

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH MAPLE RIDGE

adventus



December 2nd, 2018

Mass Times

Saturday Anticipated Mass: 5:30pm.
Sunday 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 4:30 p.m.
Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m.
Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.
Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

Saturday 4:30–5:15 p.m.
Wednesday 6:30–7:15 p.m.
Also by Appointment.

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2ND READING

*may the Lord increase
and enrich your love for
each other and for all,
so that it matches ours
for you.*

1 THESSALONIANS 3:12

your faith corner

Discipleship Formation Coordinator

JULIA HANLEY

EVENTS FOR YOU THIS WEEK

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CANDLELIT MASS FOLLOWED BY
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
EVERY TUESDAY OF ADVENT AT 7 AM

Advent by candlelight

SUNDAY DECEMBER 2 AT 7 PM @ ST
PATRICK'S PARISH SCHOOL GYM ADVENT BY
CANDLELIGHT IS AN INSPIRATIONAL EVENING
FOR WOMEN WITH GUEST SPEAKER, HEATHER
KHYM. ALL YOU ARE INVITED TO AN EVENING
OF ADVENT PREPARATION, REFLECTION, AND
FRIENDSHIP. COFFEE, TEA AND DESSERTS
WILL BE SERVED.

alpha

SESSION 10: HOW AND WHY SHOULD I TELL
OTHERS?
BEGINS AT 6:30 PM

NEW & EXCITING

30 staff members from St Pat's School will be going to Nashville in February to spend four days with the Dominican sisters of Saint Cecilia. Please pray for their travels and their spiritual growth!

YOUR FAITH CHALLENGE

Advent is the season of preparation. Throughout these weeks, the Scriptures tell us to "awake and be vigilant." During this time we are all encouraged to go to confession as a way to prepare for the coming of the King of Kings. Throughout the Archdiocese there are many special penitential services available. Visit rcav.org/advent-penitential-services/ to find an Advent Penitential Service near you.

ST. PATRICK'S ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE IS ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11 AT 7:00 PM.

HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT
EVENTS, ALPHA OR FAITH
STUDIES?

talk to Julia

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GLORY STORY

At the Alpha Day retreat on November 18th, several parishioners were prayed over. One woman received the Gift of Tears from the Holy Spirit - and she had never cried in public before! Please pray that the fruits of the retreat continue in the hearts that were opened.

ST. PAT'S NEWEST FAMILY MEMBER

Welcome Maddalena to our parish family! She was baptized on November 24. Pray for our new sister in Christ!!

ADVENT REFLECTION: 'GOD WITH US'

Every Advent, Christians sing a haunting song whose words go back to the ninth century. But I wonder how carefully we listen to the lyrics:

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appears.

In the ancient world, people were tremendously afraid of being kidnapped and held for ransom. Alone, far from home, malnourished, often tortured, hostages could only hope against hope that their deliverance might come. This is the situation evoked by that well-known song: Israel, the people of God, are held for ransom in their lonely exile, and they cry out for their savior, the Son of God.

To be caught in the nexus of sin is to know the truth and to feel the texture of this imprisonment. We mourn over the sins and moral failures of our leaders; we feel trapped by our own falls into dysfunction and addiction; we feel overwhelmed by the dark powers of the world.

But the good news of Christianity is that Emmanuel ("God with us") has indeed appeared, and he has gone right to the bottom of sin in order to defeat it. In his full humanity, Jesus entered into that complex web of sin, and in his full divinity, he did something about it.

May we spend these holy days together in prayer, penance, and hope, fixing our eyes on the appearance of Christ our Savior and longing for his deliverance.

Bishop Robert Barron

PRAISE &
WORSHIP
SUGGESTION



'SEASONS'
BY
HILLSONG
WORSHIP



testimony

MARGARET JAKUS

As a wife and mother of five children, I have learned to recognize (in times of pain and joy!) over 23.5 years of marriage that my husband and I, do in fact, speak the same lingo (surprise!!) with each other and with our children. And I don't mean English vs. Croatian, hip vs. they-don't-say-that-anymore-mom, sarcastic vs. straight forward. If I were to sum up this 'lingo' we employ as spouses and parents, I would say it goes along the lines - "All you had to do was ask?" or something similar such as - Just ask me; Why didn't you ask?; Well, you didn't ask me; If only you had asked me; Can I ask you something?....etc.

