

December 9 – Second Sunday of Advent

Sat., Dec. 8 5:00 p.m. Intentions of the Parishioners
 Sun., Dec. 9 9:00 a.m. Mary Patricia McKenna by John
 11:00 a.m. Alessandro Pedicelli
 by Sophie & George Dicosmo
 Tues., Dec. 11 9:00 a.m. For the Intentions of Deirdre De Souza
 Arzheimer by the Family
 Wed., Dec. 12 9:00 a.m. **Our Lady of Guadalupe**
 The McCowan Family by the Family
 Thurs., Dec. 13 9:00 a.m. **St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr**
 Jacinto Elvambuena
 by Eloy & Paula Martinez
 Fri., Dec. 14 9:00 a.m. **St. John of The Cross, Priest, Doctor**
 Felicissima Geronimo
 by Eloy & Paula Martinez
 Sat., Dec. 15 5:00 p.m. Marie Nadon Langlois by Louise Daigle
 Sun., Dec. 16 9:00 a.m. Intentions of the Parishioners
 11:00 a.m. Alfred Reede by Marie Benveniste

Readings for Next Sunday

Zephaniah; 3.14-18a Psalm; Isaiah 12.2-6 Philipians; 4.4-7 Luke; 3.10-18

Thank You For Your Contributions December 1 & 2
 Regular Collection \$2,638.75 & C.A.C. Christmas Baskets. \$3,235.85

A meditation by Bishop Baron how we can spiritually prepare for Christmas. *“Advent is the great liturgical season of vigilance, of waiting and watching. What practically can we do during this season of vigil keeping? What are some practices that might incarnate for us the Advent spirituality? I strongly recommend the classically Catholic discipline of Eucharistic adoration. To spend a half hour or an hour in the presence of the Lord is not to accomplish or achieve very much—it is not really “getting” anywhere—but it is a particularly rich form of spiritual waiting. As you keep vigil before the Blessed Sacrament, bring to Christ some problem or dilemma that you have been fretting over, and then say: “Lord, I’m waiting for you to solve this, to show me the way out, the way forward. I’ve been running, planning, worrying, but now I’m going to let you work.” Then, throughout Advent, watch attentively for signs.*

Also, when you pray before the Eucharist, allow your desire for the things of God to intensify; allow your heart and soul to expand. Pray, “Lord, make me ready to receive the gifts you want to give,” or even, “Lord Jesus, surprise me.”

If you would like to take a regular hour or help with open hours during the Christmas season replacing a regular Adorer, please consult the list of available hours in the chapel or at the back of the church.

Schedule for Advent Reconciliations

Tuesday, December 11th at St. John Fisher at 7:00 p.m.
 Wed., December 12th at St. Edmund of Canterbury at 7:00 p.m.
 Saturday, December 15th at St. Veronica Parish at 10:30 a.m.

To help us on our Advent journey we have
Daily Reflection Booklets for \$2.00 and **Advent Candles** for \$5.00. We also have **Christmas Cards** \$10/box of 24.
 These can be purchased after weekend Masses or by contacting the parish office.

One Week Left for the Hockey Draw

Don’t miss out on a chance to see the Montreal Canadiens v.s. Florida Panthers on Tuesday, January 15th. Tickets are still available for \$2.00 each. If you have ticket stubs to return with payment, please do so before the draw, which will take place next Sunday, December 16 at 12:00 p.m.

Let Us Pray for Those Who Are Sick

Diosdado Baratang, Marie Josee Belanger, Ken Bourque, Doris Chang Pasamba, Judy Cole, Christine Deery, Gordon Deery, Anna DiBattista, Debbie Foley, Judith Fortin, Jean Gagnon, Sally Palka, Perri Poole, Tania Ricardo, Joe Romano, Lynn Shepherd, Fr. Joseph Sullivan, Andrew Swidzinski, Elizabeth Torres Ramos.

Counters for the Weekend Collections are Needed

There is a need for counters. We are short six people to count our weekend collections. Anyone who feels they are able to serve the Parish in this way please contact the office at sjfpsecretary@videotron.ca

Welcome Team

Are you new to the parish? Do you want to know more about this great parish? Visit our Welcome Table before and after our Sunday 9:00 a.m. Mass. Then join the **St John Fisher Welcome Team** to make this possible at all Sunday Masses.

What’s Going on December 16 to December 22, 2018		
Sunday	6:00 p.m.	Gospel Choir Concert Church
Monday	6:00 p.m.	Children’s Choir Practice Church
	6:30 p.m.	Scouts Hall
Tuesday	7:30 p.m.	Women’s Recollection Church
Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Aurora Chorealis Hall
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	H.O.P.E. Group Bev. Rm
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Practice Church
Friday	10:00 a.m.	Bread Basket Hall
Saturday	1:00 p.m.	Piano Recital Church

Mini – Bazaar Results

Thank you to the volunteers, to those who made contributions and to the shoppers! The Bake Table raised \$379.30 and the Knitting & Craft Table raised \$224.30.

2019 Donation Envelopes Are Ready

If you are already using envelopes you will automatically receive a box for 2019, but please let us know if you have any changes to your phone number or address. If you would like to register to have donation envelopes for next year please let us know by filling out the registration section of the bulletin or by visiting our website www.sjfp.org to fill out the registration there. Thank you for your help in keeping our parishioner information up to date.

Online Donations

Our Parish has teamed up with Canada Helps to offer the option of making regular or occasional donations on-line. Visit www.sjfp.org and click on the link for Canada Helps under Donations, on the homepage.



“We invite you to come celebrate with family and friends at our Second Annual St. John Fisher Parish **New Year’s Family Party**. In the parish hall, Monday, December 31, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. following the 5:00 p.m. Mass. We

will have music, dancing, games and early New Year’s countdown for young children 9:00 p.m.), but anyone is welcome to stay until true midnight. Requested donation - \$10.00 per family. Please help us spread the word. *Please sign up at.* <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0844afa723a0f94-newyears1>

Christmas Concert - Results

The Christmas Concert raised \$619.35 for the C.A.C. Christmas Baskets. Thank you to everyone for their generosity and for making it a great success.

Seasonal Personalized Cards

Get 10 personalized Christmas Cards for \$30. A variety of other packages are available. 15% of the total sales will be donated to St. John Fisher Parish. Please contact Marisela Guerra at 514-834-4220, info@mariselaguerra.com or <https://mariselaphotosite.wordpress.com>

For Reflections by Scott Hahn please visit
www.stpaulcenter.com/reflections