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1st Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024

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*Reconciliation is available any time by appointment
or for ½ an hour before Masses.*

This Sunday's Readings:

1st Reading: Jeremiah 33.14-16

Psalm 25: *To you O Lord, I lift my soul.*

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3.12- 4.2.

Gospel: Luke 21.28-28, 34-36.

Weekly Mass Schedule

Sat 5:00 pm: Pro Populo

Sun 10:00 am: Pro Populo

Wed 9:00 am: No intentions requested by parishioners

Thurs 9:00 am: No intention requested by parishioners

Fri 9:00 am: No intention requested by parishioners

Sat 5:00 pm: Pro Populo

Sun 10:00 am: Pro Populo

Weekly Collection (November 24)

Regular: \$1,031.75

Candles: \$86.00

World Day of the Poor: \$379.35

Missalettes: \$40.00

Fundraiser: 135.00

QR Code to donate to Parish:



Or use of EFT is possible by sending donation to:

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Please specify '**Sunday**' or the Special Collection that the donation is for.

Pope's Prayer Intention:

For pilgrims of hope ~ We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

OUR PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE IS ON

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10 AT 5PM

Important Announcements

1. Our Diocese has a new seminarian. **Jeffrey Loma** will be a seminarian intern at Holy Trinity Parish in Trail, December 10, 2024.
2. The *Journey through Advent* video series, which includes reflections on the readings for each Sunday in Advent, will be available from Monday, 25 November 2024. It is a joint project between three CCCB offices (the *Office national de liturgie*, the National Liturgy Office, and the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis). The videos are available on the CCCB Website: *In English*: <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-advent/>
3. **Parish Finance Committee Meets** on Thursday, 7pm in the Mother Laurena Room.
4. **2025 is a Jubilee Year in the Catholic Church.** The Holy Father Pope Francis, in the bull *Spes non confundit*, has decreed that the Jubilee Year will be inaugurated on **24 December 2024**, solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord. On the following Sunday, **29 December 2024**, feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, the opening of the Jubilee will be celebrated in the Cathedral in Nelson.

Fathers Reflection

As we begin our journey through this beautiful season of Advent, we have an opportunity to slow down. An opportunity to reflect on the need that we have as human beings to be attentive to the moments of discomfort that happen in life, and that we can not truly avoid, those moments can be very mild or extremely intense, depending on the individual, but they happen and often the only thing we can do is wait them out, and to see clearly that these earthly discomforts are but momentary and that the promise of God is eternal.

Advent is a time for Christians to journey toward the coming of Christ in the world, not just at Christmas, but even more at the Eschaton – the Lord's return. Humanity can become so concerned with the day-to-day that we lose sight of the destination we are moving toward. Advent is a prime opportunity to re-orient our focus and to remember that, as Christians, we acknowledge Christ is present now, in the world, in the people, in the Scriptures, and most of all, in the Eucharist, even if we do not always recognize him because we are too angry, hurt, distracted or busy worrying about something else that has attracted our attention. People become bent over with the worries of the world and while these concerns are real and important, the question remains *do they prevent the person from "standing up and raising their heads"* from realizing the time is near? Do these concerns make people to focus so intensely that they fail to see the signs of God's presence and approach? Advent is the time we wait the Lord, are we really preparing for him in our hearts and lives, or are we trying to "fix" the world at the cost of our own readiness to greet him?

God Bless you in this Grace filled time of Advent,

Fr. Jim

Our Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal deadline is approaching!

Our parish's portion of the diocesan total is \$13,500.00

So far, donors have contributed \$11,175.00. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Our parish must raise a further **\$2,725.00** to meet its goal; if you have not yet contributed to this annual appeal, please consider doing so now.

Thank you and God bless.

Fr. Jim

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