

CHURCH OF ST BARNABAS, APOSTLE AND MARTYR

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16TH

8:00 pm Compline by Candlelight

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17TH

9:30 am Morning Prayer

10:00 am Mass

Advent Feria,

*Votive in Thanksgiving for
the Gift of the Holy Mass*

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18TH

NO SERVICES

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19TH

12:15 pm Mass

Advent Feria, Monthly Requiem

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20TH

7:00 am Morning Prayer

7:30 am Mass

Advent Ember Day,

Votive for Peace

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY,

DECEMBER 22ND, ADVENT IV

8:30 am **Low Mass**

Phil 4:4-7

John 1:19-29

10:30 am **High Mass**

Is 7:10-16 Ps 80:1-7; 17-19

Rom 1:1-7 Matt 1:18-25



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15 December 2019

The Third Sunday in Advent

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and ever. Amen.

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Gaudete Sunday (Advent III) 15 December 2019

8:00 am Mattins is said in the Chapel.

8:30 am Low Mass begins on page 67 of the *Book of Common Prayer*. The Collect, Epistle and Gospel are found on pages 95 and 99-100. The Introit and Gradual Psalms are printed in this bulletin.

10:30 am Solemn High Mass

The Order of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass (white booklet)

Hymnal: *The Book of Common Praise* (blue book)

Mass setting: *Short Communion Service* - Adrian Batten (c.1591 - c.1637)

Creed - John Merbecke (c.1510-c.1585)

Prelude *Chorale Prelude on "Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme"*, BWV 645
- J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Please stand for the entrance of the Sacred Ministers

Blessing and Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Versicle Behold, in the time appointed the Lord will come;

Response **The Lord is near at hand to redeem his people.**

Versicle Jesus, Wisdom of the Most High God;

Response **Come and teach us the way of understanding.**

Prayer We thank you, O God our Father, for the gift of your Son, Jesus the Christ, whose coming to this world was foretold by the prophets of old. Give us the faith to receive your word, the understanding to know what it means, and the courage to put it into practice.

People **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Asperges me **Mass Booklet, pp. 19-20**

As the Celebrant sprinkles Holy Water on the congregation, it is customary to bow and the make the sign of the cross.

Introit Rejoice ye in the Lord, and again I say, rejoice ye; let your moderation be known unto all men, the Lord is at hand: be careful for nothing, nor troubled; but in all things, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God. *Ps.* And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding: shall keep your hearts and minds. Glory be... Rejoice ye in the Lord...

Greeting and Collect for Purity **Mass Booklet, p. 1**

Kyrie and Gloria **p. 2**

Collect of the Day (see insert) **p. 3**

Proclamation of the Word (see insert) **pp. 3-5**

Isaiah 35:1-10

Psalms 146:5-10. *Lauda, anima mea.*

James 5:7-10

Gradual Hymn 548 *Come, thou long-expected Jesus* **STUTTGART**

Gradual Show thyself, O Lord, thou that sittest upon the Cherubim: stir up thy strength and come. Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel: thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep. Alleluia, alleluia. Stir up thy strength, O Lord: and come and help us. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel Matthew 11:2-11 (see insert) **p. 4**

Christmas Pageant (see carol insert)

Nicene Creed **p. 5**

Prayers of the People (see below) **p. 6**

Confession, Absolution, and The Peace **pp. 6-8**

Offertory O Lord, thou art become gracious unto thy land; thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob: thou hast forgiven the offence of thy people.

Offertory Hymn 396 *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* **CRÜGER**

Canon of the Mass **pp. 9-16**

Communion Say to them that are of a fearful heart: Be strong, fear not; behold, your God will come and save you.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Holy Eucharist.

Communion Music *O wisdom* - Plainsong

Ablutions Motet *Adam lay ybounden* - Boris Ord (1897-1961)

Thanksgiving and Dismissal **pp. 16-18**

Post Communion Hymn 59 *The Advent of our King* **ST. THOMAS**

Announcements and Angelus **p. 21**

Postlude *Ciacona in E minor*, BuxWV 160
- Dietrich Buxtehude (c.1637/39-1707)

Rejoice ye in the Lord, and again I say, rejoice ye



Notes and Notices

15 December 2019

*A warm Welcome is extended to all visitors and newcomers worshipping with us today. Please fill out a **Welcome Card**, and sign our Visitors' Book in the Narthex following the service. After High Mass, do join us for refreshments in the Fred Allen Memorial Hall.*

Upcoming Events

Tonight – Choral Compline at Good Shepherd Barrhaven, 3500 Fallowfield, led by the Vocata Trio, at **7:30 pm**. See poster in Narthex.

