



"Lord, help us to prepare for Your coming."

**November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Tues., Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> 6:00 pm R.C.I.A. Meeting (*in Rectory Meeting Room*)  
 Fri., Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am First Friday (*No Benediction or 12:10 pm Mass*)  
 Sat. Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> ----- First Saturday (*No 12:10 pm Mass or Anointing*)  
 5:00 pm Lord's Day Mass (Second Sunday of Advent)  
 Sun., Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> Lord's Day Masses at 8:30 am & 10:30 am

The new age was ushered in by the Birth of Christ and will be fulfilled at His Second Coming. Therefore, the first day of preparation for these events, (First Sunday of Advent), marks the beginning of a New Year for Christians!



**Bishop Colli's Schedule**  
 December 5/6 Weekend  
 Cathedral Masses

**CHRISTMAS 2020 - CATHEDRAL MASS TIMES**

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

- ◆ 5:00 pm (2 Masses): With the 30% attendance restrictions in mind, 2 Masses will be celebrated at the same time, 1 upstairs, in the Cathedral, and 1 downstairs, in the Cathedral Auditorium;
- ◆ 8:00 pm (1 Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral)  
 If required to safeguard from overcrowding in the church proper, a second Mass may also be celebrated in the Auditorium at this time;
- ◆ 11:00 pm (1 Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral)

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES: ◆ 10:30 am - 2 Masses will be celebrated at the same time, 1 upstairs, in the Cathedral, and 1 downstairs, in the Auditorium.



**\*\*\* REMEMBER THAT CATHOLICS MAY CHOOSE TO ATTEND MASS ON ANY DAY DURING THE 8 DAYS FOLLOWING DECEMBER 25 (OCTAVE) AND STILL FULFILL THEIR CHRISTMAS MASS OBLIGATION**

**OUR DIOCESAN CAMPAIGN NEEDS YOUR HELP.**

To reach our goal by December 31<sup>st</sup>, we need everyone to contribute even a little!

**NO PAGEANT THIS YEAR**

As was already announced by our Children's Liturgy directors, our annual Christmas Pageant at the 5 pm Mass on Christmas Eve has been postponed to next year. Our children are encouraged this Christmas to gather with their families at home and to build Nativity scenes together.

**LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION AND DONATIONS**

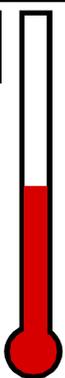
Last Sunday's Collection ( <i>November 22</i> ) .....	\$ 5, 349.90
Online Donations ( <i>week of November 15-22</i> )...	625.00
Donations for Sacraments.....	120.00
Votive Candles .....	163.00
St. Anthony's Poor Fund .....	49.20
Missal Sales .....	85.00

**THANK-YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS**

**BISHOP'S MINISTRY CAMPAIGN**

2020 Parish Goal .....	\$ 34, 000.00
Donations this week ..	\$ 1, 365.00
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Total to date .....	\$ 13, 915.00
% of Parish Goal .....	40.9 %

**PLEASE DONATE TODAY ... ONLY 32 DAYS LEFT TO DEADLINE!**



Q. One of my close friends tells me that the Bible teaches us that faith and repentance are necessary for Baptism? Is this true and, if so, why do we baptize infants?

A. Catholics are often asked this question especially by Christians whose Churches prohibit the baptism of infants. Of course, not all Christian Churches do so. In fact, the vast majority of other Christian Faiths (Orthodox, Anglicans, Lutherans, Presbyterians, United Church, etc.) have all traditionally embraced the baptism of infants.

Faith and Repentance  
In reply to the first part of your question, you should know that your friend is right in saying that parts of the Bible do teach us that faith and repentance are indeed required for those who are to be baptized.

Of course, we must remember that almost all of the Baptism candidates in those early days of the Church were adults who had converted to Christianity and

not infants. Also, remind your friend that there is no specific Bible text which limits Baptism to adults only or which denies it to infants. This is why when we do baptize adults in the Church today, we also require them to openly express their faith and to repent of their sins.

#### Infant Baptism

When we do baptize infants in most of the Churches of Christianity, we must still adhere to this New Testament requirement and so, in these cases, it is the primary role of the

infant's parents and godparents to fulfill this Biblical requirement by speaking on the child's behalf before the actual baptism takes place. The Baptismal Vows

This profession of Faith and repentance make up what we call, the "Baptismal Vows". In these vows, the parents and godparents profess



the Christian Creed (Faith) and renounce Satan and sin (repentance) at the ceremony.

St. Paul & Infant Baptism  
Also point out to your friend that there are many references in the Bible which indicate that baptizing members of



entire families of converts was a common practice in the ministry of St. Paul. For instance, in the Book of the Acts of the Apostles (16: 15), Paul baptizes a woman named Lydia

"with her household". In verses 32 and 33 of the same Chapter, Paul and Silas baptized their jailer "with all his household". Crispus, the synagogue official and "all his household" became believers (Acts 18:8). Also, in his first letter to the Corinthians (1 Cor. 1:16), Paul tells us that he baptized "the family of Stephanus".

Although these texts do not mention children per se, it is difficult to imagine that there were none in these households or families.



Catholic Women's League

Bizarre Bazaar Presentations  
Parts 1, 2 & 3: all available!

Access all three parts of this special presentation on our Parish Website:

[www.stpatrickscathedral.ca](http://www.stpatrickscathedral.ca)

Click on: "*This Weekend*" or, "*Mass & Confession Times*" or, "*CWL/KC/Men's Group*"

- ◆ Part 1 (The Première);
- ◆ Part 2 (The Early Years): designed for those who would like to remember Parish Bazaars from many years ago;
- ◆ Part 3 (Recent Years): for those who would like to enjoy remembering more recent Bazaars.

It's not too late to donate to this project. Envelopes are available at the Parish Office.



Knights of Columbus



Christmas Cheer Volunteers

Access the list on our website under "CWL/KC/Men's Group"

New Sunday Missals  
(their use begins this Sunday)

Our new Sunday Missals from Novalis come into use on the First Sunday of Advent: November 29. They are now available for sale at the entrances to the Church. (Cost is \$5. each).

Your 2021 Sunday Collection envelopes (with your name) are available at the main entrance to the Cathedral. If there is need for information correction, call 622-5389.