

St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church

Reconciliation during Advent



The colour purple is used in vestments, on the Altar and for candles in the Advent wreath as a reminder that this is a time of reflection and penitence, along with our joy. We are invited to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation to prepare our hearts and souls. There will not be a separate Reconciliation service at St. John's during Advent, but there will be one in Lent 2020. ***St. John will have extended Reconciliation hours on Saturdays during Advent.***

Fr. Dean will be in the Confessional 5:30 – 6:50 pm on Dec. 7, 14

and 21. Reconciliation times and services at other Parishes can be found by following this link:

<https://caedm.ca/advent> "It is now the hour for you to wake from sleep, for our salvation is closer than when we first accepted the faith. The night is far spent; the day draws near. Let us cast off deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light." (Rom 13:11-12).

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve Tuesday, December 24 at 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 9:00 pm and Midnight.

Christmas Day Wednesday, December 25 at 10:30am

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, a Holy Day of Obligation in Canada.

A Holy Day of Obligation means that Catholics are expected to attend Mass on that day.

Tuesday, December 31st at 5:00 pm and Wednesday, January 1st at 10:30 am

Share Christmas Tree

Nov 30 - Dec 1 and Dec 7 - 8



St. John the Evangelist Parish is joining with other Churches in the West End to donate Christmas dinners to singles, couples, and families in need. This is a **Christmas Bureau Project**. If you would like to participate in this wonderful St. John the Evangelist tradition, please write your name and contact information on one of the "decorations" from the tree, and leave it with the Volunteer at the tree. Take the other part of the decoration home - it has information about what to buy for the size of family you have chosen. Hampers are to be taken to **St. Francis Xavier High School** on Sunday **December 15th** and will be distributed on the same day by the Share Christmas volunteers. Volunteers are always needed to help deliver the Food Hampers.

Candy Cane Lane We are right near the beginning of the north end of Candy Cane Lane. Stop by our life size outdoor Crèche and take a picture of your child/ren with the Holy Family! Opening night Thursday, Dec. 12, will be pedestrian only - lots of fun!

Simbang Gabi These Novena (9 days of prayer) Masses are 7 – 7:30 pm from Dec. 15 to Dec. 23. Everyone is welcome to come to any or all Masses for spiritual preparation for Christmas. We hope to have choirs/bands from our schools play in our entry with the main doors open before some of the Masses, and the choirs leading Mass are invited to play Advent music before Mass. You are invited for some prayerful time with the Lord.

St. John the Evangelist Feast Day is Friday Dec. 27. We will celebrate Mass at 7 pm – 7:30 pm, then have a potluck social in the Hall. A main dish of lasagna is provided. Everyone is invited. This day is part of the 12 days of Christmas so be counter-cultural and keep celebrating Christmas!

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