

# Advent is Here! Jesus is coming!



Advent is here! It's time to begin preparing for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. Jesus came the first time long ago in Bethlehem. Now He comes to us every time we go to Mass, in Holy Communion. But we celebrate Jesus' coming in a special way at Christmas time.

Advent is the time to get ready for Christmas. We get our houses ready by cleaning and decorating. We get our souls ready by cleaning out our sins when we go to confession, and by learning and thinking about Jesus.



**Here are some things that will help you get ready for Christmas:**

~ Light a candle on an advent wreath when you say your prayers every day.

~ Read a book about Advent or Christmas.

~ Go to Confession before Christmas.

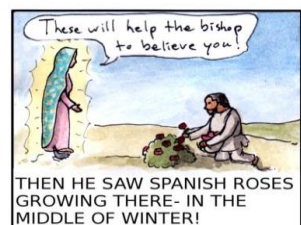
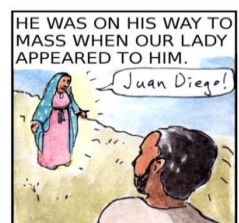
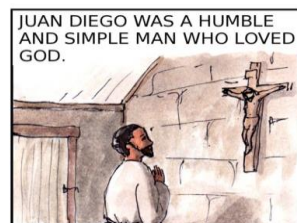


~ Do nice things for people. Remember that anything you do for someone else you do for Jesus!

Answers to Cross-word: Across: 1. she saw 7. immaculate 10. over 11. preserve 15. pure 17. man 18. lamb 20. ready 22. am 23. original. Down: 2. him 3. you 4. hate 5. save 6. were 8. Mary 9. love 12. soul 13. baby 14. Adam 16. Eve 18. laws 19. born 21. Anne

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## SAINT JUAN DIEGO DECEMBER 9

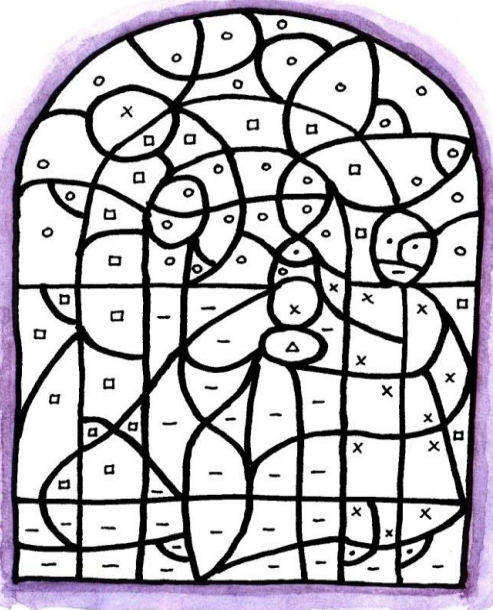


SAINT JUAN DIEGO LIVED A LONG AND SIMPLE LIFE TEACHING THE FAITH. MARY CHOSE HIM, BECAUSE HE WAS HUMBLE, TO BRING HER MESSAGE TO THE CHURCH AT THAT TIME. WHEN THE NEW CHURCH WAS BUILT, MILLIONS OF THE PAGAN PEOPLE IN MEXICO BECAME CHRISTIANS. JUAN DIEGO DIED AT AGE 74.

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## The Kids' Bulletin

First Sunday of Advent  
December 3rd, 2023



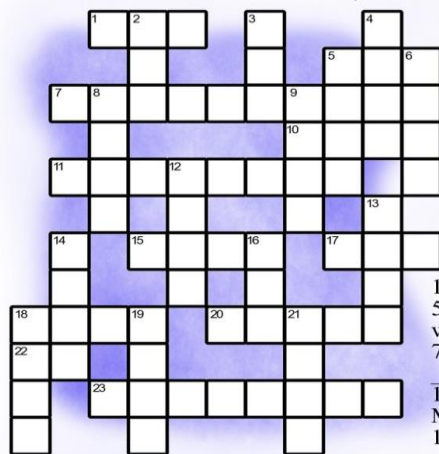
*In the Gospel, Jesus tells us to always be ready.*

