

Saint Boniface

Catholic Church

Celebrating 160 Years 1858-2018

Second Sunday of Advent - - December 9, 2018



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Mass Schedule

Weekday Masses

Tuesday and Thursday..... 9:00 AM

Weekend Masses

Saturday..... 4:00 PM

Sunday..... 10:00 AM

Sunday.....Mass in French - 12:00 Noon

Adoration..... First Sunday - 1:30 PM

Reconciliation 3:15-3:45 PM prior to Saturday Mass

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Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays 3:15-3:45 PM
or by appointment

Sacraments of Baptism, Matrimony, and Anointing
of the Sick:
Please call parish office for information.

Partners in Prayer

Phone prayer intentions any time to 612.986.3445
E-mail prayer requests to: boniface1858@usfamily.net

READINGS for the Week of December 9, 2018

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 Lk 3:1-6

Luke is careful to place the preaching and activities of John the Baptist in its political and religious historical context.

Why do you think this information was so important to Luke and his community?

Monday: Is 35:1-10 Lk 5:17-26
 Tuesday: Is 40:1-11 Mt 18:12-14
 Wednesday: Zec 2:14-17 Lk 1:26-38
 Thursday: Is 41:13-20 Mt 11:11-15
 Friday: Is 48:17-19 Mt 11:16-19
 Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Mt 17:9a, 10-13
 Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 8, 2018

4:00pm †Bernard Christ
 †Anthony Dady
 †Jean Torborg

Sunday, December 9, 2018

10:00am †Ray and Mary Rush
 12:00pm Parishioners

Tuesday, December 11, 2018

9:00am Boyd and Nancy Palsgrove

Thursday, December 13, 2018

9:00am Regina Bona

Saturday, December 15, 2018

4:00pm †Violet and †Austin Spielmann
 †Mary Rolek
 Edith Anderson

Sunday, December 16, 2018

10:00am Bernard Mulvihill (HNS)
 Don and Jeanette Dick (HNS)
 12:00pm Parishioners

**“Peace in the Womb” Christmas Caroling Day
 Saturday, December 15 - - 8:00am to 10:00am**

In the Christmas story, hope enters the world through the birth of a child, even in the midst of difficult circumstances. Bring hope and joy to one of the world's darkest places - the abortion clinic - in hopes that the familiar sounds of Christmas carols will save a life. And, in fact, lives have been saved by our peaceful, prayerful witness when women heard our songs from inside the abortion facility and chose life for their children. Dress for the weather!

“Peace in the Womb” Christmas Caroling Day at:

Planned Parenthood three locations:
 671 Vandalia Street, St. Paul
 825 South 8th Street, Minneapolis
 3821 West Broadway, Robbinsdale

Our Gifts to the Lord

December 2, 2018 - \$2,245.58
 Thank You for sharing your treasures!

Our Lady of Guadalupe - December 12

In December of 1531, the native Mexican peasant Juan Diego was walking to a catechism class. A woman's voice called his name. He climbed the nearby hill to see a woman who “shone like the sun.” She asked that he petition the bishop for a church to be built on the site, Tepeyac Hill. Twice the bishop denied Juan Diego, thinking him to be a fraud. Mary appeared to Juan Diego again. He asked her for a sign. There - in the heart of winter - he found a bed of rare Castilian roses, a variety that would not be native to Mexico but that the Spanish bishop would surely recognize. Juan Diego gathered the flowers in his tunic.

When he reached the bishop, he dropped the corners of his tunic so the roses fell to the ground. The bishop was transfixed. There on Juan Diego's tunic was an image of a woman robed with the stars, the moon under her feet, and the sun behind her. It was Mary!

Juan Diego's tunic and the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe is preserved and still on display at the church Mary asked for almost 500 years ago.

St. John Paul II declared Our Lady of Guadalupe the patroness of all of North, Central, and South America.

Reflection**“Together, Awaiting Redemption”**

St. Oscar Romero, *The Violence of Love*

Mary and the church in Latin America are marked by poverty. Vatican Council II says that Mary stands out among the poor who await redemption from God. Mary appears in the Bible

as the expression of poverty, of humility,
 of one who needs everything from God.

When she comes to America,
 her intimate, motherly converse is with an Indian,
 an outcast, a poor man.

