First Sunday of Advent November 30, 2025

# ST. PATRICK PARISH,



# FALLOWFIEL

We are a vibrant and engaged faith community committed to building up one another in Christ. We are nourished by the sacraments, and our shared service to one another and the wider community.



### FIRST READING

Isaiah 2.1-5

### SECOND READING

Romans 13.11-14

#### **GOSPEL**

Matthew 24.37-44

Psalms 122

LET US GO REJOICING TO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD.

## Gospel Reflection

coming will be sudden and unexpected, much through the way we treat others, especially like the days of Noah. People were going when no one is watching. Our small acts of about their ordinary routines, unaware that kindness, forgiveness, and generosity everything was about to change. The become signs that our hearts are alert and message is not meant to create fear but to open. awaken a deeper attentiveness in our hearts. Jesus also tells us that two people may Jesus invites us to live each day with a stand side by side while only one is ready. readiness shaped by faith, charity, and trust.

or waiting anxiously. It means choosing to The Lord's return will come quietly, yet it live with purpose, making room for God in will not surprise those who walk with Him the ordinary tasks of our lives. We prepare for each day.

In this Gospel, Jesus reminds us that His the Lord not only through prayer but also

Readiness is a matter of the heart. We Being watchful does not mean standing still cannot borrow it from another.

#### December Month of the Immaculate Conception

This month honors the Immaculate Conception of Mary, the moment she was preserved from original sin by God's grace. Chosen to be the Mother of Christ, she was created pure and full of grace, a spotless vessel for the Word made flesh.

#### November 30th First Sunday in Advent

### Waiting In Hope

As we light the first candle on the Advent wreath, we begin our journey of hope toward the celebration of Christ's birth. This season invites us to prepare our hearts, embrace His light, and reflect on the promise of His coming. Let us enter this time of waiting with joyful anticipation, ready to welcome the Prince of Peace into our lives and our world. May this Advent bring renewed faith, hope, and love to all.

Masses and Intentions

# • † Beverley Ann Hopkins, by Ken, family, and friends.

† Jocelyne Latrémouille, by Michèle and Doug

Watson.

McLaughlin.

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People of the Parish

† John deKemp, by Norma Milosek.

† Krista Brady, by Beverlae Buckland. • † John & Gerry DeKemp, by Debbie and Daly

 † Deceased members of the Issa family, by Mike and Susan Issa.

All Souls Intention

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Reconciliation: Saturdays 4-4:45 p.m. in the sacristy or by appointment

News & Events Bake & Book Sale



Stop by for Christmas baked goods from the CWL and cozy winter reads from the Knights of Columbus. Coffee and

refreshments will be available. The CWL welcomes donations of

baked goods, and the Knights are accepting gently used books (no Stay vigilant in faith;

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keep your divine purpose ever before you.

New Year's Eve Dance



Wednesday, Dec. 31st

Ring in 2026 with the Knights of Columbus! It

will be an evening of lively

music, delicious food, and festive celebration. Tickets: \$60 each with Early Bird

pricing until December 16. After that,

tickets are \$75. Tickets are available in the parish

office or online. For full event details

and ticket purchase, visit our website.

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. All Souls Intention Thursday 9:00 a.m. All Souls Intention **Friday** 9:00 a.m.

5:00 p.m.

9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

First Sunday of Advent

Saturday

Sunday

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Tuesday

December 6th St. Nicholas, Bishop St. Nicholas, celebrated for

generosity, compassion, and unwavering faith, was a fourthcentury bishop known for his quiet acts of charity and deep love for Christ. He defended the faith during the Council of Nicaea and tirelessly served the poor. His legendary gift-

giving, rooted in his love for God and

neighbor, has inspired centuries of

generosity and joy.

generously

to celebrate Christ's coming.

give

As we honor St. Nicholas, we are reminded of the power of selfless love and the call to care for those in need. May his example inspire us to of

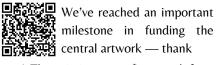
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time, binders, textbooks, or magazines). resources, and hearts as we prepare Support our parish ministries and get ready for the season!

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### News & Events

### Help Us Reach the Finish Line



you! There is just over \$30,000 left to donate to this fund. Your continued support will help us reach our goal and ensure that more of our restoration

funds remain available for the parish's

### Sunday Smile

future needs.