*Here's someone waiting for his master to return...*

*Use this code to colour the picture in:*

- DARK BLUE      □ GREY      - BROWN
- SKIN COLOUR      × WHITE      ▲ RED

## Immaculate Conception Cross-Word



*Fill in the blanks to do this puzzle about Our Lady.*

ACROSS:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ was without sin.
5. God \_\_\_\_\_ that Mary would do His will.
7. She was the \_\_\_\_\_ Conception.
10. God watched \_\_\_\_\_ Mary.
11. God decided to \_\_\_\_\_ her from sin.
15. Mary's soul was not stained- it was \_\_\_\_\_.

17. God's Son become \_\_\_\_\_.
  18. He is called the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
  20. When the time was \_\_\_\_\_, the angel came to Mary.
  22. She said, "I \_\_\_\_\_ the handmaid of the Lord."
  23. She had no \_\_\_\_\_ sin, so she was always ready to obey.
- DOWN:
2. Whatever God wanted she would do for \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. She brought the Saviour into the world for \_\_\_\_\_ and me.
  4. She teaches us to love God and \_\_\_\_\_ sin, which offends Him.
  5. God had decided to \_\_\_\_\_ Mary from all sin.
  6. If you \_\_\_\_\_ God, how would you make your mother?
  8. The name of God's mother is \_\_\_\_\_.
  9. She did every single thing out of \_\_\_\_\_ for God.
  12. He had preserved her \_\_\_\_\_ from every stain of sin.
  13. Before she was even a little \_\_\_\_\_ she was chosen by God.
  14. We all have original sin because of \_\_\_\_\_.
  16. ... and his wife, \_\_\_\_\_, who committed the first sins.
  18. They had chosen to disobey God's \_\_\_\_\_.
  19. Since then, every other person\* was \_\_\_\_\_ with original sin.
  21. Mary was the daughter of the holy saints, \_\_\_\_\_ and Joachim.

\* Except Saint John the Baptist, who, according to tradition, was freed from original sin - 'filled with the Holy Spirit' when his mother was greeted by Mary who was expecting Jesus.



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**Website:** [stisidoreparish.ca](http://stisidoreparish.ca)  
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



December 3, 2023 &  
December 10, 2023

## First & Second Sunday of Advent



### Reappropriating Hope

Today we begin a new liturgical year: the series of seasons and weeks during which we will reflect on and re-live the saving events of the life of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This First Sunday of Advent reminds us not only of the need to be saved, but also of our duty to be always ready to welcome the Lord. He already came as a frail Child when he was born in Bethlehem. But we have to remember that he constantly comes to us as our Savior and in our neighbor. He is about to come to us in the Eucharistic celebration in order to help us make sense of all that happens to us and around us. He is HOPE incarnate.

Just as our hope is in Christ, we are called to be beacons of hope for the infirm and the healthy alike. Let this Mass be an occasion to rekindle our hope.

### Awaiting New Heavens and a New Earth

Whenever we are in pain, we raise our voices to God asking Him to “show His kindness and grant His salvation.” Such was also the prayer of Israel, especially in the long period of the Exile. But prayer always entails a responsibility. Isaiah told them that they had to “make straight in the desert a highway for their Lord” (Is 40:3).

This same call to repentance and conversion was made by John the Baptist to the entire people of Israel even as they awaited the promised Messiah.

This call of the “fiery prophet” is still true for us today. We, too, need God’s help and forgiveness. Even as we wait in hope for “new heavens and a new earth,” there is work for us to do. We need to prepare for His coming.



# ANNOUNCEMENT CORNER!

## ADVENT PENITENTIAL EVENING

We will be having our Advent penitential evening on Thursday, December 07, 2023 at 7:00 pm - St. Isidore Parish. All parishioners are invited to come and experience the joy of God's love and mercy.



