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THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT



November 29, 2026

TODAY AT ST. MARY'S

10:00 A.M. MORNING PRAYER (Prayer book pp. 6-15.)
(Psalm 9; Isa 1:1-20, Mt 24:1-28)

10:30 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION (*Prayer Book pp. 67- 85)*
Communion Setting: John Merbecke (1510-1585)
Celebrant and Preacher: Rev. Michael Lyons
Assistant: Lloyd
Greeters: Katherine & Lyndon Server: Gwyn
Lector: Katherine

NURSERY for children up to 3 years. Leader:
GODLY PLAY for children 3-6 years. Leader: Amy Shepherd: Roberta
FAITH QUEST *for children 7-13 years.* Leader:

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS AND VISITORS!
THE OFFERING PLATE and THE PRAYER FOLDER (for you to add the names of travelers, those in special need, and departed loved ones for inclusion in the prayers today), are located on the "loaves and fishes" offering table with the bread and wine. All baptized Christians who receive communion in their own churches are invited to come forward with faith and love towards Christ and His Church to receive Holy Communion with us. If you are not receiving Communion, you are invited to come forward to receive a blessing and indicate this by crossing your arms.

ORGAN PRELUDE:
Mighty Creator of the Stars (Creator of the Stars of Night) Marcel Dupre (1886-1971)

ORDER OF SERVICE

OPENING HYMN: # 98 Hark the Glad Sound! The Saviour Comes (Tune: 306 Richmond)

Verse 1 & 2

The Lighting of the Advent Candle
V. The night is far spent,
R. The day is at hand;
V. Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness
R. And let us put on the armour of light
The lighting of the first candle
V. Blessed is He who cometh in the name of the Lord
R. Hosana in the highest
STIR up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Verses 3 & 4

The Service of Holy Communion *begins on page 67*

The Lord's Prayer (Priest)

COLLECT for Purity

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

SUMMARY of the LAW - page 69
Response: Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Lord be with you; **And with thy spirit.**

COLLECT of the Day
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*.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 62:10-12

Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples. 11 The Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, 'See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.' 12 They shall be called, 'The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord';and you shall be called, 'Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.'
R./ Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL PSALM: 85:4-7

4 TURN us, O God our Saviour, / and let thine anger cease from us.
5 Wilt thou be displeased at us for ever? / and wilt thou stretch out thy wrath from one generation to another?
6 Wilt thou not turn again and quicken us, / that thy people may rejoice in thee?
7 O LORD, show thy mercy upon us, / and grant us thy salvation.

THE EPISTLE: Romans 13:8-14

8 Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. 9 The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' 10 Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.11 Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; 12 the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; 13 let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. 14 Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.
R./ Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN: # 101 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 21:1-13

R. / Glory be to Thee, O Lord.
When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, ‘Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. 3 If anyone says anything to you, just say this, “The Lord needs them.” And he will send them immediately.’ 4 This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, 5 ‘Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’ 6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; 7 they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. 8 A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, ‘Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!’ 10 When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, ‘Who is this?’ 11 The crowds were saying, ‘This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.’ 12 Then Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold doves. 13 He said to them, ‘It is written, “My house shall be called a house of prayer”; but you are making it a den of robbers.’
R. / Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

The Hymn: # 35 Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

Wash, O God, our sons and daughters,
where your cleansing waters flow.
Number them among your people;
bless as Christ blessed long ago.
Weave them garments bright and sparkling;
compass them with love and light
Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit,
holy dove and heart's delight.

We who bring them long for nurture;
by your milk may we be fed.
Let us join your feast, partaking
cup of blessing, living bread.
God, renew us, guide our footsteps;
free from sin and all its snares,
one with Christ in living, dying,
by your Spirit, children, heirs.

Oh, how deep your holy wisdom!
Unimagined, all your ways!

To your name be glory, honor!
With our lives we worship, praise!
We your people stand before you,
water washed and Spirit born.
By your grace, our lives we offer.
Recreate us; God, transform!

