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NEW ITEMS

Archdiocesan News



***NEW* Bishop LeGatt Video Message: Christ Is Truly King**

As instability seems to be rampant in our world, touching many facets of our daily lives, the solemnity of Christ the King, which we celebrate this Sunday, speaks to us boldly of the real power we are called to follow. This great solemnity, which closes the liturgical year, was developed in the years following the First World War: another time when our world also knew great suffering, great fear, and great instability. This same solemnity which was borne out of the need to reflect on the ultimate authority and power of Christ, manifest through the Love of the cross, is again of great importance for us today. Let us reflect, this week, on the power

of Christ, his love, his mercy, and his hope, in our hearts and in our lives, even in these times of great suffering. May the peace of Christ truly dwell in us, even amid the greatest turmoil.

To view the video, [click here](#) or visit the diocesan Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/ArchSaintBoniface/> or visit the diocesan website homepage at: www.archsaintboniface.ca



***NEW* "A Matter of Life and Death": Steinbach Clergy Signs Open Letter in Support of Public Health Orders and Health Care Workers**

Clergy representing 23 churches in Steinbach have signed an open letter showing support for local healthcare workers and public health orders due to the pandemic. The letter, sponsored by the local ministerial, references verses in the book of Romans in the Bible calling on Christians to obey governing authorities "whenever the laws of the land do not cause us to disobey God." Fr. Edgardo M. Deligero, parochial administrator of Christ Our Saviour Catholic

Parish, is one of the signatories defending the public health orders. "They are not anti-faith; they are pro-life", states the letter. To read the complete open letter, [click here](#).



***NEW* Advent Virtual Choir – video to be submitted by December 9, 2020**

What better way to help prepare for the upcoming season of Christmas than through song? And why not create an Archdiocesan Virtual Choir? Sounds interesting, right? Visit the Advent resource section on the website for more details. <https://www.archsaintboniface.ca/main.php?p=1037> To view poster, [click here!](#)



***NEW* Advent Activities**

Are you looking for activities to do from home this Advent season? Visit our [webpage](#) for activities to help you and your family enter into this Advent season and stay connected to the Church of Saint Boniface too! We will continue updating this page with new activities throughout the season so be sure to check back often.



***NEW* Share a Photo of Your Nativity Scene With Us**

Let us share and spread the festive spirit that comes with the season of Advent!! The Archdiocese of Saint Boniface invites you to share your beautiful nativity scenes and your favourite holiday tradition as a way for us to celebrate as one family. Give inspiration and get inspiration while viewing how families/parishes/homes have prepared for the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ with their nativity scenes and traditions! We will be sharing your submissions on our Facebook page, the website, and the Youth Ministry Instagram account! [Click here for more information](#) or send your photo to ylicsi@archsaintboniface.ca with your completed [submission form](#).



***UPDATED* Livestreamed Masses in our Diocese**

For an updated list of parishes that livestream their Masses, [click here](#). Should any changes occur in your livestreaming schedule, if your parish initiates or discontinues the livestreaming of Masses, please contact the Communications coordinator, Daniel Bahaud, at communications@archsaintboniface.ca

Livestreaming of the Diocesan Sunday Masses

Archbishop Albert LeGatt invites you to participate, in as much as possible, in Sunday Mass live, while it is being celebrated. The simultaneousness of our prayers and songs, no matter where we are, represents an active participation in that particular moment of prayer and

gathering. *In French at 9 AM and in English at 10:30 AM.*

The liturgies can be accessed via the YouTube channel of the parish of Saints-Martyrs-Canadians:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFLbnkM6HIRYpb4QjiXeBOg/live>

Or on the Diocese's Facebook page [at the https://www.facebook.com/ArchSaintBoniface/live](https://www.facebook.com/ArchSaintBoniface/live)

Liturgies will start precisely at the indicated broadcast time. If you access Facebook or YouTube in advance, you may catch the end of the previous liturgy.

Marriage, Family & Life

***NEW* Marriage Tips**

Children are one of the joys of marriage (most of the time). But they also tend to take up a lot of your energy reserve. You are not married to your children, so don't let them take the place of the intimacy you owe to each other.

***NEW* Reflections for the separated/divorced**

"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost." – Thomas Ken, *"Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun"*

In good moments or bad moments, offer this prayer of praise to surrender all to God and to acknowledge his goodness to you.

