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## December 6 - 20, 2020 – Advent

### Dec. 6 – Second Sunday of Advent

The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire?

2 Peter 3:9-12



As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight,"

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey.

Mark 1:2-7

### From Archbishop Don's November 30 Advent Message (selections)

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, dear friends,

Here we are, at the start of Advent...There is a lot of frustration in the air, with a new level of restrictions over the next 3 weeks. But also hope, with the prospect of a vaccine in the new year, and given early reports, the prospect of an ethically produced vaccine...



Meanwhile, we are called to live the present moment as well as we are able; that is all that the Lord ever asks of us. A few days ago I received an insightful email from a priest friend..., "forgive me. I don't like to say nice things about the COVID pandemic, but a thought came to me this morning: For the first time in my entire life, this Advent is really going to be Advent, a season of waiting, a season of waiting in hope and anticipation...For the first time for as long as I can remember, Advent will not be 'Christmas already.' It will not be a month of Christmas parties. It will not be a month of Christmas concerts. We won't be able to skip over the season..."



St Paul writes that all creation is groaning in the one great act of giving birth, and Advent is a season where we listen for what is being born, what is coming. Each verse of "People Look East" taps into that longing. The earth is bare but already preparing for the rose. The birds are waiting and preparing: "Even the hour when wings are frozen, God for fledgling time has chosen." The stars are keeping watch when night is dim, waiting for the coming of a great light...



It is love that is on the way, as the end of each verse reminds us: love, the guest, is on the way; love the rose; love the bird; love the star; love, the Lord, is on the way. The first readings of our liturgies through Advent...remind us that God is coming into our world. We are invited to live in the presence of that promise. The yearnings within us, the yearnings of all creation, were not made to go unfulfilled...



Our lives are a space where we are to get ready for Incarnation, where we await the coming of God in the flesh by staying awake, by getting ready. "Make your house fair as you are able; trim the hearth and set the table.... Set every peak and valley humming, with the Word, the Lord is coming."...

Rich blessings!

-full message at [archregina.sk.ca/news/2020/11/30/people-look-east](http://archregina.sk.ca/news/2020/11/30/people-look-east)

## Dec. 13 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; He has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners...

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

Isaiah 61:1,10



Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and He will do this.

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24

- **Sunday Missals** and **great CWL items** (see next page) are available at the back of the church. There are free Missals for lectors, choir leaders, and William Booth volunteers.
- **Thank you** to the many volunteers who usher and clean for us, and who serve in many other ways. Great job to Charlotte and all those who helped make the roast beef supper a success!
- There will be **two bulletins this month**. This one covers the remainder of the Advent season (up to Dec. 20). The next one will cover Christmas and the Christmas season up to the feast of the Epiphany (Jan. 3). Since some may not come to our Christmas Masses, that bulletin will be available beforehand, starting Dec. 19.
- Our **bulletin delivery** team have paused their service until the spring due to health and safety concerns. Printed bulletins will be carefully distributed to those who need them by ushers after Masses. They are also available from the Parish Office. To get our bulletins by email, send a request to [stpete@sasktel.net](mailto:stpete@sasktel.net).
- For now, **Parish Office hours** continue to be Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m., and Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2:00–6:00 p.m. Times may change depending on changing COVID-19 risk factors and SK Health Authority rules. Please phone ahead before you come, to prevent crowding and to be notified of any changes of schedule.

**Christmas Eve Masses** will be at 4:30, 6:00 and 8:00 p.m.  
**Christmas Day Masses** will now be at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

**New Year's Eve Mass** will be at 6:00 p.m.  
**New Year's Day Masses** will be at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

**Weekend Masses** are Saturdays, 4:30 and 6:00 p.m., and Sundays, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

**Only those called by our attendance organizers for these Masses may come, at the time given.** Sorry we may not admit more.\* Our Christmas (Eve and day) registration lists are full; if you haven't registered, **probably other parishes have room.**

**To request to come** to New Years or weekend Masses, **report changes** to your requests, or **report that some of your family can't come**, please contact [speteryqr@gmail.com](mailto:speteryqr@gmail.com) or 306-545-4411 with details. Let us know how many would come from your house and the time you prefer. *Some may not get preferred times.*

**Regular weekday Masses** (no pre-registration/calling required) are Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m. and Wednesdays-Fridays 9:00 a.m. See last page.

\* Health rules: If we were to allow more than **30 people** (plus Father and lay ministers) **per Mass**, or not require that everyone wear protective **masks** and **social distance** at all times, we could be fined heavily for disobeying health orders. If attendees disobey health rules and get fined or contract illness, the parish cannot be held responsible. Since regular weekday Masses normally have far fewer than 30, pre-registrations and phone calls are not currently necessary for them. **Thank you and God bless you for staying safe! The sacrifices are worth it.**

### Advent and Reconciliation

Community Reconciliation events are currently difficult. (Penitents and priests, staying two meters apart, must communicate more loudly than usual through masks. Only 30 from the community may come. Etc.) Those who can, and especially those with grievous sins to confess, may make appointments.