THE MINISTRATION OF HOLY BAPTISM

Standing at the Font, the Priest shall say:

DEARLY beloved in Christ, seeing that God willeth all people to be saved from the fault and corruption of the nature which they inherit, as well as from the actual sins which they commit, and that our Saviour Christ saith, None can enter into the kingdom of God, except he be born anew of Water and of the Holy Spirit, I beseech you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that he will grant to *Astrid Joy and Deng Elijah* that which by nature *they* cannot have; that they may be baptized with Water and the Holy Spirit, and received into Christ's holy Church, and be made a living member of the same.

Then he shall say the following Prayer:

ALMIGHTY and immortal God, the aid of all that need, the helper of all that flee to thee for succour: We call upon thee for *Astrid Joy and Deng Elijah,* that *they*, coming to thy holy Baptism, may receive remission of sin by spiritual regeneration.
Receive *them*, O Lord, as thou hast promised by thy well-beloved Son, saying, Ask, and ye shall have; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: So give now unto us that ask; let us that seek find; open the gate unto us that knock; that *they* may enjoy the everlasting benediction of thy heavenly washing, and may come to the eternal kingdom which thou hast promised by him who is the Resurrection and the Life, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Then, the people standing, one of the Ministers shall say:

Hear the words of the Gospel, written by Saint Mark, in the tenth chapter, beginning at the thirteenth verse.

People. **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

And they were bringing children to Christ, that he might touch them; and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it he was indignant, and said to them, "Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands upon them. he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.

People. **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**
Then the Minister shall say:

BELOVED, you hear in this Gospel the words of our Saviour Christ, that he commanded the children to be brought unto him; how he blamed those that would have kept them from him; how he exhorteth all men to follow their innocency. You perceive how by his outward gesture and deed he declared his good will toward them; for he embraced them in his arms, he laid his hands upon them, and blessed them. Be ye, therefore, assured that he will likewise favourably receive *this* present *people* ; that he will embrace them with the arms of his mercy; that he will give unto *them* the blessing of eternal life, and make *them a partaker* of his everlasting kingdom. Wherefore we being thus persuaded of the good will of our heavenly Father toward *this family*, declared by his Son Jesus Christ; let us faithfully and devoutly give thanks unto him, and say together:

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, heavenly Father, We give thee humble thanks That thou hast called us to the knowledge of thy grace, And faith in thee: Increase this knowledge, and confirm this faith in us evermore. Give thy Holy Spirit to *this Child*, That *she* may be born again, And be made an *heir* of everlasting salvation; Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, Now and for ever. Amen.

THE PROMISES

Then shall the Priest say to the Sponsors:

DEARLY beloved, you have prayed that our Lord Jesus Christ may be pleased to receive, cleanse, and sanctify *Astrid Joy and Deng Elijah*, and grant unto *them* the blessing of eternal life, which things Christ, for his part, will most surely perform. And now *Astrid Joy and Deng Elijah* on *their* part, must through you, their Sponsors, promise and vow that they will renounce the devil and all his works, believe in Christ, and obediently keep God's commandments.

therefore:

DO you, in the name of these children, renounce the devil and all his works, the vain pomp and glory of the world, with all covetous desires of the same, and the sinful desires of the flesh, so that you will not follow nor be led by them?

Answer. **I do.**

Priest. Let us recite the Articles of our Belief.

Then shall be said by the Priest and the Godparents, and the whole Congregation, the Apostles' Creed.
I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

Then shall the Priest say to the Sponsors:

DO you, in the name of *Astrid Joy and Deng Elijah* profess this faith?
Answer. **I do.**

DO you, in the name of *Astrid Joy and Deng Elijah*, seek Baptism into this faith?
Answer. **I do.**

DO you, in the name of *Astrid Joy and Deng Elijah,* acknowledge the duty to keep God's holy will and commandments, walking stedfastly in the Way of Christ?
Answer. **I do.**

WILL you pray for *Astrid Joy and Deng Elijah* and take care that they may learn and do all these things?
Answer. **I will.**

Then shall the Priest make the following supplications, and after each of them the Congregation shall answer Amen.

