



# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

*For the week of Sunday 15 December 2024*

PLEASE TAKE THIS HOME

*The Advent Wreath has been given to the Glory of God  
and in loving memory of Marlene McCaskill*

*The Sanctuary Lamp burns for the repose of the soul of Susan Johnson.*

*Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

**FATHER HANNAM** *requests that all cases of sorrow or suffering be reported to him.*

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR** following the 11 o'clock service! We meet in the Parish Hall, down the front stairs and to the right.

**THIS THURSDAY, 19 DECEMBER**, the young adults of the parish will be gathering at the Golden Pigeon (424 Parliament Street) for a leisurely night out at the pub. All are welcome to attend. If you are planning on attending, it would be helpful if you could RSVP to Quinn Kiervin Starkey (quinn.kiervin@gmail.com) so we can get a sense of how many to expect. A reservation will be made for 6:30 p.m., but please feel free to arrive whenever suits your schedule.

**THE RORATE MASSES:** As the sun rises on three Saturdays in Advents, we will offer Votive Masses of Our Lady at S. Bart's. Illuminated by candlelight, and accompanied by Gregorian chant and medieval polyphony, this mass offers us an hour of devotion, contemplation and beauty, as we prepare for the coming of the Light that is our Saviour, our Emmanuel. **December 7, 14, and 21 at 7:30 a.m.**



# ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

## **RORATE MASSES OF OUR LADY**

**7:30 a.m. on Saturdays in Advent**  
**(December 7, 14, 21)**

*Greet the dawn in contemplation by candlelight.*

## **SUNDAYS IN ADVENT**

**December 1, 8, 15, 22**

*9:00 a.m. Low Mass | 11:00 a.m. Sung Mass*

## **CHRISTMAS**

**Tuesday, 24 December**

*10:30 a.m. Gallery Carols*

*11 p.m. Procession & Solemn First Mass of Christmas.*

**Wednesday, 25 December**

*8:30 a.m. Low Mass (at Dawn)*

*11 a.m. Sung Mass (in the Day)*

**THE BREAKFAST PROGRAMME** is open each Thursday. Doors open at 5:30 a.m. until 8:00 a.m., and hot food is served beginning at 6:00 a.m. *The Breakfast Programme will be closed for the holiday on Thursday, 26 December, 2024, but will be open as usual on Thursday, 2 January, 2025.*

**THE ALTAR GUILD** is currently collecting flower donations for the Christmas Altars. Please use the white Altar Guild envelopes provided to direct your donation and indicate in whose memory you wish flowers to be placed.

**THE S. BART'S FOOD BANK** is open Mondays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. *The Food Bank will be open as usual on Monday, 23 December, 2024, Monday, 30 December, 2024, and Thursday, 2 January, 2025. However, it will be closed for the holiday on Thursday, 26 December, 2024.*

## ✠ INTERCESSIONS ✠

### ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:

- **TODAY: Sunday, 15 December:** *The Anglican Church of Tanzania*
- **Monday, 16 December:** *The Diocese of Kongor – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan*
- **Tuesday, 17 December:** *The Diocese of Kontagora – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)*
- **Wednesday, 18 December:** *The Diocese of Kootenay – The Anglican Church of Canada*
- **Thursday, 19 December:** *The Diocese of Eastern Kowloon – Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui*
- **Friday, 20 December:** *The Diocese of Western Kowloon – Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui*
- **Saturday, 21 December:** *The Diocese of Krishna-Godavari – The Church of South India (United)*

**INDIGENOUS CHURCH:** For +Chris, National Indigenous Archbishop: for our shared Indigenous ministries and leadership. Particularly, for retiring Indigenous Clergy and Bishops: for rest and rebuilding of life and relationships; for Reconciliation, that it be a shared verb and not just a noun; for open ears and hearts, and for the willingness to humble ourselves enough truly to hear the lament of the other voice before us, and to acknowledge that pain and brokenness can be deeper than ever delved or perceived; and +Adam, Bishop of Missinippi: for a fair and equitable financial remuneration for the Bishop of Missinippi and his clergy, and for financial resources to support the ministry of the Church in Northern Saskatchewan.

### **DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:**

- **TODAY: Sunday, 15 December:** *The Season of Spiritual Renewal*
- **Monday, 16 December:** *S. Thomas, Millbrook*
- **Tuesday, 17 December:** *S. John, Ida*
- **Wednesday, 18 December:** *S. Luke, Peterborough*
- **Thursday, 19 December:** *S. Matthew and S. Aidan, Buckhorn*
- **Friday, 20 December:** *S. Michael, Westwood*
- **Saturday, 21 December:** *S. Peter on-the-Rock, Stony Lake*

**THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED: WED:** Alison, Amanda, Andy, Angela, Antonio, George Barkhouse, Ronald Bentley, Beth; | **FRI:** The Carlén Family, Kimberley Curtis, Demetra, Robert Hegele, Scott Hunter, Isabel, James; | **SAT:** Jenni, Catherine LaFond, Laura, Marlyn, Patrick, Patricia Ritacca, Tina, Todd

**DAILY INTERCESSIONS:** Clifton Aaron, Alan, Andrea, Andrea, Marjorie Austin, Sr Barbara SLSM, Trevon Beckford, Ben, Judy Brake, Bruce, Carl, Ralph Carter, Sr Christine SLG, Christopher, David Conatser, David, Keastner Dawkins, Douglas, Georgia, Grace, Guillaume, Debbie Hartley, Sydney Hegele, Lorna Heron, Lisa Hufana, Jakob, Jane, John, Katherine, Pat Kennedy, Paul Kent, Audrey Kern, Samantha Lanz, Larry, Margaret McQuillan, Michael, Harold Nahabedian (*priest*), Nickson; Peter; Rebecca; Heekyung Song, John & Donna Starkey, Stephen, Stuart, Tegan, Katherine Walmsley, Mark Weymouth, Jun Wu