## Catholic Women's League

### St. Isidore's CWL Council

Mission - call its members to holiness through service for the people of God.

- Send get well cards, bring flowers and sympathy cards to persons who lost a loved one
- Charitable donations to needy organizations
- Christmas stockings for shut-ins
- Visit the sick and seniors
- Host and serve Sunday brunches.

We would like to encourage all the women of the parish to come and join our council and be part of a sisterhood to learn, love and support each other.

Please contact Sylvia Cote at (780) 798-2815 or Cecile Lambert at (780) 242-6779.

**Christmas Break!** NO Masses on Dec 26<sup>th</sup> – Dec 30<sup>th</sup>. Mass proceeds on Dec 31<sup>st</sup> for Sunday and New Year's Eve Mass.

Christmas and New Year's Mass schedule will be announced next Sunday, December 10, 2023.

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 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Diocese of St. Paul

## Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus encourage Catholic men to join them and be part of the brotherhood in Christ. From charity for worldwide causes, to helping closer to home with volunteer activities, to a top-rated insurance program that protects those closest to you, the Knights makes the most of its brotherhood. Please contact Grand Knight Mike Piontek for more information.

## Merci! Thank you!

We would like to say Thank you to Bernice St. Jean, Sophie Plamondon especially to Maria Plamondon for doing the Church Store inventory and taking care of our Church Store.

## Arts & Environment

This year the Arts and Environment Committee will decorate the church for Christmas with the beautiful silk poinsettias we already have. Live poinsettias will not be required. For queries call Lena Labonte at (780) 798-3324



## Prayer Chain

We recommend to your prayers the healing & recovery of:

Laurette Casavant, Donna Ulliac, Rosemarie Menard, Muriel Richard McKay, Keith Young, Rose Simonelis, Michelle Amiot, EJ Menard and Raymonde Menard

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

## Weeks of December 3 & 10– Semaine du 3 à 10 Decembre

Sun/Dim	Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup>	11:00 am	<b>for + Leo and Maria Bourassa</b> (offered by Bonita and Roger Marchand) <b>for all deceased members of the family</b> (offered by Léa Gagné and family) <b>for all the holy souls in the purgatory</b> (offered by Carla Payne)
Tues/Mar.	Dec 5 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	<b>for Rose Simonelis</b> (offered by a parishioner) <b>for birthday blessings of Shelly Payne Parsons</b> (offered by Carla Payne)
Wed/Mer.	Dec 6 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	
Thurs/Jeudi	Dec 7 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	<b>for a father of a parishioner</b> (offered by a parishioner) <b>for + Chyler Payne</b> (offered by Carla Payne)
Fri/Vend.	Dec 8 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	<b>for blessings of Albert Dionne and family</b> (offered by a parishioner)
Sun/Dim	Dec 10 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 am	<b>for healing of Fr. Clair Watren</b> (offered by Carla Payne)

## Parish Volunteers

Date & Time	Lector	Extra Ordinary	Welcoming	Collection
<b>Dec 3, Sun 11am English</b>	Guy Lambert Claire Richard	Franco Giammarioli	Taya and Anita Gauthier	Lucien Cote Michael Piontek
<b>Dec 10, Sun 11am French</b>	Franco Giammarioli Sylvia Cote	Sylvia Cote	Bernice & Denis St. Jean	Toni & Denis Lord
<b>Dec 17, Sun 11am English</b>	Crystal Plamondon Deborah Menard	Bonita Marchand	Kathy & Steve Plamondon	Anna & Leonard Plamondon
<b>Dec 24, Sun 11am &amp; 6pm French</b>	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
<b>Dec 25, Mon 10am Bilingual</b>	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
<b>Dec 31, Sun 11am English</b>	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."*

William Arthur Ward

## Collections

	<u>St. Theresa</u>	<u>St. Isidore</u>
<b>November 19, 2023</b>	\$ 182.00	\$ 716.00
<b>November 26, 2023</b>	\$ 125.00	\$ 353.50

**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.  
Please enquire by calling or emailing the parish office.

## 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.