Mary's dialog in America begins with a sign of poverty,
 poverty that is hunger for God,
 poverty that is joy of independence.
 Poverty is freedom.

Poverty is needing others,
 needing brothers and sisters,
 supporting one another so as to help one another.
 This is what Mary means
 and what the church means in Latin America.

If at some time the church betrayed its spirit of poverty,
 then it was unfaithful to the gospel,
 which meant it to be distinct from the powers of the earth,
 not depending on the money that makes humans happy,
 but depending on the power of Christ,
 on God's power.
 That is its greatness.

Oscar Romero (1917-1980) became archbishop of San Salvador in 1977. A prophetic voice of the poor who was ultimately martyred at the altar while saying Mass, Romero was canonized on October 14, 2018.

Parish News at St. Boniface Church

Mission Statement - The parish of St. Boniface Church has a new mission statement adapted by the Parish Council earlier this year. May we all strive to live this mission through our everyday lives and in our parish community:

To share the gifts that God has entrusted to us by being Christ to one another, mindful of his unconditional love.

Faith Formation at St. Boniface began Sun., December 2. Classes are held at 11:00am in our church hall. Registration forms are in the back of the church or you may call the church office (612.379.2761) for additional information. Classes are offered for all children for the sacraments of First Communion and First Reconciliation.

Parents: enroll your children as soon as possible.

Collection For Religious Retirement - December 9

The second collection will be for all the 31,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who benefit from the Retirement Fund for Religious. Many have served for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to today's second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for our elderly religious. Envelopes are in the pews as well as in your parishioner packets. Thank you for your generosity.

Advent Tree - Gloves, mittens, caps and scarfs will gradually cover our Advent Tree. This gift for children is your opportunity for all of us to help others during a season of giving and hope. Thanks.

Confraternity of Christian Women at St. Boniface

Our Christmas Bazaar was a grand event!! Thank you everyone for working hard to make this event a success. And the winners are

Christmas Basket - Bob Bendel
Cheesecake Gift Card - Kelly Goodnature
Fall Entertaining Basket - Candy Brevig
Chicken Tortilla Soup Basket - Marie Marino
Penzey's Spice Basket - Audra Leisdon
Relaxation Basket - Gail Keegel
Vera Bradley Basket - Grace Maslowski
Radko Ornament Basket - Ann Lazinski
Money Basket - Theresa Hallin

Big Raffle winners:

\$50.00 - Julianne Peichel
\$100.00 - Vanessa Gehl
\$200.00 - Father John Brandes

Total Profit - \$3,683.17

Thank you everyone for working hard to make this event a success.
Judy Soder

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 8 - Sunday, December 9

Eucharistic Ministers

4:00 pm Abe Welle & Carol Torborg

10:00 am Mary Nagel & Peter Nguyen

Lector

4:00 pm Abe Welle

10:00 am Kristin Olson

Saturday, December 15 - Sunday, December 16

Eucharistic Ministers

4:00pm Patricia Foss & Mary Ann Perry

10:00am Judy Soder & Mary Nagel

Lector

4:00pm Patricia Foss

10:00am Patty Griffin

THE SAINT BONIFACE CHURCH CALENDAR

Bulletin News

Bulletin Dates

December 23

December 30

January 6

Deadline Dates

Friday, December 14

Friday, December 21

Friday, December 28

Sunday, December 9

Retirement Fund for Religious Collection

Faith Formation at 11:00am

Saturday, December 15

Father Biju: "The Meaning of Christmas" at 5:00pm

Attend this special reflection given by Father Biju on the eve of Gaudete Sunday signaling the third week of Advent. Following this talk there will be refreshments.

Sunday, December 16

Faith Formation at 11:00am

Sunday, December 23

Faith Formation at 11:00am

Sunday, December 30

Hospitality after 12:00Noon Holy Mass

Holy Day Schedule at St. Boniface Church

Christmas Eve - Monday, December 24

Carols at 3:30pm and Mass at 4:00pm

Christmas Day - Tuesday, December 25

(A Holy Day of Obligation)

Masses at 10:00am/English and 12:00noon/French

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Saturday, December 29 - Mass at 4:00pm

Sunday, December 30

Masses at 10:00am/English and 12:00noon/French

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

(A Holy Day of Obligation)

Monday, December 31, 2019 - Mass at 4:00pm

Tuesday, January 1, 2019 - Mass at 10:00am

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