



# Canadian Martyrs

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Sunday Dec 17, 2017 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

- 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**  
**2:00pm Carrot River Health Centre Service**
- 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  
 7:00pm Confession in Zenon Park
- Thurs Dec 21 6:00pm Adoration in Carrot River**  
**7:00pm Mass in Carrot River For †Ryan Murphy**  
**7:30pm Prayer Group (normally on 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month)**
- 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**

Date	Commentator	Readers	Communion	Hospitality	Proc. Of Gifts	Welcoming
Dec 17 <sup>th</sup> 3rd Sunday	Rosemarie Wasko	Volunteer Rick Relland	Albert Tkach Ted Myslicki	Jeff Trombley Volunteer	Volunteer Volunteer	Volunteers
Dec 24 <sup>th</sup> 4th Sunday	Perry Mamer	Dan Oakes Myrna Oakes	Rosemarie Wasko Neal Wasko	Milton Wood Wayne Newstead	Connie Wood Volunteer	Volunteers
Dec 31 <sup>st</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Dan Oakes	Sharon Cross Volunteer	Bob Gagne Suzanne Gagne	Leo Brochu Ted Myslicki	Jolene Brochu Rose Myslicki	Volunteers
Jan 6 <sup>th</sup> Sat 1st Sunday	Shirley Zeller	Sharon Cross Volunteer	Albert Tkach Ted Myslicki	Dan Oakes Bob Gagne	Myrna Oakes Suzanne Gagne	Volunteers
Jan 13 <sup>th</sup> Sat 2nd Sunday	Rosemarie Wasko	Volunteer Rick Relland	Aaron Brochu Albert Tkach	Larry Trew Perry Mamer	Fredel Trew Volunteer	Volunteers
Jan 20 <sup>th</sup> Sat 3rd Sunday	Bob Gagne	Shirley Zeller Volunteer	Rosemarie Wasko Neal Wasko	Rick Relland Allan Malfair	Sharon Cross Aline Malfair	Volunteers
Jan 27 <sup>th</sup> Sat 4th Sunday	Perry Mamer	Bob Gagne Doug Senko	Dan Oakes Myrna Oakes	Milton Wood Herb Baskey	Connie Wood Volunteer	Volunteers

**Note:** there are several “volunteer” spaces in our mass ministry schedule. If you would like to help any of the ministries, please contact Maxine to add you to the schedule.

**Collection: Dec 10, 2017 \$725.00**

**Announcements:**

**Christmas Hampers** –If you know someone who would appreciate a hamper or would like to donate to this cause, please contact Daniel Janzen at 306-768-2457.

**Parish contact list:** If you have a cell number that you would like to be used, please update your contact phone Numbers with Eva or Theresa. Thank you.

**Mass Times for November/December:**

Sat 7:30pm – Zenon Park

Sun 9:00am – Arborfield

**Sun 11:00am – Carrot River**

**Confession: Notre Dame de la Nativite Zenon Park Wednesday Dec 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**

**Christmas Eve: Sunday Dec 24th**

**5:00pm Notre Dame de la Nativite Zenon Park**

**7:00pm Canadian Martyrs Carrot River**

**9:00pm St Lucy's Arborfield**

**Christmas Day: Monday Dec 25<sup>th</sup>**

Zenon Park – 10:00am

Do you have a particular prayer intention that you would like prayed for? You are welcome to write in down and place it in our prayer box! It will be prayed for on the 4th Thursday of the month @ 7:30pm after mass. Everyone is welcome to come and pray with us!

**Parish Council nominations** will be accepted for our pastoral council and pastoral finance council until Feb 8, 2018. Please give nominations to any pastoral council member:

Father Travis

Allen Malfair – Chairperson

Aline Malfair – Décor

Milton Wood – Member at large (maintenance)

Connie Wood – Member at large

Janet Caouette – Treasurer

Herb Baskey – Finance chairperson

Theresa Korpach – Community Life

Maxine Baskey - Liturgy

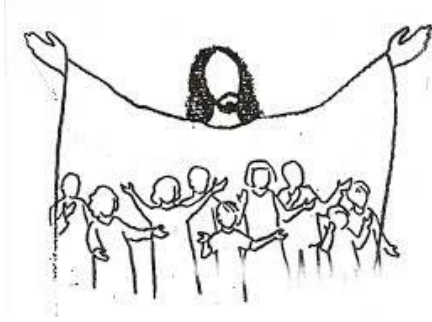
Wilma Wheeler – Recording secretary (Need a replacement now in Wilma's absence)

“Are you willing... to commit yourself to working in the Lord's vineyard? We are now past the half way point of the goal of \$425,000 for the Bishop's Annual Appeal 2017. As of November 14, 2017 parishioners have pledged \$247,612.60 towards the goal for the Diocese of Prince Albert. If you have already sent in your pledge for the Bishop's Annual Appeal, thank you for your generosity. If you haven't done so yet and are planning to do so, the Appeal Office would like to have all pledges received before December 31, 2017. If you have lost or misplaced your Appeal information, additional pledge cards are available from your Parish Office. Please continue to pray for the success of the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal.

The Bishop's Annual Appeal update: We have 13 donations for a total of \$3145.00. Thank you.

***Bishops'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.***

# Joy...



*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.

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