Isaac Newton and Thomas Aquinas were chatting in Heaven.

"Hey," Newton said, "did you hear the one about the Higgs Boson particle that walked into a church?"

Aguinas raised an eyebrow. "No...?"

"So the priest says, 'You can't be here!" And the Higgs Boson replies, 'You can't have Mass without me."

They both chuckled.

Newton continued, "But then the priest looks confused and mumbles under his breath. The Higgs asks, 'Father, what did you just say?' And the priest replies, 'Oh, nothing — to you it really doesn't matter."

Aquinas groaned. "That joke is heavy."

"Speaking of heavy," Newton said, "did you hear neutrinos have mass, too? I didn't even know they were Catholic."

Without missing a beat, Aquinas replied, "Please. That's an ecumenical dark matter."

# Giftcards for the Missions



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The Catholic Women's League is collecting gift cards, cash, and cheques to

support local shelters and missions this Christmas. Collections run from November 8 to December 9.

To donate, place your gift card, cash, or cheque in an envelope clearly marked "CWL Christmas Campaign" and drop it in the collection basket. Make cheques payable to: "CWL ST

PATRICK PARISH NEPEAN." You can also donate by e-transfer just scan the QR code and follow the

instructions. For more information, please contact

lrmassie@hotmail.com. Help share the joy of Christmas with

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those in need!

### Shades of Ireland

Fr. Bill Penney and Our Lady of Visitation Parish are organizing an exciting 10-day trip to Ireland next October. The itinerary includes a rich journey through history, featuring a pilgrimage to St. Patrick's Cathedral.

This promises to be a memorable, once-in-a-lifetime experience. you're interested, flyers are available

at the front of the church.

# Advent Prayer by Henri Nouwen

Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.

We, who have so much to do, seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day. We, who are anxious over many

things, look forward to your coming among us. We, who are blessed in so many

ways, long for the complete joy of your kingdom. We, whose hearts are heavy, seek the joy of your presence.

We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light. To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"

St. Francis Xavier Vespers

The Jesuits in Ottawa is hosting a Vespers in honour of St. Francis Xavier

on Wednesday, December 3rd at Notre Dame Cathedral. Vespers will start at 7 p.m. and will be followed with a reception in the lower level of the cathedral. There will also be opportunity to receive a blessing with

the relics of St. Francis Xavier, St.

Ignatius of Loyola, and three of the

Canadian Martyrs. All are welcome and

# Prepare Your Heart This Advent

encouraged to attend.

Advent is a season of renewal, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation helps us begin with a clear heart. Confession is offered here every Saturday from 4 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. As an alternative, Holy Spirit Parish is hosting a special drop-in confession on Sunday, December 14, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., with several priests in attendance.

## News & Events

Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule

December 24 5, 7, and 10 p.m.

December 25 9 a.m.

December 31 5 p.m.

January 1st 11 a.m.



Please note: There will be no 9 a.m. Mass on December 24,

26, 31, or January 1. Prayers of the Faithful Now

# Online

available on our website. You can find them on the Home Page, in the "This Week" section, just below the weekly

The Prayers of the Faithful are now

### Support our Parish Through Bridlewood Home Hardware

Did you know that your purchases at Bridlewood Home Hardware (Michael Cowpland at Eagleson) can benefit St. Patrick Fallowfield?

Simply mention you're from St. Patrick Parish at checkout, and a percentage of the pretax sales will be donated back to the church. Thank you for supporting this initiative!



### Help our Parish Grow

Leave us a Review!

Do you share our passion for this parish? When people seek to join a parish, they often begin their search on Google. By enhancing

our parish's Google rating, you can play a pivotal role in drawing in new parishioners. Join us spreading the love for our



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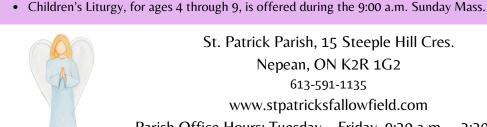
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### Parish Life

Anita MacNeil

- The Choir practices on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the church.
- The Legion of Mary meets Wednesday mornings in the McGivney Lounge (after the 9:00 a.m. Mass).
- The Catholic Women's League meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the Monsignor Baxter Hall.
- The Knights of Columbus meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month in the Monsignor Baxter Parish Hall.



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