

Who Will Lead You to God?



Today's Gospel reading tells us about Saint John the Baptist, who prepared the people for the coming of Jesus. At first people thought that he might be the saviour they were all waiting for, but he was very clear when he told them that he wasn't- there was one coming after him Who would be the truly great One.

Sometimes we hear about great or important people. We know about movie stars and singers and government leaders. Who are some important people you know of?



Do those people that you've thought about help to bring you closer to God? Do they teach you well and give good example? Or do they lead people away from God by doing wrong things or making fun of God's truth?



We can know which people are really great by thinking about whether they lead us closer to God, like Saint John the Baptist did, or further away from Him. Which sort of people do you want to follow?

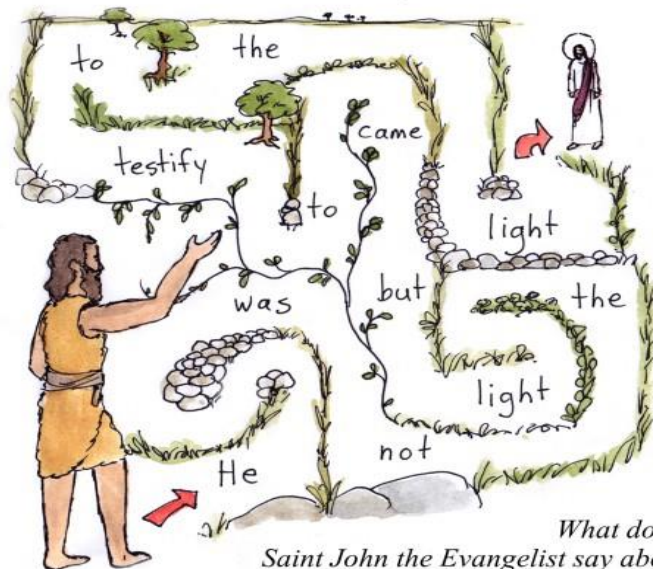


Answer to Word-Find: brokenhearted

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Third Sunday of Advent
December 17th, 2023

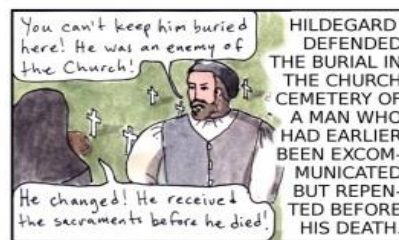
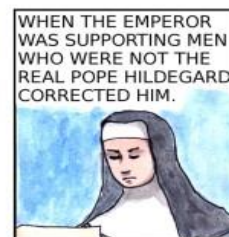
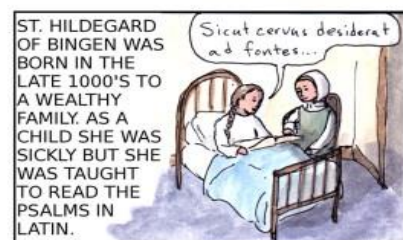


What does Saint John the Evangelist say about Saint John the Baptist at the beginning of the Gospel? Read the words you pass as you go through the maze.

Was the priest who offered Mass today wearing pink vestments? The colour pink, or rose, is a sign of joy. We use it for the third Sunday of Advent because we are happy that we're half-way to Christmas! If you have an Advent wreath, it's time to light the pink candle!



Saint Hildegard of Bingen December 17



SAINT HILDEGARD KNEW A LOT ABOUT GOD FROM HER VISIONS BUT SHE WASN'T PROUD. INSTEAD SHE USED HER KNOWLEDGE AND GIFTS TO BRING PEOPLE CLOSER TO GOD THROUGH MUSIC AND SCIENCE. DID YOU KNOW THAT LEARNING ABOUT GOD'S CREATION CAN HELP YOU TO KNOW HIM BETTER TOO?

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The Messenger of Peace Word-Find

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I C S P I R I T R O
N A A N N O U N C E
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See if you can find the words in CAPITALS from today's first reading in the puzzle. Use the left-over letters to fill in the blanks in the reading.