I mean, these few words, when placed in any order can carry quite the power punch! This power sets in motion steps: to solve disputes, to break down walls of resistance, to heal wounds, to reveal the unknown, to grow in wisdom and knowledge, to open one heart to the other, to affirm not only the one asking but the one answering as well! Their potential effects and boundaries are limitless for any relationship: husband-wife, parent-child, friend-friend, AND God-little old us!!

I cannot say that I recall my actual Confirmation at the age of thirteen. But when I think back about it, the effects of receiving the Holy Spirit were evident soon thereafter! I can recall being drawn to prayer as an early high schooler (maybe 14 or 15 years old - not driving yet).

Every morning I would get up, wash up and get ready for school, make my bed and then sit on the edge of it and say my morning prayers. One of those mornings, I recall a distinct moment where I felt the Holy Spirit move me away from my regular set of prayers and I heard him say...." Ask me." My immediate response was, 'I ask to know you! ...to recognize you in all things....to love you!'

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When "God created us in his own image and likeness" Genesis 1:27, I don't think this meant only his physical image, but his mental, emotional and spiritual likeness as well. And in the person of Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Saviour, Son of God the Father, these likenesses were demonstrated and blended with OUR human vulnerabilities and limits and HIS Divine Consent! He worked, he studied, he made friends, he prayed.

Jesus even spoke the same 'lingo' during his ministry, "Ask and it will be given to you," Matthew 7:7, "Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete." John 16:24b and to the blind man Bartimaeus "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him.', Mark 10:51, just to name a few instances.

Wow, even God, who is all-knowing, all-powerful, wants to be 'asked'! What is in this 'asking' that is so important or vital to God and man? I can only discern the answer to this from my own experience. As a young girl, I asked to know, see and love him in all things. In other words, I asked for a relationship - with him! Much older now, I still regularly repeat in prayer this 'response' to the Holy Spirit's initial "Ask me", in good times and in times of difficulty. The blessings I have received in answer to my response are innumerable and immeasurable. The more I get to know him, the more I recognize him in everything, and the more I fall in love with him, my God, and with the relationships in my life - my husband, my children, my friends, coworkers, my likes and dislikes, and my very self! All I had to do was - ask!

youth & young adult ministry

Youth and Young Adults Ministry Coordinator
EMMA WONG

As we begin this advent journey I want to encourage you to seek a deeper relationship with Jesus. These weeks leading up to Christmas, to the birth of Jesus Christ, can be some of the greatest days if we use them wisely.

Make me know Your ways, O Lord;
Teach me Your paths.
Lead me in Your truth and teach me,
For You are the God of my salvation;
For You I wait all the day.

Psalm 25:4-5



PRAISE & WORSHIP SUGGESTION



'COME THOU FOUNT' BY AUDREY ASSAD

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'IN CHRIST ALONE' BY KINGS (MHM)



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When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Saviour's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming. By celebrating the precursor's birth and martyrdom, the Church unites herself to his desire: "He must increase, but I must decrease." (CCC 524)

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HOW CAN I MAKE JESUS A BIGGER PART OF MY LIFE THIS ADVENT?

Pray

Obvious? Start & End your day with a prayer. It's easy - wake up and ask God to be with you in everything you do today. Before you go to sleep share with God 1 thing in your day that you are thankful for and 1 thing you need his help with. Try to make time in your day to also say a Rosary (if you find it hard to say alone, ask a friend to pray with you!)

Listen & Sing

You like to listen to music, right? Well consider switching out your normal playlist for some Praise & Worship.

Journal

Do you like to write or draw? write a letter or draw a picture for Jesus. Tell Him how you are feeling, what you are struggling with, say thank you for all the great things He's doing in your life - Just talk to Jesus, like a friend, because he can and will be your best friend if you let him.

Sacraments

In the Sacraments Jesus is truly present, in the Eucharist in His Body & Blood - Go to adoration during the week and pray in front of Jesus or attend mass. Tuesday mornings at 7am is Rorate mass - an advent tradition, mass by candlelight. Come & See Jesus Often!

DEC 07 YOUTH NIGHT
GRADE 6-12
6:30 -8:00PM GYM

DEC 09 PARISH BREAKFAST
SENIOR LEADERS -TEAR
DOWN CREW @ 12:30

COUNTDOWN TO
WORLD YOUTH DAY

42 DAYS

PLEASE PRAY FOR US!