O MERCIFUL God, grant that all sinful desires may die in *Astrid Joy and Deng Elijah*, and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in them. ***Amen.***

GRANT that *they* may have power and strength to have victory, and to triumph against the devil, the world, and the flesh. ***Amen.***

GRANT that whosoever here shall begin to be of thy flock may evermore continue in the same. ***Amen.***

GRANT that whosoever is here dedicated to thee by our office and ministry may also be endued with heavenly virtues, and everlastingly rewarded, through thy mercy, O blessed Lord God, who dost live, and govern all things, world without end. ***Amen.***

THE BAPTISM

Priest.
THE Lord be with you;
People. **And with thy spirit.**

Priest. Lift up your hearts;
People. **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Priest. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;
People. **It is meet and right so to do.**

Then shall the Priest say:

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, for that thy most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ upon the Cross, for the forgiveness of our sins, did shed out of his most precious side both water and blood; and after his glorious Resurrection gave commandment to his disciples, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

REGARD, we beseech thee, the prayers of thy Church. Sanctify this Water to the mystical washing away of sin; and grant that *these children*, now to be baptized therein, may receive the fulness of thy grace and ever remain in the number of thy faithful and elect children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, throughout all ages, world without end. *Amen.*

Then shall the Priest take each person to be baptized by the right hand, and placing them conveniently by the Font, shall ask the Witnesses the Name; and then pour Water upon them, saying:

Name this person *Astrid John*

Name this child *Deng Elijah*

I BAPTIZE thee In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Then shall the Priest say:
WE yield thee hearty thanks, most merciful Father, that it hath pleased thee to regenerate *this family* with thy Holy Spirit, to receive *them* for thine own Child by adoption, and to make *them* a member of thy holy Church. Grant, O Lord, that being baptized into the death of Christ, *they* may also be made partaker of his resurrection, so that serving thee here in newness of life, they may finally, with all thy holy Church, inherit thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

THE DUTIES

The Priest shall say to the Sponsors and Parents:

DEARLY beloved, forasmuch as you have brought *these children* to be baptized into the family of Christ's Church, and have promised that *they* shall renounce the devil and all his works, and shall believe in God, and serve him: you must remember that it is your part and duty to see that *they* be taught what a solemn vow, promise and profession *they have* made by you, and be instructed in all other things which a Christian ought to know and believe to his soul's health.

USE all diligence therefore to see that *they* be virtuously brought up to lead a godly and a Christian life; and to that end you should teach *them* to pray, and bring *them* to take her part in public worship.
TAKE care that *they* be taught the Creed, the Ten Commandments and the Lord's Prayer, and be further instructed in the Church Catechism; and then that *they* be brought to the Bishop to be confirmed by him; so that *they* may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit, and may come to receive the holy Communion of the Body and Blood of Christ, and go forth into the world to serve God faithfully in the fellowship of his Church.

REMEMBER always that Baptism represents unto us our profession; which is, to follow our Saviour Christ, and to be made like unto him; that as he died and rose again for us, so should we, who are baptized, die from sin, and rise again unto righteousness, continually mortifying all evil desires, and daily increasing in all virtue and godliness of living.

WILL you be faithful in the fulfilment of these duties?

Answer. **I will, the Lord being my helper.**

THE WELCOME OF THE NEWLY BAPTIZED.

The Priest shall say:
WE receive *these children* into the Congregation of Christ's flock, and do sign *them* with the sign of the Cross, in token that hereafter *they* shall not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, and to fight under his banner against sin, the world, and the devil, and to continue Christ's faithful servant unto *their* life's end. Amen.

<u>The Giving of the Light</u>

Astrid Joy and Deng Elijah Receive the Light of Christ to show that you have passed from darkness into light.

