the Syrian, *Living with Christ* 2021, p. 51)

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Margaret Antoine,	Richard Martens, Della	Clark Todd,
Mackie Basil,	Morin, Eunice Nash,	Bill Urquhart,
Cooper Cursley,	Michael Nelson,	Darlene Urquhart
Leland Funk, Brent Gray,	Dorothy Nielsen,	Mike Van Dusen,
Ellen Haynes,	Stephanie Oulette,	and for all who are in need
Patrick Irving,	Ruby Irene Patrick,	of God's healing grace.
Jennifer Lock,	Virginia Power,	
	Dorothy Ranck, Lillian	
	Sam, Ian Scott, Madeline	