Wednesday, December 18th – Communita, 2 - **3:30 pm**.

Saturday, December 21st – Annual Christmas Clean-up at **10 am** (see below).

Tuesday, December 24th – Christmas Eve Solemn High Mass **10:30 pm**.

Wednesday, December 25th – Christmas Day: Morning Prayer at **9:30 am**, Solemn High Mass at **10:30 am**.

Nota bene

We sincerely thank **Donald Russell** for directing the music this morning, while Wesley is recovering from a hand injury.

Thank you to everyone who helped with preparation and clean-up for the Lessons and Carol service last Sunday.

Thank you to all involved in the pageant: the youth, parents, and especially Catherine Schwartz, Jennifer Veitch, Rowna Mackeen and Luc Frechette.

Christmas Baskets for the parish's sick and shut-ins are ready for delivery today. Please speak to Yvonne Moses after high mass.

A Pilgrimage to England, 19 - 28 September 2020, with Canon David Rath. Brochures and booking forms are available during refreshments after the 10:30 mass, or contact Canon Rath on 613-804-3200, or wdraths@gmail.com.

The **2020 Church Calendars**, published by St. Peter Publications, will be available from Wesley Warren following services today at \$8 per copy.

Our **Annual Christmas Clean-up** will take place **Saturday, December 21st**. Please bring lots of energy, rags, dusters, etc.! Many hands make light work. For more information, please contact Ronald Bentley.

The choir's CD "**Exsultate Deo**" may be purchased for \$20 after mass.

A **summary of results** from the questionnaire distributed at the Town Hall on October 20 is available in the Narthex.

Attention **Snow Birds**: Stay connected to parish life whilst playing shuffle board by signing up for the e-bulletin. Send an email to the parish or visit the website to sign up.

There will be **NO Parish Council** this month. The next meeting will be on January 15th.

Please consider distributing the Brochure 'bookmarks', advertising our Christmas service times, to friends and family.

Prayers of the People

15 December 2019

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the diocese of Sokoto in Nigeria, and El Salvador in Central America.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Cornerstone/Le Pilier, the residents, staff, and chaplains of the Ottawa-Carleton Detention Centre, and for vocations vocations to the priesthood, and religious life.

In our Parish, we pray for Bill Stewart, George and Margaret Stonyk, Sarah Trant, and Donald and Johanna Tudin.

We remember those for whom our prayers have been asked: Patricia Boyce, Geoffrey, Joshua, Roger Beland, Emma and Family, Harvey Cottrell, Vera Iodko, The Rev. Deacon Henry Stauffenberg, Jarod, David Blackman, Murray Nash, Wesley, Fiona, Issac, Emily, Mary and Rob, Ronald Bentley, Bishop William Love, Fr. Borden, Joe O'Brien, Maurice Therrien, Mary Davis, Mary Fereday, Quinn Smith, Morris Redman, Phyllis James, Tony Fereday, Bart Beglo, Patrick, Lou MacKenzie, ThomasTims, Rick Peche, Tracey, Claire, Roger, Susan, Anna and Chris, and for all living with anxiety and depression.

For troubled areas of the world, we pray for the Middle East, with the continuing troubles in Syria, Palestine, Gaza, and Israel, Yemen, Sri Lanka, the Kurdish people, all suffering from disease, war, terrorism, and natural disaster, and for our Canadian Forces and aid workers serving worldwide.

For those celebrating a birthday: Susan Bridges, Susan Howell, Janie Fréchette, Michelle O'Brien, and Deborah Folkes.

For all the faithful departed: Fr. Peter Moore, Michael Bloum, Ruth Bell, Isaac Mahood, and members of our family and friends.

Christian Virtue: An Advent Talk-and-Discussion Series

Peter Scotchmer is offering a series of one-hour talk-and-discussion lectures on several Christian Virtues as these make their presence felt in a number of significant literary works. These lectures will take place at **9:30 am each Sunday in Advent** before the 10:30 am High Mass and will continue in **Epiphany**, pending continued interest. The revised scheduled is as follows:

Dec. 22: Love: Shakespeare's King Lear.