## ✦ POETRY CORNER ✦

### O SAPIENTIA

*by Malcolm Guite (1957- )*

I cannot think unless I have been thought,  
Nor can I speak unless I have been spoken.  
I cannot teach except as I am taught,  
Or break the bread except as I am broken.  
O Mind behind the mind through which I seek,  
O Light within the light by which I see,  
O Word beneath the words with which I speak,  
O founding, unfound Wisdom, finding me,  
O sounding Song whose depth is sounding me,  
O Memory of time, reminding me,  
My Ground of Being, always grounding me,  
My Maker's Bounding Line, defining me,  
Come, hidden Wisdom, come with all you bring,  
Come to me now, disguised as everything.

## S. BART'S END OF YEAR DRIVE 2024

# Help Close the Budget Gap

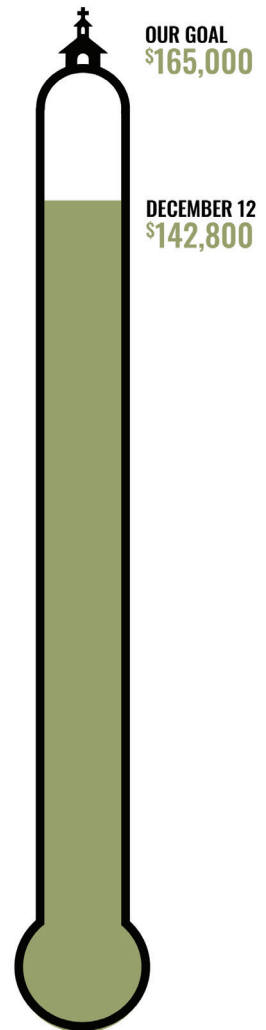
**OUR ANNUAL VESTRY IN 2024** approved a budget in which we anticipated \$165,000 in congregational givings. As of 12 December we've reached \$142,800. That means we need to raise an additional \$22,200 by the end of the month if we are to make our year-end goal.

The good news is this:

- 1) Most parishes find themselves in this situation at year's end, so this is not a problem in which we are alone.
- 2) It is still possible to close this gap before we close the books on 2024. For most of the past decade we have had similar shortfalls at this point in the year and almost every year we have come in slightly over budget by year's end.

Please consider the following in the coming weeks:

- 1) If you have fallen behind in your intended givings, please try to catch up between now and the end of December.
- 2) Please prayerfully discern if you can make one extra offering this Christmas season to help to close this gap. The latter will almost certainly be an act of sacrifice for most of us. But please remember that sacrifice – the Sacrifice of Calvary, represented on the Altar at each Mass – is at the heart of our religion. It is primarily through sacrifice that





our lives are conformed to that of our Crucified Eucharistic Lord, whereby we come to share more and more fully in His Divine Life.

The Christmas Feast teaches us that our Salvation begins with a generous gift — the Gift of God who was willing to become Man so that we might become god. Our Lady gave over her whole life to that purpose at the Annunciation. We give of our substance to the Church so that their gifts might continue in this place for our neighbours and for ourselves.

‘And they came, every one whose heart stirred him up, and every one whom his spirit made willing, and they brought the Lord’s offering’ (BCP, p. 72, quoting Exodus 35:21).



# ✠ THROUGH THE WEEK ✠

*Please check the website and subscribe to our enews list  
to stay informed of scheduling changes.*

<b>Sunday, 15 December</b>	<i>THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT (com. Octave Day of the Immaculate Conception)</i>	
	9:00 a.m. Low Mass	11:00 a.m. Sung Mass
<b>Monday, 16 December</b>	<i>Advent Feria (O Sapientia)</i>	
	10:00 a.m. Food Bank (until 11:30 a.m.)	
	11:00 a.m. Low Mass (Rite of Trent) †	
<b>Tuesday, 17 December</b>	<i>Advent Feria</i>	
	11:00 a.m. Low Mass (Rite of Trent) †	
<b>Wednesday, 18 December</b>	<i>Ember Wednesday of Advent</i>	
	7:30 a.m. Low Mass	8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
	11:00 a.m. Low Mass (Rite of Trent) †	
<b>Thursday, 19 December</b>	<i>Advent Feria</i>	
	6:00 a.m. Breakfast Ministry (Doors open at 5:30 a.m., till 8:00 a.m.)	
	7:30 a.m. Low Mass	8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
	10:00 a.m. Food Bank (until 11:30 a.m.)	
	11:00 a.m. Low Mass (Rite of Trent) †	
	6:30 p.m. Young Adults Pub Night (at the Golden Pigeon)	
<b>Friday, 20 December</b>	<i>Ember Friday of Advent (com. Vigil of S. Thomas at Mattins &amp; Mass)</i>	
	7:30 a.m. Low Mass	8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
	11:00 a.m. Low Mass (Rite of Trent) †	
	6:00 p.m. Holy Hour	
<b>Saturday, 21 December</b>	<i>S. THOMAS THE APOSTLE (com. Ember Saturday of Advent)</i>	
	7:30 a.m. Rorate Mass	
<b>Sunday, 22 December</b>	<i>THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT</i>	
	9:00 a.m. Low Mass	11:00 a.m. Sung Mass

*† indicates Eucharistic celebrations of the Anglocatholic Church,  
a worldwide church within the Old Catholic succession.*