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St. John preached that our intentions and actions must be embodied in the fabric of our everyday lives. Conversion is not just an interior process; it must be part and parcel of our lives. The Christian approach to conversion consists in experiencing an inner "re-creation" by turning to Jesus Christ and his evangelical message. There is a way to lead one's life and complete one's tasks that is common to all people, but one that is particular to Christians is inspired by the Gospels. The need for conversion usually arises from the recognition that one has moved away from *Jesus' way* of living and must take steps to return. It is not a question of living a life similar to Christ's, but of being inspired by Him.

When preaching about conversion, St. John invited Christians to follow *Jesus' way*. Today this means that kindness and compassion will be practiced by those working in the fields of health, education and social assistance; there will be solidarity between the impoverished and those who are comfortable; altruism and respect for the common good for everyone; respect for the dignity of others by those in authority; and selflessness and forgiveness within families. To summarize St. John's message, each of us must hear the call for conversion and act accordingly.

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### **Sunday December 16, 2018 3rd Sunday of Advent**

St. John the Baptist is a leading figure in the Gospels during the Advent season. His personality reminds us of the Old Testament prophets. St. Luke's references to St. John are a contrast to those found in St. Matthew's Gospel. St. John's calls for conversion were adapted to answer those who requested baptism as they prepared for the imminent coming of the messiah. When they asked: *What should we do?* ... St. John's responses could be incorporated into their lives and professions. St. John promoted practices of justice and peace. Ordinary people were advised to share their goods with the poor; tax collectors to conduct business fairly and honestly; and soldiers to use non violent measures.

## The Week at a Glance

Sat Dec 15 7:30pm Mass in Arborfield **For Souls in Purgatory**  
 Sun Dec 16 9:00 am Mass in Carrot River **For †August & Sophie Taming**  
 11:00am Mass in Zenon Park **For the people**  
 Mon Dec 17 *Fr Travis' day off*  
 Tues Dec 18 9:00am Mass in Zenon Park **For Deceased Family Members**  
 7:00pm Confession in Zenon Park  
 Wed Dec 19 9:00am Mass in Zenon Park **For †Paul Lacroix**  
 Thurs Dec 20 6:00pm Adoration in Carrot River  
 7:00pm Mass in Carrot River **For †Margaret & Paul Nesdoly**  
 Fri Dec 21 7:00pm Adoration in Zenon Park  
 8:00pm Mass in Zenon Park **For †Gilles Favreau**  
 Sat Dec 22 7:30pm Mass in Arborfield **For Residents of Arborfield Care Home**  
 Sun Dec 23 9:00 am Mass in Carrot River **For the people**  
 11:00am Mass in Zenon Park **For Special Intention**

### Mass Times for Jan/Feb

Sat 7:30pm – Zenon Park  
 Sun 9:00am – Arborfield  
 Sun 11:00am – Carrot River

### Christmas Mass Schedule



#### December 24<sup>th</sup>

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

#### December 25<sup>th</sup>

10:00am – Zenon Park

## Announcements and Activities

<u>Ministry</u>	<u>Dec 15</u>	<u>Dec 22</u>
<b>Commentator</b>	Liz	Marie
<b>Reader</b>	Jeanne	Mark
<b>Cup</b>	Beatrice, Neil	Guy, James
<b>Hospitality</b>	Neil, Lorraine	Flo, James
<b>Offerings</b>	Louis, Jean	Brian, Pam
<b>Sacristan</b>	Jeanne	Pam

### Cleaning Schedule

Dec 17 - Dec 23, 2018	Bob & Lisa Hamelin
Dec 24 - 30, 2018	Flo & Mary Ann Perrault

Last week's collection total: **\$565.00**      **Thank You**

**Bishop's Annual Appeal 2018:**  
**"What Must We Do... to Build the Kingdom of God?"**  
 Every gift is greatly appreciated!  
 Parish Contributions to date **\$3210.00** of our goal of \$4075

"What Must We Do... to Build the Kingdom of God?". We are just days away from the end of the 2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal. As of December 12, 2018 parishioners have pledged \$343,676.15 towards the goal of \$425,000.00 for the Diocese of Prince Albert. If you have already sent in your pledge, 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, 2018. If you have lost or misplaced your Appeal information, additional pledge cards are available at your Parish Office.

### Vocation Corner - Third Sunday of Advent - C

**A Vocation View:** Have you ever asked: "What ought I do?" Simply, tell the Good News to people. Nothing else matters.

**Prayer:** For men and women called by the Lord to be messengers of salvation as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, that Christ's peace will guard their hearts and minds as they proclaim the good news of salvation, we pray to the Lord.

**Action:** Being a disciple means being constantly ready to bring the love of Jesus to others, and this can happen unexpectedly and in any place: on the street, in a city square, during work, on a journey. *Evangelii Gaudium, "The Joy of the Gospel"* (127)