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Advent
WE WAIT IN JOYFUL HOPE

Bishop: Most. Rev. Daniel Mlehm	Marriage: By arrangement (min. 6 months prior)
Mass Times: Sat 5 pm, Sun 10 am	Baptism: By arrangement with the Parish Office
Admin. Assistant: Maryann Clancy	Reconciliation: Sat 4:00—4:30 pm or by appointment
Office Hours: Tues & Thurs 9am - 4pm	Home Communion: Anytime upon request
Knights of Col.: Ray Johnston	Music Ministry: Tina McCarthy & Amy Melanson
CWL: Mary McKeiver	Cemetery Board: Bob Condon 705-772-6071
Hall Rental: Contact Parish Office	Diocese Website: www.peterboroughdiocese.org
	St. Joseph's School: Principal: Mark Collins 705-652-3961



WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH

First Sunday of Advent

November 26, 27.

St. Joseph's Parish Mass Intentions

- TUESDAY Nov 29 8:30 am** Int. of Fr. John Perdue (by the Perdue Family)
- WEDNESDAY Nov 30 8:30 am** † Randy Johnston (by Bernard & Lise Leahy)
- THURSDAY Dec 1 8:30 am** Thanksgiving (by Carl & Mary McKeiver) **OLD TIME**
- FRIDAY Dec 2 8:30 am** † Mike Mulvihill (by Bernard & Lise Leahy)
- SATURDAY Dec 3 5:00 pm** People of the Parish
- SUNDAY Dec 4 10:00 am** † Jerry Carew (by Shelley Ryan & family)

We are currently booking masses in Early January

LECTORS	SAT – 5:00 PM	SUN –10:00 AM
Nov 26-27	Larry Carlow	Jennifer DeMaeyer
Dec 3-4	Bob Condon	Bernard Leahy
EUCHARIST		
Nov 26-27	Bob Condon	Brian Condon
Dec 3-4	Pay Johnston	Theresa Hamersma
USHERS		
Nov 26-27	Frank Condon	Paul Yasyszczuk
Dec 3-4	Gerald Heffernan	Mike Moloney
CLEANERS		
Week of Nov 28	Dorothy Perdue	Bernice Heffernan
Week of Dec 5	Joyce Manser	Jill Scott

Parish Stewardship

Nov 20, \$1,935 including \$858 of pre-authorized offering.
We thank you for your continued support of our Parish!

ADVENT STUDY SERIES A study series runs on Wednesday, November 30, from 1:30-3:00 pm. This 5 week series will be based on a series of videos by Fr. Michael J. Himes. The video will be followed by an opportunity for discussion as we prepare for the Second Sunday in Advent. All are welcome to come and join us in the lower level of the parish hall.

CHRISTMAS BAGS ADVENT PROJECT Christmas bags for the residents of our two halfway houses in Peterborough have been distributed. Return the completed bag at any mass between now and Dec 18th.



CWL NEWS Our Annual **Pot Luck Dinner** for all parishioners will be Dec 7 at 6:00 pm in the hall. Please bring your plates and cutlery and come out to enjoy a wide variety of dishes.

We will be collecting food for the **LAKEFIELD FOOD BANK** at the back of the church until Dec 18. Please donate what you can as there are many local residents who are in need of help this year.

CURRENT CANDLES ARE LIGHTED THE BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE BURNS NOV. 26- Dec 2 FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY.

OUR ST. JOSEPH CANDLE IS LIGHTED NOV. 26-Dec 2 FOR DECEASED LOVED ONES OF PARISHIONERS.

PRAY THE ROSARY AT HOME FOR YOUR FOLLOWING PARISHIONERS:

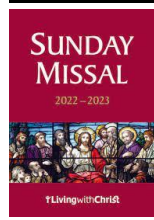
Danny Ross, Cathy Millen, Kevin Heffernan, Wyatt Moloney, Barbra Wallace, Patti Simmons. Add a stone to our stone bag so that we can count how many members are praying the rosary to our Blessed Mother for our parish and parishioners.

SACRAMENTS OF FIRST RECONCILIATION/ HOLY COMMUNION

The next class will be **November 29** in the Parish Hall. Please use the side door for drop off & pick up of children.

LIVING WITH CHRIST SUNDAY MISSALS FOR

2022 – 2023: Starts this week. Enrich your participation in the mass by following the readings in the missal or prepare and meditate on the readings before Sunday Mass. Missals are available at the back of the church. \$5.00 each please.



