

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun Dec 23	9:00 am Mass in Carrot River For the people 11:00am Mass in Zenon Park <u>For Special Intention</u>
Mon Dec 24	5:00pm Mass in Arborfield For †Pete Potie 7:00pm Mass in Zenon Park For the people 9:00pm Mass in Carrot River For †Nick and Dennis Panchyshyn
Tues Dec 25	10:00am Mass in Zenon Park <u>For Our clergy</u>
Wed Dec 26	<i>no mass</i>
Thurs Dec 27	<i>no mass</i>
Fri Dec 28	<i>no mass</i>
Sat Dec 29	7:30pm Mass in Arborfield For Souls in Purgatory
Sun Dec 30	9:00 am Mass in Carrot River For the people 11:00am Mass in Zenon Park <u>For Edwin Lee</u>
Mon Dec 31	7:30pm Mass in Arborfield For Souls in Purgatory
Tues Jan 1	9:00am Mass in Carrot River For †Paul Nسدoly 11:00am Mass in Zenon Park <u>For the people</u>
Wed Jan 2	<i>no mass</i>
Thurs Jan 3	<i>no mass</i>
Fri Jan 4	<i>no mass</i>
Sat Jan 5	7:30pm Mass in Zenon Park <u>For †Joe Greaves</u>
Sun Jan 6	9:00 am Mass in Arborfield For the people 11:00am Mass in Carrot River For Relatives of Neil & Wilma Wheeler

Responsabilité	23 decembre	24 decembre	25 decembre
Accueil	Gisele Y / Helene M	Gisele Y / Helene M	TBA at mass
Lectures	Colette P / Simon P	Diane L / Beatrice F	↓
Offrandes	Joel & Ashley M	Joel / Ashley M	
Communion	Clem P / Louise D	Louise D / Clem P	
Servants	Pascal / Moise	Pascal / Moise	
Quête	Martin / Clem D	Vincent M / Clem D	

Responsabilité	30 decembre	1 janvier	5 janvier
Accueil	Armand/Karen M	Louise D/ Jeannine C	Gisele Y/ Helene M
Lectures	Colette M / Monica F	Beatrice F / Simon P	Beatrice F / Sylvia D
Offrandes	Gilles & Colette P	Clem / Linda P	Simon / Marion P
Communion	Ashley M / Linda P	Colette M / Colette P	Ashley M / Monica F
Servants	Luc / Gabriel	Moise / Gabriel	Luc / Gabriel
Quête	Simon / Denis M	Martin C / Joel M	Vincent M / Clem P

Annonces et Activités

Did you know??? You can view the Sunday bulletin online? Check it out!!

<http://www.zenonpark.com/index.php/en/village-services/church>

Our three parishes now have a website! <https://pasquiacatholic.com/>

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

<https://www.padiocese.ca/bishops-appeal>

“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 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, 2018. 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 2018 Bishop’s Annual Appeal. For further information contact Andrea Langlois, Director of the Bishop’s Annual Appeal at 306-922-4747 ext. 234, baadirector@padiocese.ca or Louis Hradecki, Data Administrator of the Bishop’s Annual Appeal at 306-922-4747 ext. 233, bishopsappeal@padiocese.ca.

EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS

NET (National Evangelical Team) Ministries of Canada, a Catholic Youth Movement of young adult missionaries, will be visiting our Diocese from **January 18, 2019 to January 28, 2019**. We ask that you prayerfully consider billeting two or more dynamic, faith-filled NET team members for one or more of the mentioned days. Please call Michelle at the Diocese office 306-922-4747, ext. 228, or e-mail to ecassistant@padiocese.ca. Your family will be truly blessed by this enriching opportunity!

WYD (World Youth Day) at Home, St. Joseph Parish, Prince Albert, SK

<https://www.padiocese.ca/youth-ministry>

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For more information please feel free to call Dave McQuaid at (306) 441-5897 or Brian Bauche at (306) 220-0025.

Key Principles of Catholic Social Teaching

4. OPTION FOR THE POOR AND VULNERABLE

Catholic teaching proclaims that a basic moral test is how our most vulnerable members are faring. In a society marred by deepening divisions between rich and poor, our tradition recalls the story of the Last Judgment (Matthew 25:31-46) and instructs us to put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first.

YOUTH

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<https://www.padiocese.ca/youth-ministry>

World Youth Day @ Home

Save the Date!

What: World Youth Day at Home (WYD@Home)

Who: Young Adults and Youth ages 15 and up

Where: St. Joseph's Parish
260 – 25th St. East, Prince Albert

When: January 26th, 2019 from 1:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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Mass Times for Jan/Feb

Sat 7:30pm – Zenon Park

Sun 9:00am – Arborfield

Sun 11:00am – Carrot River

2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal total:

\$4200.00

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Last week's collection total: \$713.85

Thank-you / Merci!!!
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Le 23 decembre -Quatrieme dimanche de l'Avent
December 23rd – Fourth Sunday of Advent

Christmas Preparations

Our Christmas preparations are first and foremost on our agendas! We have gifts to purchase and wrap; trees to decorate and food to prepare ... But beyond the material preparations, how do we prepare spiritually for Christmas? Today's readings offer us three suggestions.

Celebrate life

Today's Gospel describes a meeting of two women: an elderly woman who is pregnant and a young girl who is pregnant earlier than expected. The elderly Elizabeth greets Mary with an exclamation inspired by the Holy Spirit, one that is prophetic. *Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.* Mary is blessed because she carries the Child who is the Source of all blessings. The first blessing in the Bible is one for life: *God blessed them saying, "Be fruitful and multiply..."* (Genesis 1:22). Jesus is the blessing who brings life: *I came that they may have life and have it abundantly* (John 10:10).

The life that God offers us through Jesus is greater than anything on earth, greater than illness or death, than old age and war. As the angel said to Mary: *Nothing will be impossible with God* (Luke 1:37).

Celebrate joy

Not only did the two women connect, but a relationship developed between the babies within their mothers' wombs. Elizabeth felt her baby (John the Baptist) move joyfully as he acknowledged the Savior's presence. John the Baptist fulfills an important role during Advent. He recognized and identified the Savior whom we welcomed. Let's set aside time for moments of reflection and silence to welcome the One who is the Source of our joy.

Celebrate the first beatitude

For Christians, the first beatitude in St. Matthew's Gospel is from Christ's teaching on the mountain: *Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven* (Matthew 5:3). In St. Luke's Gospel, Elizabeth, inspired by the Holy Spirit, proclaimed the first beatitude: *Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord* (Luke 1:45). How do we describe Mary's faith? It comes down to one word *welcoming*. She welcomes God who is faithful to his promise. Mary has complete confidence in God and welcomes Him in her body, mind, intelligence, will and emotions. Mary's self and existence became the abode of our infinite God. Mary offers herself to God so that our Savior can enter our world to inhabit, heal and transform it. Through Mary, the faith of the people of Israel reached its peak and the faith of the Church had its Source. According to some authors, Mary's faith was so cherished that even when she was taken up to heaven, she kept it, not for herself alone, but to share with us. With Mary, we welcome God into our lives.

My preparations for Christmas begin by praying to Mary, God's mother, to share her faith with me.

Georges Madore, s.m.m.