Catechetics



***NEW* Advent Calendar 2020: "Waiting in Joyful Hope"**

This beautiful blue and purple calendar offers a new idea every day to bring our family together in anticipation of the beautiful Feast of Jesus, from Sunday, November 29 to Thursday, December 24th. Among other things, it invites us to put away our phones and electronic games to do family activities, to listen to someone who needs a friend, to share what we like with others (toys, treats, free time), to say thank you to Jesus for what makes us happy, etc. Take the time to discover this treasure and invite your people to be deeply moved by its content...

To print the PDF format of the calendar, [click here](#).

Youth & Young Adult Ministry



***NEW* Youth Instagram Take over!**

For the next two weeks, the Holy Cross Parish Youth Group is taking over our Archdiocese Youth Instagram Page. Come join the fun and adventure the Holy Cross Parish Youth Ministry will take us on! Share and follow @jeunessesaintbonifaceyouth Instagram page. For poster, [click here](#).



Retreats



***NEW* Let us prepare our hearts – Advent Retreats**

Christmas is fast approaching. We are decorating our houses and baking delicious goods to share with guests. Let us not forget to take the time to prepare our hearts for the arrival of the Emmanuel. **Why not try an Advent Retreat this year?**

- Catholic School of Evangelization: Preparing the Way – From November 29 to December 25, taking place from the comfort of your own home, join us on a journey towards to coming of our Saviour. Visit catholicway.net
- Abiding Together: Under Mary's Mantle – Advent Series. Weekly podcast starting on November 30 that will be reflecting on Mary with weekly discussion and journal questions. Visit abidingtogetherpodcast.com
- Give Me Jesus: Asking, Expecting & Receiving this Advent. A three-part online retreat with Leah Perrault. What does it mean to long for Jesus during Advent, let alone during a global pandemic? How do we enter into God becoming human, in our own flesh and blood? Visit queenshouse.org

To view poster, [click here](#)

***NEW* Online Advent Retreat for Catechists and those in ministry LAST CALL – November 27, 2020**

Join us for an evening to prepare yourself for Advent in a new way for this new time. This retreat evening will help you rediscover your heart as you ponder: *“The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.” (John 1:5)* In this personal ONLINE ZOOM retreat we have two very talented and gifted people to be our guides: Helena Fitzgerald, B.Sc.N., M.P.S. and Reverend Geoffrey Angeles, B.Th., M.A. (Lit). Register today, space is limited. Register by midnight on November 25th! For poster, [click here](#). Click here for the online registration: <https://forms.gle/HzDV6gSPdw4gKTpg5>

Development & Peace (D & P)



***NEW* The storm-struck people of Honduras and the Philippines need our help “For you have been... a shelter from the rainstorm....” — Isaiah 25:4**

Separated by 15,000 kilometres, Honduras and the Philippines are united by a terrible fate. Over the past month, a series of devastating storms have struck both countries. Hurricanes Eta and Iota have affected about a third of the Honduran population, leaving a wide trail of death, displacement, disruption and devastation. Development and Peace — Caritas Canada has allocated \$20,000 to help its partners coordinate relief efforts; assess damage; distribute rations and hygiene kits; and monitor shelters. In the Philippines, where five major typhoons have struck in under a month, hundreds of thousands are displaced, and agriculture and infrastructure have sustained over US\$400 million worth of damage. Development and Peace's partners have already identified the most urgent needs and stand ready and able mount an effective

response. To bring relief and dignity to affected people in both countries, our partners urgently need your generosity.

[Donate now for Honduras.](#)

[Donate now for the Philippines.](#)



***REMINDER* Share-Year-Round: Easy giving for difficult times**

Times are difficult for us all. In the Global South, the pandemic has exacerbated the effects of poverty, displacement, famine and conflict, making people's need for support ever greater. Meanwhile, here in Canada, it might now be harder for our always generous donors to give large amounts once or twice a year.

Fortunately, Development and Peace's **Share-Year-Round** program lets you make a big difference with even a few cents or dollars day. Donating monthly makes giving consistent and manageable for you and reduces our administrative costs. It lets our partners provide more resources, services and support to vulnerable communities at a time of exceptional need.

How it works: You decide the amount to donate to each month. It is automatically withdrawn from your account or charged to your credit card. You can modify or cancel your donation at any time. You receive our annual financial report and your tax receipt for the total contribution you made over the year.

Visit devp.org/givemonthly to join the Share-Year-Round program, or check out the [Share-Year-Round brochure](#) for more information.