The SPIRIT of the Lord God is upon me, because the LORD has ANOINTED me; he has SENT me to bring GLAD TIDINGS to the POOR, to heal the _____, to PROCLAIM LIBERTY to CAPTIVES



and RELEASE to the PRISONERS, to ANNOUNCE a YEAR of FAVOUR from the Lord and a day of VINDICATION by our GOD.

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9:30am – 3:15pm
(12:15pm - 1:00pm Lunchbreak)
Rector Office is located at the residence on the north side of the church.

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with links to St. Thérèse

Sunday Mass
Messes du Dimanche
Breynat – Sunday 9 am
Plamondon - Sunday 11 am

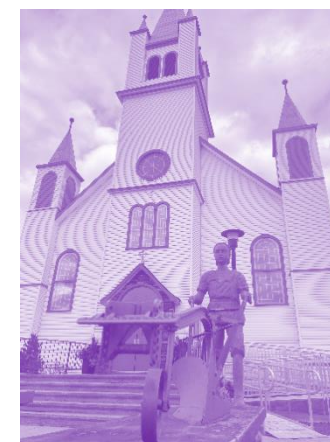
Daily Mass
Messes du Chaque Jour
Plamondon – Tues to Fri 9am
Rosary begins 8:40 am

Adoration & mass
Plamondon – Every first
Friday of the month at 7pm



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December 17, 2023 &
December 24, 2023

Third & Fourth Sunday of Advent



Rejoicing Heartily in the Lord!

Let us rejoice in the Lord! Such is the invitation of today's liturgy on this Third Sunday of Advent. We should rejoice because Christmas is not just the commemoration of Christ's birth, but is also and especially the re-living of that saving event in our personal and community life.

We should rejoice because Jesus is already in our midst. The purpose of his presence is not to judge us but to show his solidarity with us in our effort to set ourselves free from sin and its disastrous consequences. But there is more: Jesus is also with us to make us instruments and dispensers of his joy for all!

Awaiting New Heavens and a New Earth

Today the liturgical readings invite us to reflect on the presence of God in our midst. His presence is enlivening and reassuring. It is not the presence of the spy or of the judge that fills people with uneasiness and fear. Rather, God's presence among us is the source of our salvation. It is an undeserved gift that transforms our lives, filling them with hope and peace.

But if we want to enjoy all these benefits, we must respond adequately to God's presence in us. We do that by opening our hearts to Him with gratitude and eagerness, following the example of Mary Most Holy who declares her total availability to do whatever God wants. Let this be our disposition today as we celebrate the Holy Eucharist.

ANNOUNCEMENT CORNER!

YOUR 2023 DONATION AND INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

PLEASE NOTE: All contributions for the 2023 tax year MUST be received no later than **December 31, 2023**. Contributions received after that date will be included in the 2024 contribution records. Thank you so much!

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2024

Envelopes for 2024 have arrived and are displayed in the gathering room. PLEASE NOTE: DO NOT USE YOUR 2023 ENVELOPES FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO BE MADE IN 2024. • If you decide to make contributions and would like to have a new box of envelopes, please be sure to write clearly your name, full address and phone number as TAX RECEIPTS WILL BE ISSUED FOR ANY DONATIONS.

We **encourage** everyone to have a **pre-authorized debit** to your bank account. It’s simple, worry-free way to give to our parish. Let’s start the year 2024 with spirit of giving! If you have any questions, please contact: Rowena (780) 798-3760 (Tue - Thurs. 9:30 am - 3:15 pm) Thank you so much for your support and generosity!

NOTICE TO PARISHIONERS

The parish office will be open as follows: * Dec. 26: Closed * Dec. 27, 28 & 29: 9:30 am - 3:15 pm * Jan. 2, 3, & 4, 2024: 9:30 am - 3:15 pm

Christmas Break! NO Masses on Dec 26th – Dec 30th. Mass proceeds on Dec 31st for Sunday and New Year’s Eve Mass.