*Forgive me my sins, O Lord, forgive me my sins: the sins of my youth, the sins of my age, the sins of my soul, the sins of my body; my idle sins, my serious voluntary sins; the sins I know, the sins I do not know; the sins I have concealed for so long, and which are now hidden from my memory. I am truly sorry for every sin, mortal and venial, for all the sins of my childhood up to the present hour. I know my sins have wounded Your Sacred Heart, O my Savior, let me be freed from the bonds of evil through Your most bitter Passion, my Redeemer.*

[www.ibreviary.com/m2/preghiere.php?tipo=Preghiera&id=124](http://www.ibreviary.com/m2/preghiere.php?tipo=Preghiera&id=124)

*Dec. 20 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent*

[T]he angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary...

“Greetings, favored one!\* The Lord is with you.” But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end... The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God.”

Luke 1:26-35 (NRSV translation)

\* Traditionally translated “full of grace.”



“full of grace”...Although fundamentally accurate, [this translation] lacks some of the depth of the Greek original. Luke could have described her with the words full of grace (Gk. plērēs charitos) as he did of Stephen in Acts 6:8, yet here he uses a different expression (Gk. kecharitōmenē) ...It indicates that God has already “graced” Mary previous to this point...Alternative translations like “favored one” or “highly favored” are possible but inadequate.

“overshadow you”: The conception of Jesus within the womb of Mary will be entirely supernatural...The expression... is the same used in the Greek version of Ex 40:35 to describe how Yahweh “overshadowed” the Tabernacle, making it his dwelling place in Israel. Gabriel mentions the Holy Spirit, the Most High, and the Son of God, offering...a glimpse of the Trinity.

*The Ignatius Catholic Study Bible: The New Testament (Ignatius, 2010), p. 105.*

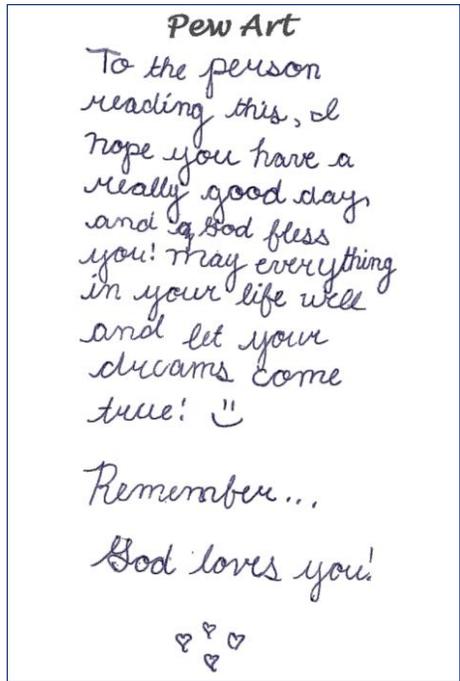
- St. Peter Parish **mourns** with the families of Branimir Simic, Frederico Linares, and Deborah Linh Schmidt. We are also grieved to know that some of our families’ overseas members have lost homes in recent natural disasters. **All are invited to say prayers** of the Rosary and/or Divine Mercy chaplet for all of these.
- Donation envelope sets for 2021 are available at the back of the church or from the Parish Office. Donations to St. Peter between Nov. 3 and Dec. 1 total \$14,488.75. Thank you!
- 2021 **St. Peter’s Senior Citizens’ Society** Inc. membership dues can be taken to the Parish Office, placed in the collection plate (mark them “Senior membership”), or mailed in: 100 Argyle Street, Regina, SK S4R 4C3.
- Similarly, 2021 **St. Peter’s CWL** membership dues can be brought or mailed to the Parish Office, or placed in the collection plate (mark envelopes “CWL membership”). Or call Iris to make arrangements 306-545-4011.
- **All who have keys to our building**, please let us know so we can update our records.

**St. Peter’s CWL  
Quilting Group for Charity**

are selling **beautiful Christmas wine bottle gift bags**, many designs to choose from, \$5.00 each. Handmade double fabric **aprons** (large, \$14; medium, \$12.00; children size, \$10.00), **place mats** (\$5.00 each or 4 for \$15.00) and **table runners** (\$12.00 each) are also still available.



Proceeds go to their charities. They are unable to have fundraisers this year. First come, first served. Wine gift bags will be available before Mass on Saturdays. If you would like to see them on Sundays or place an order, contact Charmaine, 306-569-0219 / coffet@sasktel.net.



The Federal government has tabled new legislation for euthanasia... They plan to remove the “reasonably foreseeable death” criteria... [which] protects persons with disabilities from euthanasia... Write your MP today ...  
[www.canadiansforconscience.ca/federal\\_government](http://www.canadiansforconscience.ca/federal_government)

## Hope in Every Season: the Archbishop's Appeal 2020



A Time for Resilience



A Time for Caring:



A Time for Trusting:



A Time for Envisioning:

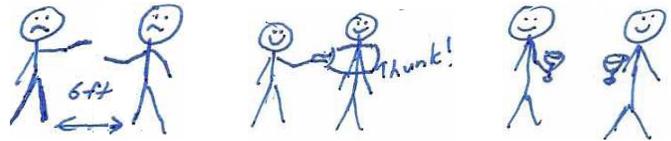
Our Annual Appeal donations at St. Peter reflect the economic difficulties of 2020. We have raised at least \$10,045 so far, which is about 35% of what the Archdiocese has asked us to raise by the end of the year. There are a few weeks left to go. To those who have given, and to those who will give, to fund education of seminarians, hospital and prison ministries, community outreaches, retired clergy needs, etc., thank you greatly, and God bless you!