Jan. 5: Prudence: William Golding's Lord of the Flies Sunday,

Jan.12: Chastity: Edith Wharton's Ethan Frome

Jan.19: Faith: Shusaku Endo's Silence

Jan. 26: Patience: Jane Austen's Persuasion

While it is helpful for participants to have read each work in advance, no prior knowledge of each is assumed. Interest is the sole requirement.

Advent Devotions

Devotional booklets of daily Advent readings, **Let the Heavens be Glad: inspiration from Henri J.M. Nouwen**, may be found at the back of the Nave.

The Advent issue of the **Anglican Planet** is available on the table in the Narthex.

Parish Library: A table of Advent meditations and devotionals is on display in the Parish Hall.

Advent and the Four Last Things

Death, Judgement, Heaven, and Hell – have traditionally been themes for Advent meditation, representations of which will be depicted on the bulletin covers for the four weeks of Advent, taken from Hieronymus Bosch's *The Seven Deadly Sins and the Four Last Things*, c.1500. Advent I reminded us that although **Death** is a result of sin, our redemption ultimately comes about through it, following Jesus' own death and resurrection to new life: *for as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive... For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.* (I Cor 15). **Judgement** on Advent II, reminded us that the season is as much about Christ's *second* coming as it is his first, when he will return in glory to judge both the quick and the dead – *His winnowing fork is in his hand...* (Matt 3:12). Today, on *Gaudete* (rejoice) Sunday, **Heaven** is examined.

One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple. (Ps 27:4)

Heaven is the blessed condition of perfect and unending communion with the Triune God, and his holy angels and saints, as is depicted on the bulletin cover. In Heaven we shall see God *as he is*, what the Church calls the "beatific vision". *Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.* (1 Jn 3:2)

In his Letter to the Romans, the early Church Father, Ignatius of Antioch, implored believers to not hinder his impending martyrdom:

I seek him who died for our sake, I desire him who rose for us. Birth pangs are upon me. Hinder me not from living. Allow me to receive the pure light; when I have arrived there I shall become a human being...

Ignatius viewed his death as a birth, and the means by which he would become fully human, dwelling with Christ in paradise. In heaven then, we will not become angels, but will become fully human.

Jesus tells us that he has gone to prepare a place for us: *In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.* (Jn 14), and on the cross he told one of the thieves crucified with him, that he would be with him in paradise. Elsewhere Jesus speaks of heaven as the bosom of Abraham (Lk 16). These are references to the state immediately after death, and the mansions Christ speaks of are not permanent abodes. At the end of time, the Kingdom of God will come in its fullness. After universal judgement, the righteous will reign forever with Christ, glorified in body and soul. The New Testament Scholar, N.T. Wright has described this final state, the New Jerusalem, as *life after* life after death. These two states, however, are often conflated in Western culture.

The New Heaven and the New Earth will bring about the *renewal* and transformation of humanity and the world. St. Paul affirms the profound common destiny of the material world and humanity in his letter to the Romans: *For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God; ...in hope; because the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to*

decay and obtain the glorious liberty of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in travail together until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

The New Heaven and New Earth is described in the Advent readings from Isaiah (11), where God's Holy Mountain is presented as a peaceable kingdom. Heaven and earth come together, as Revelation 21 explains:

Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

We who have the first fruits of the Spirit have a taste of what is to come, and we experience this mystery of 'God-with-us' (Emmanuel) whenever the mass is celebrated, which is why it is done with such solemnity and care. Matter matters therefore, and what is done here on earth in this body is not in vain. We are not merely trying to 'get to heaven', for 'heaven' has come and will come to us.

But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,

Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless. – 2 Peter 3:10-14

Faire is the heaven where happy soules have place

In full enjoyment of felicitie;

Whence they do still behold the glorious face

Of the Divine, Eternall Majestie;

Yet farre more faire be those bright Cherubins

Which all with golden wings are overdight.

And those eternall burning Seraphins

Which from their faces dart out fiery light;

Yet fairer than they both and much more bright

Be the Angels and Archangels

Which attend on God's owne person without rest or end.

These then in faire each other farre excelling

As to the Highest they approach more neare,

Yet is that Highest farre beyond all telling

Fairer than all the rest which there appeare

Though all their beauties joynd together were;

How then can mortal tongue hope to expresse

The image of such endlesse perfectnesse?

Exerpted from *Fowre Hymnes: A Hymne of Heavenly Beautie*

– Edmund Spenser (1552/53-1599)