Monthly Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis

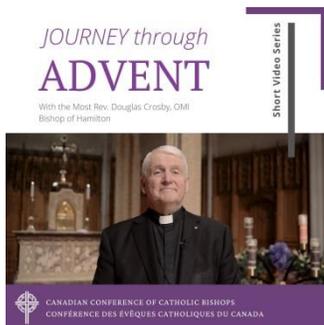
Prayer Intention for December, 2020

For a Life of Prayer – We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

News from the CCCB

(Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops)

Web site: www.cccb.ca/site/eng



***NEW* "Journey Through Advent" Online Weekly Video Series**

Visit the CCCB website for an inspirational and educational Journey Through Advent. The videos serve as an introduction to the liturgical Season and present reflections on the Gospel readings for each Sunday in Advent. The videos are hosted by the Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, O.M.I., Bishop of Hamilton and the Most Reverend Pierre Goudreault, Bishop of Saint-Anne-de-la-Pocatière, with each Bishop providing spiritual and pastoral guidance on the readings that illustrate the true meaning of Christmas. The videos will be available on the CCCB website each Monday in advance of the upcoming Sunday celebration (23 November, 30 November 7 December and 14 December) at: <https://www.cccb.ca/liturgy-sacraments/resources-in-english/liturgical-calendar/video-reflections/>.

Stewardship

***NEW* November 29, 2020 - First Sunday of Advent**

"Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time will come." - Mark 13:33

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our time, our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth.





REPEATED ITEMS



Bishop LeGatt Video Message: Receive What You Are. Become What You Receive

The situation in our province has changed yet again. Faced with the rapidly escalating danger of the pandemic spreading in Manitoba, provincial authorities have mandated what is known as a circuit breaker, as an attempt to stint the virus' transmission. This certainly has large implications for every facet of our lives, including our ways of celebrating our faith. Surely, these are going to be very trying times, as our churches must close. But we truly remain the Body of Christ. Although you may not be able to receive the Eucharist, now is the time for you to be Christ's living body, incarnated in our world.

To view the video, [click here](#) or visit the diocesan Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/ArchSaintBoniface/> or visit the diocesan website homepage at: www.archsaintboniface.ca

Bishop LeGatt Video Message: A New Normal

Archbishop Albert proposes a pot-pourri of reflexions, of sorts. Although the new normal is quite different. It remains important however, while vigilantly respecting all health directives, to remember normal, every-day things. Life goes on! Issues, such as the question of medical assistance in dying - euthanasia - continue to develop, and it continues to be important for us, Christians, to be heard on the political arena.



Sign Up for a Virtual Presentation on Estate Planning for Catholics

Lawyer Solange Buissé, financial planner Christine Beaumont, and consultant Gisèle Barnabé will cover the following topics: will preparation, powers of attorney, health care directives, planned giving and other considerations in the planning of one's final wishes. Please join us for this informative session and Q & A period which will be held on **Wednesday, December 9, from 7 to 9 PM via Teams**. Please contact Agata Johns to confirm your participation and to receive the link to the meeting: 204-237-9851 or ajohns@archsaintboniface.ca.

Marriage, Family & Life

Fertility Health Awareness Seminar (2 sessions in 2020-2021)

Calling all engaged couples... and anyone interested in learning more about Natural Family Planning! Find out about the various methods of NFP, and how they can benefit your fertility & marriage.

In 2020-2021, the Archdiocese of St. Boniface is pleased to offer, free of charge, 2 sessions of the Fertility Health Awareness Seminar:

Fall Session – Online: December 1, 2020 (Marquette method) & December 3 (Billings method). Deadline to register is November 20.

Spring Session: June 12, 2021 – Location and time TBD (Method options: Serena, NAPRO/Creighton, FEMM.) Deadline to register is June 1.

Link to register: bit.ly/fhas-registration. To view poster, [click here](#). For more info, please contact the Office of Marriage, Family and Life of the Archdiocese of St. Boniface:

Sophie: mfl@archsaintboniface.ca ; 204-594-0274 / Nadine: mfl2@archsaintboniface.ca ; 204-594-0295.



Ministry of Care

Dying Healed Webinar Series - Mondays, November 27, and December 7, 2020

This series includes a \$20 PDF workbook. Workshops provide comprehensive education on palliative care/end of life issues and preliminary training for palliative and hospice care volunteers. Topics covered will include the meaning of human suffering, the power of human presence, and pastoral care. Registration required. Contact us at livesvision@shaw.ca or 204-233-8047.