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works,

and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

Then shall the Priest say:

WE yield thee hearty thanks, most merciful Father, that it hath pleased thee to regenerate *this family* with thy Holy Spirit, to receive *them* for thine own Child by adoption, and to make *them a member* of thy holy Church. Grant, O Lord, that being baptized into the death of Christ, *they* may also be made partaker of his resurrection, so that serving thee here in newness of life, *they* may finally, with all thy holy Church, inherit thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

OFFERTORY HYMN: # 89 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

OFFERTORY ANTHEM
Blessed be thou, LORD God of Israel, for ever and ever. All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine. All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee. *1 Chronicles 29. 10, 11, 14.*

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE, BIDDINGS, INTERCESSION – pages 75-76
Lord in your mercy
R./ Hear our prayer.

GENERAL CONFESSION

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ABSOLUTION, COMFORTABLE WORDS - pages 77-78

THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION – pages 78

THE Lord be with you;
And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts;
We lift them up unto the Lord.
Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;
It is meet and right so to do.

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Creator and Preserver of all things.

Therefore with Angels, and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying: *(sing)*

HOLY, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER of CONSECRATION and BREAKING of BREAD – pages 82-83
R./Amen, Amen, Amen

THE peace of the Lord be always with you;
And with thy spirit.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his Blood, That our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, And our souls washed through his most precious Blood, And that we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.

THE COMMUNION

O LAMB of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.

Communion Hymns: # 88 Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus
 # 100 Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

THE LORDS PRAYER: Our Father…

THANKSGIVING

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom.

… **And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee. And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end.** ***Amen*****.**

BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recessional Hymn: **# 102 Prepare the Way, O Zion**

Organ Postlude:
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
15th Century Plainsong Chant
Arranged by Burton Bumgarner (b. 1951)

PARISH LIFE NOTES

Morning Prayer
Monday to Thursday at 9:00 a.m.

Mid-Week Eucharist
Wednesdays at 9:15 a.m.

Evening Prayer
Monday to Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

PASTORAL EMERGENCY If there are any emergencies, please contact Rev. Michael Lyons on 306-715-1689

A CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM This Sunday, the church will joyfully celebrate the baptisms of **Astrid Joy and Deng Elijah**. Following the service, we will continue the celebration with a potluck lunch and a special cake. Everyone is warmly invited t in celebrating this special occasion.

ICY CONDITIONS Sunday Morning Volunteers Needed - Winter is here! We're asking for your help in keeping our sidewalks and entrances safe and accessible for everyone. On icy Sunday mornings, we need a volunteer to arrive around 9:15 a.m. to spread ice melt and record the work in the maintenance logs. Ice melt and logs are located by the entrances. Can you help? Please sign up for a Sunday this winter on the schedule located on the table by the office. If conditions aren't icy on your scheduled Sunday, there's no need to arrive early! Thank you for helping keep our church safe and welcoming for everyone!

YOUR PRESENCE WITH US HERE TODAY IS A GIFT. Your generous giving helps us share Christ's love in our community and beyond. Visit https://www.stmarysregina.ca/donate or scan the QR to learn more about ways you can give to support our mission.

BIBLE STUDY Our weekly Leviticus Bible Study continues Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. at the church. There's also an additional study group on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m.at the church. Please join us

ADVENT MEDITATION St. Mary's and Immanuel Anglican Church will be collaborating this year for the Advent Meditation. Everyone is warmly invited to join us for these special gatherings at 6:30 p.m. on the following dates:

- December 2 – Immanuel Church
- December 9 – St. Mary's Church
- December 16 – Immanuel Church

We look forward to sharing this meaningful Advent journey together as we prepare for the celebration of Christ's birth.

