



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

For the week of Sunday 21 December 2025

PLEASE TAKE THIS HOME



CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS EVE
Wednesday, 24 December

10:30 p.m. Gallery Carols
11 p.m. Procession & Solemn First Mass of Christmas

CHRISTMAS DAY
Thursday, 25 December

8:30 a.m. Low Mass (at Dawn)
11 a.m. Sung Mass (in the Day)



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 Parish Mass!
We meet in the Parish Hall, down the front stairs and to the right.

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.

LOW MASS DURING THE CHRISTMAS OCTAVE will be celebrated on weekdays and Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. *Please note that the Rite of Trent Masses will be on hiatus from 26 December until 9 January inclusive, to resume on 12 January at 10:30 a.m.*

THE BREAKFAST PROGRAMME continues each Thursday. The doors open at 5:30 a.m. until 8:00 a.m., and hot food is served beginning at 6:00 a.m. *Please note that we will be closed on the following holidays: Thursday, 25 December, 2025; Thursday, 1 January, 2026.*

THE FOOD BANK: The Food Bank is open every Monday and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. *Please note that we will be closed on the following holidays: Thursday, 25 December, 2025; Thursday, 1 January, 2026.*

INTERCESSIONS

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.

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:

- **TODAY: Sunday, 21 December:** *The Anglican Church of Burundi*
- **Monday, 22 December:** *The Diocese of Santiago (Chile) – Iglesia Anglicana de Chile*
- **Tuesday, 23 December:** *The Diocese of Santiago (Philippines) – The Episcopal Church in the Philippines*
- **Wednesday, 24 December:** *The Diocese of São Paulo – Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil*
- **Thursday, 25 December:** *The Diocese of Sapele – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)*
- **Friday, 26 December:** *The Diocese of Saskatchewan – The Anglican Church of Canada*
- **Saturday 27 December:** *The Diocese of Saskatoon – The Anglican Church of Canada*

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, 21 December:** *The Anglican Church Women (ACW) – Janice Hodgson, Diocesan President*
- **Monday, 22 December:** *S. John, East Orangeville*
- **Tuesday, 23 December:** *Trinity Church, Bradford*
- **Wednesday, 24 December:** *Children, youth and family ministry*
- **Thursday, 25 December:** *Christmas Day*
- **Friday, 26 December:** *The Community of Deacons - Archdeacon Kyn Barker*
- **Saturday 27 December:** *Chaplains to the Retired Clergy*

THE SICK & THOSE IN NEED: **WED:** Theresa Adderly, Andrew, Luther & Xavier; George Barkhouse, Ronald Bentley, Catherine, Sr Christine SLG; | **THURS:** David Conaster, Kimberley Curtis, Demetra, Derek, Dragan, Esther, Alexis Gray, Joanna, Joshua; | **FRI:** Maria K., Paul Kent, Audrey Kern, Laura, The Mackey family, Marlyn, Nigel; | **SAT:** Patrick, Paul, Randy, The Smith family, Tegan, Hazel Thornhill, Trish, Wendy

DAILY INTERCESSIONS: Clifton Aaron, Beverly Bodnar, Chantal Fowler Brown, Ranfurly Brown (*priest*), Christopher (*priest*), Dierdre, Donna, Grace, Jamie, Kyla, Laura, Leotha, Lucas, Mark, Margaret McQuillan, Norma Miller, David Mulholland (*priest*), Gordon Neish, Marguerite Pigott, Vidhu, Mark Weymouth

DEPARTED: Lisa Hufana, Francis Kelly SDB (*priest*), Angela Bliss Campbell, Todd Wissler, David Harris (year's mind)

THOSE WHO MOURN: The Wissler Family, Frances and Lucas

POETRY CORNER

Today's poem is the last of seven Advent Sonnets by the English priest-poet, Malcolm Guite. The sonnets are based on the Great 'O' Antiphons that are sung before and after the Magnificat from 16 to 23 December, and which inspired the well-known Advent hymn, 'O come, O come, Emmanuel.'

O EMMANUEL

by Malcolm Guite (1957-)

O come, O come, and be our God-with-us
O long-sought With-ness for a world without,
O secret seed, O hidden spring of light.
Come to us Wisdom, come unspoken Name
Come Root, and Key, and King, and holy Flame,
O quickened little wick so tightly curled,
Be folded with us into time and place,
Unfold for us the mystery of grace
And make a womb of all this wounded world.
O heart of heaven beating in the earth,
O tiny hope within our hopelessness
Come to be born, to bear us to our birth,
To touch a dying world with new-made hands
And make these rags of time our swaddling bands.

S. BART'S END OF YEAR DRIVE 2025

Help Close the Budget Gap

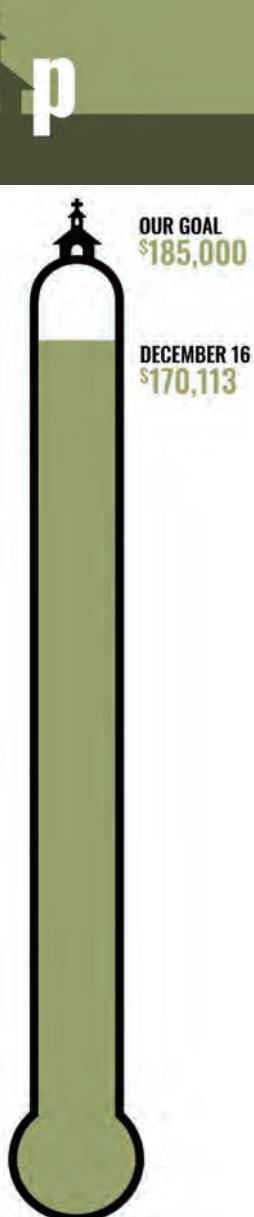
OUR ANNUAL VESTRY IN 2025 approved a budget in which we anticipated \$185,000 in congregational givings. As of 16 December we've reached \$170,113. That means we need to raise an additional \$14,887 by the end of the month if we are to make our year-end goal.

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 2025. 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.

Sunday, 21 December *THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT*

9:00 a.m.	Low Mass
10:00 a.m.	Catechesis (Mystagogy)
11:00 a.m.	Solemn High Mass

Monday, 22 December *S. THOMAS THE APOSTLE (trans.)(com. Feria)*

10:00 a.m.	Food Bank (until 12 noon)
10:30 a.m.	Low Mass (Rite of Trent) †

Tuesday, 23 December *Advent Feria*

10:30 a.m.	Low Mass (Rite of Trent) †
6:00 p.m.	Requiem Mass (<i>RIP Joan Mary Barthos</i>)

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Wednesday, 24 December*The Vigil of Christmas (Christmas Eve)*

11:00 a.m. Low Mass (Of the Vigil)

10:30 p.m. Gallery Carols before Mass

11:00 p.m. Procession & Solemn First Mass of Christmas

Thursday, 25 December*CHRISTMAS DAY: THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST*

Please note that both the Breakfast Programme and the Food Bank will be closed for the holiday on Christmas Day, as well as on New Year's Day.

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

11:00 a.m. Sung Mass (in the Day)

Friday, 26 December*S. STEPHEN, PROTOMARTYR (com. Christmas Octave)*

11:00 a.m. Low Mass

Saturday, 27 December*S. JOHN, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST (com. Christmas Octave)*

11:00 a.m. Low Mass

Sunday, 28 December*THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS (com. Christmas Octave)*

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.

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