Join the Journey - Body, Mind & Spirit – Begins January 12, 2021

Body, Mind & Spirit is an 8-week virtual volunteer training course beginning the week of January 12th, 2021. It is designed to help develop a deeper understanding of how to accompany older adults in every aspect of their journey, whether they are living at home, in Supportive Housing or are in Long-Term Care. \$100 registration fee. For more information contact Julie Turenne-Maynard at 204-235-3136, visit: <https://joininthejourney.eventcreate.com> or click on the attached poster. Space is limited. Register today. To view poster, [click here](#).



Online Mindful Self-Compassion – Begins January 15, 2021

Mindful Self-Compassion combines the skills of mindfulness and self-compassion, providing a powerful tool for emotional resilience. **Decrease:** Depression, Stress, Secondary Traumatic stress, and Burnout. **Increase:** Self-compassion, Mindfulness, Compassion for others, Job satisfaction in healthcare professionals.

Start 2021 with this 6-week program, which begins January 15. Cost of participation is on a sliding scale, starting from \$50. Any questions can be emailed to compassion@compassionaction.ca. For more information: <https://compassionaction.ca/events/>

Catholic Schools

St. Mary's Academy Virtual Open House – January 19, 2021

St. Mary's Academy is hosting a Live Virtual Open House on January 19, 2021. Please join us to discover the advantage of our spirit, mind and body education. Applications are accepted for grades 7 through 12 (major entry points are grades 7 and 9). Financial assistance is available. All faiths are welcome. Find out more and sign up for the Virtual Open House at www.smamb.ca/admissions/OpenHouse. For a poster, [click here](#). Everyone is welcome!

St. Alphonsus School Centennial - 1921-2021

Our school community will be celebrating our centennial in 2021; what a momentous milestone! Our Anniversary Committee is busy planning virtual events and in-school activities to mark the year. If you are an alumnus of the school, or know someone who is, we want to connect with you! We are looking for old pictures and memorabilia that could add to our celebration or for former students and staff to share a story of their time here by emailing 100th@stals.ca. As well, find information on our upcoming events and check out our online photo archive at www.stalphonsusschool.ca/100th-anniversary/

St. Boniface Diocesan High School Virtual Open House – February 3, 2020

Please join us virtually on February 3, 2021 at 7:30PM for our annual open house in preparation for the 2021-22 school year. Hear about our school, and community, and meet the teachers. We offer University courses. We look forward to connecting with you! Book your tickets through Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/> today! Visit our website at: <https://www.sbdhs.net/> Email us at: admin@sbdhs.net Phone us at: 204-987-1560.



Concert/Theatre



Daughters of St. Paul Christmas Concert – December 3, 2020

Covid-19 can't stop Christmas. And this year, the Daughters of St Paul choir's Christmas Concert is finally making it to Canada... virtually!

The Daughters of St Paul are an international congregation of religious sisters who evangelize through the media. The sisters of the USA & Canada province have long wished to bring their Christmas Concert tour north, but international rights and customs made it impossible. But this year has offered the sisters the unique opportunity to launch their first ever virtual concert, "Home for Christmas," with choir members joining in from their homes to sing to you in yours! So join us, the Daughters of St Paul Choir, for our first concert for Canada! "Home for Christmas" is a free YouTube live-streamed event where you can expect to meet

our choir members, listen to some concert favourites, learn some dance moves, hear some inspirational stories, and have the opportunity to support our mission of evangelization. We hope to see you there, December 3rd at 8 PM EST! (7 PM Central) To view an invitation video, [click here](#). Visit <http://www.pauline.org/virtualconcert> for more information.

Retreats



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evangelization

ADVENT Virtual Retreat, November 29 - December 25, 2020

This retreat is taking place from the comfort of your own home. Join us throughout the Advent Season on a journey towards the coming of our Saviour. Each week there will be a different theme with resources and activities, daily videos shared with stories, reflections and prayer, as well as a few live sessions. Registration Fee is by Free Will Offering. For any further information or to register contact the CSE's Outreach Coordinator Brianne Ouellette at 204-347-5396 or brianne@catholicway.net Please RSVP by November 27. Come and prepare the way for the Lord! To view poster, [click here](#).

Visit our **French website**: <http://www.archsaintboniface.ca/index.html?lang=fr> to read the French bulletin, *Nouvelles hebdomadaires*, for announcements and activities that appear only in French.

Please note: All announcements must be submitted to the office of Communications: communications@archsaintboniface.ca, by Monday at 4 PM if they are to be published in the Tuesday bulletin.

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