ST. NICHOLAS FESTIVAL - SATURDAY, THE 5TH OF DECEMBER FROM 11AM-3PM Volunteers needed -- please talk to Katherine Gilks or email at km.gilks@gmail.com. Donations of baking, other food items (such as jam), and crafts (handmade or self-created items that are not food) for our sale will be much appreciated. Please let Katherine know if you are planning to contribute. Regarding used items this year, we will only accept gently used and clean toys (suitable for ages 12 and under) for sale. Please let Katherine know if you plan to donate any toys to the event. (We will donate any remaining toys.) Please talk to Katherine Gilks about volunteering (if not in person, email km.gilks@gmail.com). We look forward to another lovely event!"

ST. NICHOLAS FESTIVAL SET-UP TIMES: If you have volunteered to help set up for the St. Nicholas Festival, the times are as follows:

- Thursday, the 3rd of December starting at 7pm (90-minute time commitment)
- Friday, the 4th of December: 1-4pm will be packaging and pricing for the bake sale, followed by set-up from 5-7pm
- Saturday, the 5th of December: last-minute set-up starting at 9:30am (event starts at 11am)

On Thursday, we will be setting up the cafe in the lower hall (including decorations) as well as the tables in the upper hall. On Friday, we will be setting up the bake & craft sale, as well as decorating the upper hall, and the BBQ team will be doing some food preparations. Please have baking and crafts dropped off by 1pm on the 4th. If that is not feasible, please bring items Friday evening or Saturday morning already packaged and priced. Thank you very much for all your prayers and contributions!"

GIVING ENABLES MISSION If you have not yet received a "Giving Enables Mission" package from a Vestry member, please contact Kate at berringer@accesscomm.ca and let us know! As we renew our vision and refocus our

mission, we invite every member to prayerfully consider their giving and make a generous financial commitment to support the future of our church. Response forms are due by December 20 (placed in offering plate or mailed/dropped off in the office).

SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS & SHEPHERDS NEEDED We are looking for volunteers to serve as Sunday School Leaders and Shepherds. If you are interested in helping support and guide our children and youth, please speak with Amy Auton or Starr Davis. We welcome anyone who would like to get involved!

SUNDAY AFTER-SERVICE COFFEE MINISTRY – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Eileen Barrie (co-ordinator of the Sunday after Service Coffee Ministry) is looking for two volunteers to fill a vacancy: (adults, a couple, teenagers, anyone who is interested in getting to better know church members, etc.).

On the first Sunday of each month the Coffee Hosts' duties are to:

- Arrive at 10:00 a.m. before the Morning Service. (The tables and chairs are usually set up).
- prepare the beverages (coffee, tea, cream milk, sugar, boiled water, ice water, juice, powdered mixes), cover the tables with green plastic table cloths, -make up plates of cookies, -turn on the dishwasher
- After the Morning Service host the serving of beverages.
- After the social time, clean the tables, run the dishwasher, put away mugs and glasses, tidy the kitchen, take home the dish towels to launder and return. The social time and clean up I is usually complete by 1:00p.m.

We have a list of spare trained volunteers available if you are unable to do this service on the first Sunday of each month or trade with volunteer from weeks 2,3 or 4. Please contact Eileen Barrie if you are able to help with this important, enjoyable Ministry.

"We do this because Jesus loves you and we follow Him." (Quoted from The Rev. Gene Packwood's sermon)

Eileen Barrie Home phone (306) 584-9550) E-mail <marieka@accesscomm.ca>

ST. NICHOLAS FESTIVAL



Saturday, December 5, 2026
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.