### From *The Catholic Guide to Loneliness* by Kevin Vost

Many of us are struggling with loneliness. What can we do? “In the final chapter of his book, Vost devises thirty practical ways to help each other out of loneliness. They are say, pray, display, play, smile, reconcile, greet, eat, please, ease, write, invite, reunite, show insight, be polite, delight, ask, task, think, thank, thunk, admit, submit, slow, go, listen, glisten,...and choose.”

[epicpew.com/the-catholic-guide-to-loneliness](http://epicpew.com/the-catholic-guide-to-loneliness)

About one item in this list, “thunk”: how is that a human interaction, and how can we thunk while social distancing? Perhaps buying a CWL wine gift bag can help. Put a gift bottle of wine in the beautiful soft fabric bag. With it you can reach to thunk your friend. Do not thunk too hard, or your friend might not share. :)



December Special Mass Intentions		9 We 9:00 a.m.	†Chris Hunter	19 Sa 4:30, 6:00 p.m.	†Branimir Simic	
Date	Day/Time	Intention		Date	Day/Time	Intention
1	Tu 6:00 p.m.	†Louis & †Doreen O'Shaughnessy		10	Th 9:00 a.m.	Frances Rosener
2	We 9:00 a.m.	†David Martin		11	Fr 9:00 a.m.	†Branimir Simic
3	Th 9:00 a.m.	†Agnes Small		12	Sa 4:30, 6:00 p.m.	†Charlie Lapointe & †Tylar Decelle / †Branimir Simic
4	Fr 9:00 a.m.	Funeral for †Branimir Simic		13	Su 9:30, 11:00 a.m.	All parishioners / Barb Pelltier
5	Sa 4:30, 6:00 p.m.	†Robert, †Jerome & †Marilyn / †Roel & †Mariana Ceniza, †Florencia & Rylan Camay		14	Tu 6:00 p.m.	Giovanni Sosa
6	Su 9:30, 11:00 a.m.	All parishioners / Joanne Linford		15	We 9:00 a.m.	Giovanni Sosa
7	Tu 6:00 p.m.	†Katherine Exner		16	Th 9:00 a.m.	†Louis Hompoth
8	Fr 9:00 a.m.	available		17	Su 9:30, 11:00 a.m.	All parishioners / available
9	Th 6:00 p.m.	available		18	Fr 9:00 a.m.	available
				19	Sa 4:30, 6:00 p.m.	†Branimir Simic
				20	Su 9:30, 11:00 a.m.	All parishioners / available
				21	Tu 6:00 p.m.	†Branimir Simic
				22	We 9:00 a.m.	†Mike Mayer
				23	Th 4:30, 6:00, 8:00 p.m.	†Dick & †Clifford
				24	Fr 9:30, 11:00 a.m.	available
				25	Sa 4:30, 6:00 p.m.	available
				26	Su 9:30, 11:00 a.m.	All parishioners / available
				27	Su 9:30, 11:00 a.m.	All parishioners / available
				28	Th 6:00 p.m.	available
				29	Fr 9:00 a.m.	available
				30	Sa 4:30, 6:00 p.m.	available
				31	Th 6:00 p.m.	available

**The Archdiocese of Regina has volunteers who are willing to reach out to those in need** – of groceries/essential items, or of someone to talk or pray with. E-mail [outreach@archregina.sk.ca](mailto:outreach@archregina.sk.ca); or call 306-541-3086, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday.

**Other emergency aid:** Food support, 306-777-7000. Food, shelter, etc., 1-866-221-5200. Mobile crisis, 306-757-0127. See [regina.ca/coronavirus](http://regina.ca/coronavirus) (click “Community Partners”) for bagged lunches info and more. For workers and businesses, see [www.saskatchewan.ca](http://www.saskatchewan.ca), and click on “COVID-19 Information for Businesses and Workers” in “Business and Industry.” **If you're not sure who else to call**, please phone or text **211**, or start a web chat at [sk.211.ca](http://sk.211.ca) (service available 24/7).

- **Anointing of the Sick:** If someone in the hospital needs anointing, please contact the hospital chaplains: **Pasqua**, 306-519-1380. **Wascana**, 306-530-6511. **General**, 306-519-1405. For outside the hospital, please see the front of the bulletin.
- **To donate** to our parish if you aren't attending Mass yet: • For **pre-authorized debit, Interac e-transfer, or credit card**, see [archregina.sk.ca/giving](http://archregina.sk.ca/giving). • By **phone**: call Deacon Barry Wood at 306-519-8997. • **Mail** donation envelopes to our parish.