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In Him, all the tribes of the earth will find blessing. The covenant promise to Abraham (see Genesis 12:3), renewed in God's oath to David (see Psalm 89:4,28), will be fulfilled in His dynasty. And His name will be blessed forever. In Christ, God confirms His oath to Israel's patriarchs, Paul tells us in today's Epistle. But no longer are God's promises reserved solely for the children of Abraham. The Gentiles, too, will glorify God for His mercy. Once strangers, in Christ they will be included in "the covenants of promise" (see Ephesians 2:12).

John delivers this same message in the Gospel. Once God's chosen people were hewn from the rock of Abraham (see Isaiah 51:1-2). Now, God will raise up living stones (see 1 Peter 2:5)—children of Abraham born not of flesh and blood but of the Spirit. This is the meaning of the fiery baptism He brings—making us royal heirs of the kingdom of heaven, the Church.

Yours in Christ,

Scott Hahn, Phd

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### Crusade Prayer (87) Protect our Nation from Evil

O Father, on behalf of Your Son save us from communism. Save us from dictatorship. Protect our nation against paganism. Save our children from harm. Help us to see the Light of God. Open our hearts to the Teachings of Your Son. Help all Churches to remain true to the Word of God. We beg you to keep our nations safe from persecution. Dearest Lord, look upon us with Mercy no matter how we offend You. Jesus, Son of Man, cover us with Your Precious Blood. Save us from the snares of the evil one. We implore you, dear God, to intervene and stop evil from engulfing the world at this time. Amen.



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### MASS TIMES

|                  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | <b>11:00 am</b> |
| <b>Rosary</b>    | <b>10:30 am</b> |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>9:00 am</b>  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>9:00 am</b>  |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>9:00 am</b>  |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>9:00 am</b>  |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>7:00 pm</b>  |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>7:00 pm</b>  |

### RECONCILIATION

**Friday 7:30 – 8:15 pm**  
and by appointment

### ADORATION

**Friday 7:30–8:15 pm**

### Sunday Mass Readings

|                               |                       |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b> | <b>Isaiah 11.1-10</b> |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b> | <b>Romans 15.4-9</b>  |
| <b>Responsorial</b>           | <b>Psalm 72</b>       |
| <b>Gospel</b>                 | <b>Mathew 3.1-12</b>  |

Submissions for the Sunday Bulletin  
before 5:00 pm Thurs to  
[icccparish@gmail.com](mailto:icccparish@gmail.com)

## Sunday Bulletin

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Advent

**Parish Priest: Father Jeyapaul Packiasamy**



### Kingdom Come

"The kingdom of heaven is at hand," John proclaims. And the Liturgy today paints us a vivid portrait of our new king and the shape of the kingdom He has come to bring. The Lord whom John prepares the way for in today's Gospel is the righteous king prophesied in today's First Reading and Psalm. He is the king's son, the son of David—a shoot from the root of Jesse, David's father (see Ruth 4:17).

He will be the Messiah, anointed with the Holy Spirit (see 2 Samuel 23:1; 1 Kings 1:39; Psalm 2:2), endowed with the seven gifts of the Spirit—wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord. He will rule with justice, saving the poor from the ruthless and wicked. His rule will be not only over Israel—but will extend from sea to sea, to the ends of the earth. He will be a light, a signal to all nations. And they will seek Him and pay Him homage....cont'd on reverse.



2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Advent  
12-08-2019

Parish Pastoral Council meets 1st Tuesday after Mass at 7pm; no meeting July or August  
Parish Financial Council meets 2nd Tuesday after Mass at 7pm; no meeting July or August  
CWL meets 4<sup>th</sup> Tues after Mass at 7pm; no meeting July or August