We encourage everyone to watch the **History of St. Isidore Parish Videos** in our parish website: <https://stisidoreparish.ca/our-parish-history/> to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of Diocese of St. Paul

Catholic Women’s League

The CWL collect used stamps, a fundraiser project helping our brothers and sisters in developing countries. The used stamps are part of a country wide fundraiser for Development and Peace an international development organization set up by the RC Catholic Church in Canada, It raises money to support agriculture, education and human rights’ programs in 70 countries making an average of \$ 30,000.00 per year. Please help us contribute to this worthy cause. You’ll find a box in the gathering room for these used stamps. Please leave at lease ¼ inch around the stamp. We thank you!

Pope Francis' Monthly Prayer Intentions- December

For persons with disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.



BELLS FOR THE CHRISTMAS MASSES

Parishioners are invited to bring their small bells to ring during the Gloria at all the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses.

Merci! Thank you!

We would like to say thank you to Lena Labonte and Rena Braund for decorating our parish. The church looked awesome!



Prayer Chain

We recommend to your prayers the healing & recovery of:
Laurette Casavant, Donna Ulliach, Rosemarie Menard, Muriel Richard McKay, Keith Young, Rose Simonelis, Michelle Amiot and Raymonde Menard

To add to the prayer chain, contact the Parish Office at 780-798-3760.

Weeks of December 17 & 24– Semaine du 17 à 24 Decembre

Sun/Dim	Dec 17 th	11:00 am	for + Bridget Payne and Andrew Payne (offered by Carla Payne)
Tues/Mar.	Dec 19 th	9:00am	for + Armand Favennac (offered by Carla Payne)
Wed/Mer.	Dec 20 th	9:00am	for + Bridget Payne and Andrew Payne (offered by Carla Payne)
Thurs/Jeudi	Dec 21 st	9:00am	for healing of Fr. Clair Watren (offered by Carla Payne)
Fri/Vend.	Dec 22 nd	9:00am	for blessings of Rolly Gauthier (offered by Carla Payne) for + Marie Bourassa (offered by Bonita and Roger Marchand)
Sun/Dim	Dec 24 th	11:00 am	for + EJ Menard (offered by Vernon and Maria Plamondon)

Parish Volunteers

Date & Time	Lector	Extra Ordinary	Welcoming	Collection
Dec 3, Sun 11am English	Guy Lambert Claire Richard	Franco Giammarioli	Taya and Anita Gauthier	Lucien Cote Michael Piontek
Dec 10, Sun 11am French	Franco Giammarioli Sylvia Cote	Sylvia Cote	Bernice & Denis St. Jean	Toni & Denis Lord
Dec 17, Sun 11am English	Crystal Plamondon Deborah Menard	Bonita Marchand	Kathy & Steve Plamondon	Anna & Leonard Plamondon
Dec 24, Sun 11am French	Rena Braund David Giammarioli	Rena Braund	Marilyn & Harold Gauthier	
Dec 24, Sun Bilingual 6pm	Etienne Vaillancourt (French) Finley Doody (English)	Bonita Marchand Sylvia Cote Anita Gauthier	Diane Cloutier & Family	Leon Ulliach Joel Girard Denis St. Jean Stephen Lemay
Dec 25, Mon 10am Bilingual	David Giammarioli	Anita Gauthier	Martha Ryan	
Dec 31, Sun 11am English	Caroline Giammarioli Lori Girard	Lori Girard	Margo Haxby & Family	Hal Pressling Alex Richard

In the spirit of giving, we thank you for your generosity!



“Giving is more than a responsibility – it is a privilege; more than an act of obedience – it is evidence of our faith.”

Collections

	St. Theresa	St. Isidore
December 3, 2023	\$ 245.00	\$ 1,095.10
December 10, 2023	\$ 205.00	\$ 1,286.50

Pre-Authorized (month of November) \$ 3,821.00 including Special Collection

Pre-Authorized Debit to your bank account is a simple, worry-free way to give to your parish. Ask us how.