

The Week at a Glance

Sat Dec 16 7:30pm Mass in Zenon Park **For †members of K of C**
 Sun Dec 17 9:00am Mass in Arborfield **For †members of K of C**
 11:00am Mass in Carrot River **For the people**
 Mon Dec 18 Fr Travis' day off
 Tues Dec 19 9:00am Mass in Zenon Park **For †Daniel Revoy**
 Wed Dec 20 9:00am Mass in Zenon Park **For †Aurel Soucy**
 Thurs Dec 21 6:00pm Adoration in Carrot River
 7:00pm Mass in Carrot River **For †Ryan Murphy**
 Fri Dec 22 10:00am Mass in Arborfield Care Home
 7:00pm Adoration in Zenon Park
 8:00pm Mass in Zenon Park
 Sat Dec 23 7:30pm Mass in Zenon Park **For the people**
 Sun Dec 24 9:00am Mass in Arborfield **For the people**
 5:00pm Mass in Zenon Park **For †Daniel Revoy**
 7:00pm Mass in Carrot River **For †Eldege Perrault †Eli Malfair**
 9:00pm Mass in Arborfield **For †Aurel Soucy**

Christmas Mass Times:

Sunday Dec 24th

Zenon Park – 5:00pm
 Carrot River - 7:00pm
 Arborfield – 9:00pm

Monday Dec 25th

Zenon Park – 10:00am

Mass Times for November/December

Sat 7:30pm – Zenon Park

Sun 9:00am – Arborfield

Sun 11:00am – Carrot River

PEASE NOTE: Mass Time Change in January to 11:00 am

Mass Time	Jan Feb	Mar Apr	May Jun	Jul Aug	Sep Oct	Nov Dec
7:30 PM	CR	ZP	AR	CR	ZP	AR
9:00 AM	ZP	AR	CR	ZP	AR	CR
11:00 AM	AR	CR	ZP	AR	CR	ZP

The new envelopes are ready for pick-up. Please see the table at the back of the church.



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Sunday December 17th - Third Sunday of Advent

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord... proclaims the Prophet Isaiah. Mary sings: *My soul shall exult in my God.* St. Paul invites the members of the community in Thessalonica to: *rejoice always* and to keep this as their most natural mind-set.

But are we always joyful, as St. Paul suggested? It doesn't seem so. In addition it could be interpreted as *my* immense naivety when I to dare to speak of joy and call others to joy, as if believers were people who moved forward with their eyes closed.

But isn't joy a feeling diffused with happiness which, at certain moments, illuminates our lives and fills our hearts? Is it not something that enables us to cast a serene and peaceful glance on people who surround us? We easily connect with Pope Francis' joy which he demonstrates so readily with his welcoming smile.

In the midst of our celebrations, the Lord shares so much with us. Today, God is telling us that a believer's focus, without ignoring the worries of the world, is to recognize God's joy. This passage refers to the arrival of the Child Jesus in the lives of the Jews of Palestine some 2000 years ago, and to his cousin, John, who baptized on the banks of the Jordan River.

Announcements and Activities

<u>Ministry</u>	<u>Dec 17</u>	<u>Dec 24</u>	<u>Dec 24(eve)</u>
Hospitality	Brian, Pam	TBA	TBA
Readers	Mark	TBA	TBA
Offerings	Louis, Jean	TBA	TBA
Ministers of the Cup	Guy, James	TBA	TBA
Commentator	Joann	TBA	TBA

Bishop's Annual Appeal:

Are you willing...to commit yourself to working in the Lord's Vineyard?

October 1- December 31 2017

Every gift is greatly appreciated!

As of **December 11** our parish has had **9** pledges. The amount pledged is **\$4,060.00**

Christmas Hampers

You can request a Christmas hamper or nominate someone to receive one. You can also donate to the hamper program. Contact is Daniel Janzen of Carrot River Mennonite church. 1-306-768-2457. If you are donating to the hamper program, please make the cheques payable to "Carrot River Christmas Hampers". Your cheque can be left at the church or dropped off at the Credit Union-Arborfield or Carrot River branches.

Last week's collection total: **\$ 530.00 Thank You**

Our three parishes now have a website!

<https://pasquiacatholic.com/>. Check it out!! St Lucy Parish also has a Facebook page: **StLucyArborfield**

BULLETIN ITEMS - submit to stlucyarb@hotmail.com no later than Thursday of the week requiring the announcement.

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Questions about his mission were directed to John the Baptist from all quarters: *Who are you, if you are not the Messiah, or the reincarnation of Elijah, or of Moses? Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?*

You could also ask me the same questions. Who am *I* to speak to *you* of joy when insecurity insidiously infects our planet and impoverishment of the most vulnerable increases on a daily basis?

In another era, St. John the Baptist responded: *Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal...*

*Among you stands one...*the response that I will make is the same: I confirm my faith in the living Christ; I reaffirm his presence and mercy; I share the hope that lives in me and enables me to believe that our world can't be compared to a locomotive restricted to riding on two rails. Since the first Christmas, an immense hope became available to be shared with our world.

Following the example set by Isaiah, Mary and Paul, it's our turn to be witnesses of this contagious joy.

Father Jacques Houle, c.s.v.

Translated by Honore Kerwin Borrelli

Thank-you to all who baked and all who bought baking on Sunday December 10th - **\$364** was raised and the proceeds were donated to the Carrot River Christmas Hampers and Chalice (Canadian Roman Catholic charity organization).