Sunday Collection 12-01-2019 = \$ 945.00...1,200.00 NEEDED  
Collection Count for December 2019 – Ron + Rose Major

| Date       | Lector/Reader 1   | Lector/Reader 2   | Gift Bearers           | EEM                             | Music                          | Greeters           |
|------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| 12-01-2019 | St. Mary's School | St. Mary's School | St. Mary's School      | Barb London + Julie Slade       | Carmen + Mona + Shirley + Crew | Lucille Partington |
| 12-08-2019 | Gail Kaczkielo    | Mary McLaughlin   | Ron + Rose Major       | Karen Leslie + Julie Okimaw     | Carmen + Mona + Shirley + Crew | Sharon Lagace      |
| 12-15-2019 | Cecile Gregory    | Linda Seifert     | John + Mary Vavrek     | Joe Raskauskus + Rick Sakundiak | Pat Zmean + Chelsea Pall       | Larry Anderson     |
| 12-22-2019 | Karen Leslie      | Frank Wasowicz    | Larry + Vella Anderson | Mary Vavrek + Mona Pohl         | Pat Zmean + Chelsea Pall       | Ray Wald           |
| 12-24-2019 | TBA               | TBA               | TBA                    | TBA                             | Carmen + Mona + Shirley + Crew | TBA                |
| 12-25-2019 | TBA               | TBA               | TBA                    | TBA                             | Congregational Singing         | TBA                |
| 12-29-2019 | Sharon Lagace     | Emmanuel Sonier   | Ed + Gail Kaczkielo    | Julie Slade + Barb London       | Carmen + Mona + Shirley +Crew  | TBA                |

Mastering The Mass

**Question:** What is the Homily?  
**Answer:** It is an explanation of some aspect of the Sacred Scripture readings from the day's Mass. The priest or deacon helps the assembly benefit more fully from the richness of God's Word. The mysteries of our faith and the guiding principles of Christian living are explained.

Feasts and Saints of the Week

Monday Dec 9, 2019 Feast of Immaculate Conception  
Thursday Dec 12, 2019 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe  
Friday Dec 13, 2019 St. Lucy  
Saturday Dec 14, 2019 St. John of the Cross

Quote of the Week

"The Immaculate Conception shines like a beacon of light for humanity in all ages."

We will do Christmas Decorating of Church next Sunday after Mass. We would like to have many Helping Hands. Thank you

Mass for Families

Father Jeyapaul will be offering a Mass on every Wednesday for one family in the parish throughout the year in an alphabetical order starting with 'Z'

| Mass Intentions for Dec 8 - 14, 2019 |                 |                         |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
|                                      | Offered By      | Offered For             |
| Sun                                  |                 |                         |
| Mon                                  | Trudy Salacki   | Deceased Family Members |
| Tue                                  |                 |                         |
| Wed                                  |                 |                         |
| Thu                                  |                 |                         |
| Fri                                  | Natalie Russell | RIP: Bethany Saura      |
| Sat                                  |                 |                         |



Call Cecile Gregory with prayer requests urgent or emergency  
**587-202-8887**

Yvonne Floreani, Allan Lorgren, Charles Wisekal,  
Linda Foley, Mary Vavrek, and Irene Moe,  
as well as all the sick and needy in our community.

Prayer for Blessing of the Advent Candle and Wreath

Lord our God, we praise You for Your Son, Jesus Christ.  
He is Emmanuel, the hope of all peoples; He is the wisdom that teaches and guides us; He is the Saviour of every nation.  
O God, let Your blessings come upon our community gathered here before You. Bless us and our advent candles. May the light that shines forth from them illumine our way as we journey towards Christmas. May the light that shines forth from them illumine our lives as we wait in hope for the birth of Christ Jesus.  
We ask this through Christ who is the Light of the World....Amen

Sacrament of Reconciliation on Friday, December 20th

**Help the Homeless...** This winter the CWL will be supporting the various organizations who ask for help. AT this time Rotary House is asking for blankets and towels, Mitts, Toques and Warm Socks are also needed. You will find a bin at the church entrance.  
Thank you. Sharon Lagace. Community Life Conv.

The Archdiocese is looking for a Youth Coordinator.  
You may kindly contact Lauri Friesen at 780-532-9766

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