“I rejoiced when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord.” Psalm 122:1



We welcome all visitors and parishioners who have come to worship here today on First Sunday of Advent. To our visitors, you may have come as a stranger to us, yet you are known to Our Lord, Jesus Christ. In His name, we pray you will find peace, hospitality, and friendship with us.

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, we are glad you're here and hope that you come back again. The doors of our parish and our hearts are open to you. Please be in touch.

Holy Eucharist – Did you know?

Advent begins today. When we receive the Holy Eucharist, Christ is giving Himself to us. He comes with the same profound depth of humility as He did at the Incarnation. Have you ever pondered how much it cost Our Lord just to leave the glory of Heaven and become man to redeem us?

Reflection: Recall as St. Augustine said that “Jesus took His flesh from the flesh of Mary.” The purpose of the Incarnation is our salvation. Only with Our Lady's free consent, did she conceive Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit. In the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, that same flesh of Our Lady is present as we receive the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of her Divine Son. We owe Our Blessed Mother much gratitude, devotion, and love. **Advent as I Consider the World Situation**

God of comfort, these times seem so uncertain, so scary. The world seems darker than it has in the past and I am less sure of myself. Maybe that's a good thing; maybe now I am turning to you with a realization that I need you so much more and that my life is not in my own control. Let me not forget all of those around the world who are frightened at this moment. Help those who are victims of terrorism and war. Be with those who have lost so much in the past year. Hold us all in your loving arms and let us be comforted by the strength and peace you want to much to offer us through the birth of your son, Jesus. Thank you for the many gifts you offer us.

The Two Parts of Advent:

Part 1: up until December 16 While most liturgical seasons have the gospel as their main focus, during the first weeks of Advent, the Church gives us daily readings from the prophet Isaiah. With the eyes of faith, these foretell the coming of the Messiah. Rather than a continuous gospel narrative familiar to us for most of the year, this part of Advent offers a wide variety of gospel readings that support the first reading of the day. After almost two weeks of Isaiah readings, we hear the foretelling of a Messiah from other prophets from the Hebrew scriptures - in Sirach, Numbers, Zephaniah and returning to Isaiah. With each passing week, the prophets

speak more clearly of the coming of a Savior. So, in reading the first reading, for the first part of Advent, we listen to the anticipation, expectation, hope and promise. In listening to the second reading, we listen for the fulfillment or connection with the gospel.

Part 2: December 17 - 24 In these last eight days before Christmas, the relationship between the reading's changes. Now the gospel brings us to our celebration of Christmas. The gospels are taken from the infancy narratives of Matthew and Luke. Each of these days, the first reading is taken from the Hebrew scriptures, and chosen to match the gospel. In many cases we can imagine Matthew or Luke having the first reading open on their desks while they wrote the gospel. So, we can read the gospel first and then read the first reading. The sense of anticipation and fulfillment builds as we read the story of the preparation for Jesus' first coming into this world for us.

Douro Doings 2022 - Financial Report				
PARISH HALL EVENTS				
	Income	Expenses	Balance	Net
Wheel of Fortune	13,443	1,117	12,326	12,326
Supper	9,642	3,266	6,377	
Supper Total				6,377
Bake Table	2,066		2,066	2,066
Donations	322		322	322
CWL Quilt Draw/ \$100 Bill K.of C./ \$150 Meat Voucher	5,830		5,830	
Ticket Sales Total				5,830
Total of Parish Hall Events				26,920
FIELD EVENTS				
Gate	2,199		2,199	
Slo Pitch	1,155		1,155	
Fast Ball	395		395	
10km Race	320		320	
Car Show	1,850		1,850	
Total-Field Events				5,919
Total for Weekend				\$32,839.04
Raffle Prize		Winner		
Butterflies over Douro Quilt		Phil Boucher		
\$100.00 Bill		Arlene Keon		
\$150.00 Meat Card		Madeline Pearson		

FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF DEPARTED LOVED ONES

ONES Envelopes are at the ushers table. You can have loved ones remembered at Christmas with beautiful flowers to decorate our church. Please return by December 18.



Christmas Flowers

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705-462-5921

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2023 ENVELOPE BOXES are ready for pick up at the back of the church. Thank you for your continued support of St. Joseph's Church. Some of the numbers have changed since some parishioners have gone to pre-authorized offering or e-transfers. If you would like to discuss either of these options, please speak to Fr. Randy or Maryann by calling the office.