St. Mary's Anglican Church
3337 15th Avenue

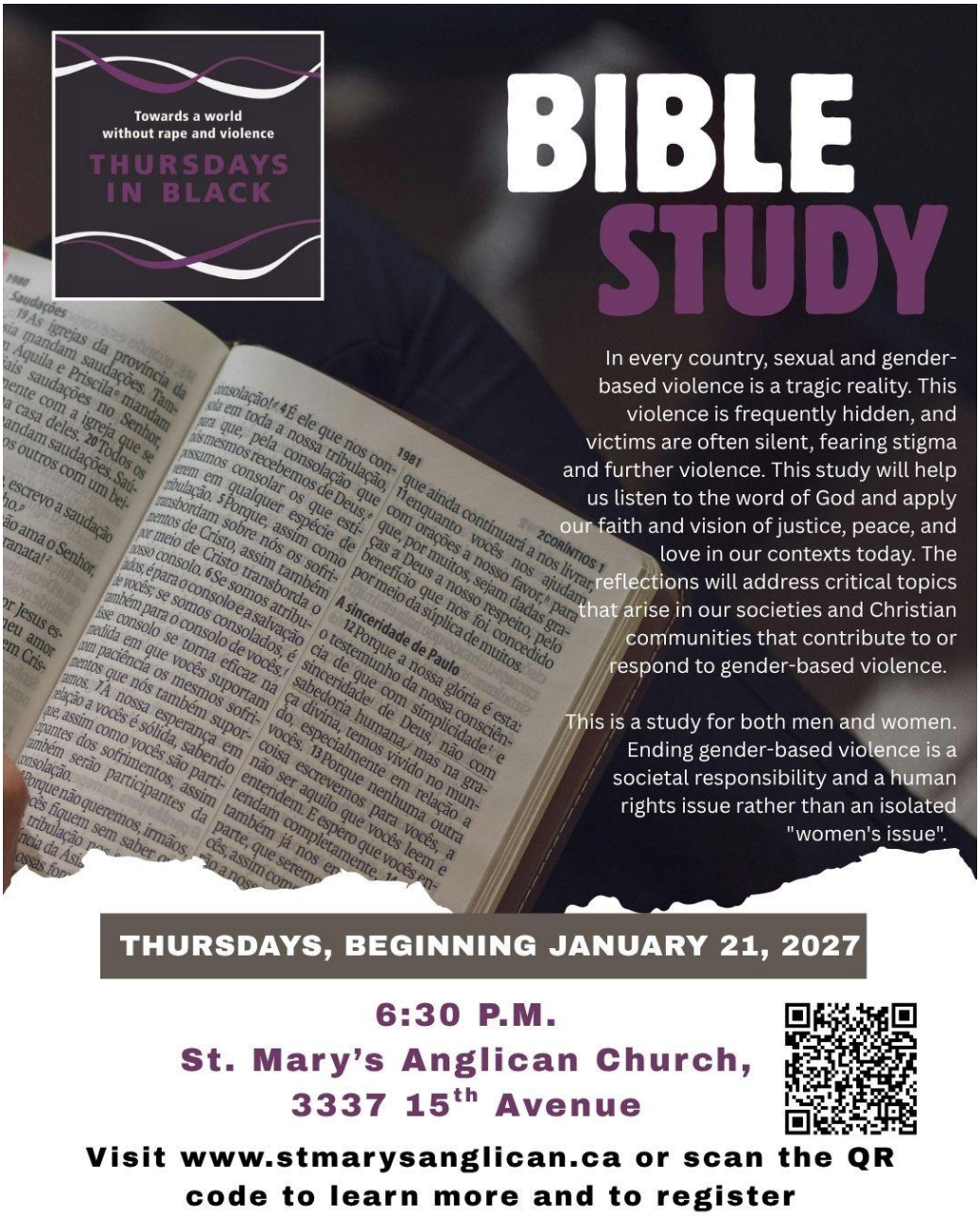
Join us for:

Children's activities – Bake sale

Cafe and BBQ – Church Tours

Bonfire

3 p.m. – Lessons and Carols service and St. Nicholas visit!



On November 25, the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence begins. From November 25 to December 10, people around the world join in prayer and action. In Canada, the 16 Days include December 6, the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women. As part of this, the World Council of Churches has developed a campaign "Thursdays in Black" calling for a world without rape and violence. The World Council of Churches offers prayers, Bible studies and other resources to help you take part: https://www.oikoumene.org/what-we-do/thursdays-in-black. Here at St. Mary's, we will offer a bible study beginning in January based on this resource. Visit https://www.stmarysregina.ca/news/thursdays-in-black-bible-study for more information and to register.