

**Third Sunday of Advent - December 15th & 16th, 2018**  
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Collection December 8 & 9	Collections Required Per Week	Weekly Collection + / -	Year to Date Collections + / -
\$ 3,172.40	\$ 3,860.00	- \$ 687.60	- \$ 14,834.68

*Sharing God's Gifts*

2018 Target Amount	Collected As of December 9th	Year to Date + / -
\$ 19,210.00	\$ 18,989.25	- \$ 220.75



**BUILDING FUND COLLECTION** - will be the second collection on **December 15 & 16**.

**DECEMBER**

- 16 Anointing of the Sick 7:00 pm
- 17 Service of Remembrance & Hope 7:30 pm  
@ St. Mary's Church
- 18 Youth Ministry 7:00 pm
- 19 M.D.C. Mass 10:00 am
- 23 Last Class for Catechism for 2018
- 31 Blood Donor Clinic 10:00 am - 2:00 pm  
@ Stride Place



**PARISH OFFICE** - will be closed Monday, December 24th to Thursday, January 3rd, 2019.



All are welcome to come to the Parish hall after Sunday Mass to enjoy a cup of coffee, the fellowship of other parishioners and a visit.



**ANOINTING OF THE SICK** Sunday, December 16th at 7:00 pm. - At this time of year as we approach Christmas many people experience stress, depression and anxiety. Our celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick can bring comfort and peace to many. All parishioners, whether one desires anointing or not are invited to come and pray as a community for those receiving this Sacrament.



**SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE & HOPE** on Wednesday, December, 17th at 7:30 pm, at **St. Mary's Church**. This ecumenical service is for all who have lost a loved one, family member, or friend as we gather to remember and honor them at this time of the year. Everyone is welcome, even if you haven't lost a loved one. We are a community of faith who support and love one another at this time of Christmas.



**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS** - anyone wanting to donate money towards this year's Advent flowers please mark an envelope "Flowers" which can be placed in the collection basket. All donation will receive a tax receipt.



*Walking Together  
in God's Embrace*

*Walking with Christ is a spiritual journey fed by prayer, scripture reading and the Eucharist.*

**NATIVITY OF THE LORD (MASS TIMES)**

- December 24 5:00 pm - Good Shepherd Parish  
8:00 pm - St. Ambrose Parish  
10:00 pm - Good Shepherd Parish
- December 25 10:30 am - Good Shepherd Parish
- SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**
- January 1 10:30 am - Good Shepherd Parish

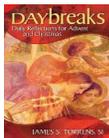
**ADVENT RECONCILIATION**

- Tuesday, Dec. 18 at 7:00 PM - St. Charles's Parish
- Wednesday, Dec. 19th at 7:00 PM - Blessed Sacrament Church - Elie
- Thursday, Dec. 20th at 7:00 PM - St. Francois Xavier Church



**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MASS** - Dawn

Lernowicz will be organizing the children's parts of the Christmas Mass (5:00 pm). If you wish to have your child participate, there will be sign up on **December 16th** after mass in the gathering area. There will be a practice on **December, 23rd after mass**, will take about an hour. **On the December 24, could you be at the hall by 3:50, to get ready for Mass at 5:00.** We are always looking for helpers, if you are able please come and see me. Mary Hordeski will be helping this year. You can contact Dawn at 204-872-2897 if you have any questions.



**DAYBREAKS** - daily reflection for Advent and

Christmas. Written by Jesuit priest Father Torrens, draws from his knowledge of Isaiah, the Gospels, and St. Paul and other early Church writers to help us understand and prepare for the Nativity. In a season where it's easy to lose sight of what's important, Father Torrens offers insightful reflections to help Catholics focus on the arrival of our Savior at Christmas. **These booklets are available in the gathering area. If you choose to pick up a booklet for yourself, the cost of these books are \$1.50 each. Please give as it help to cover our costs.**

**YOUTH MINISTRY** - will be meeting

Tuesday, **December 18th, 7:00 - 9:00** at the Good Shepherd Parish to celebrate the Christmas season in our church. Youth Ministry is open to all youth aged 13-17 years old. If any questions please contact Joe Wermie at 204-239-5152.

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### **NOVENA MASS TIMES**

December 16th - 7:00 pm	December 17th - 5:00 pm	December 18th - 5:00 pm	December 19th - 5:00 pm
December 20th - 5:00 pm	December 21st - 5:00 pm	December 22nd - 7:00 pm	December 23rd - 7:00 pm
<b>December 24th - 5:00 pm or 10:00 pm</b>			



**CHILDREN'S PARTICIPATION IN ADVENT** - The children of our Parish will participate in a special Advent Activity as we prepare for the Birth of Our Lord. Christmas is celebrating the Love of God in our lives through His Son, Jesus. Jesus was born into poor circumstances as we too reach out to those who are in need and be God's love for them. At Mass during Advent, three treasure chests which represent the three gifts of Kings to our Lord - Gold, Frankincense & Myrrh - will be in the sanctuary. **Gold** - during our collection, **children are invited to come to the Altar and place a loonie in the treasure chest for the poor.** The children will decide what local charity to donate the money that is collected. **Frankincense** represents the prayers written by our children. **Myrrh** represents one good deed the children will do in the coming week. These two chests will be brought forward during procession by the children. This activity assists the children in connecting catechism to the Mass and to our daily lives. We support and encourage our children during this season of Advent.

**GOD'S LAST KNOWN ADDRESS** - If you were going to send a Christmas card to God this year, where would you send it? We know the address of Santa Claus, the queen of England, the Pope in Rome, and even a friend or two we haven't seen since kindergarten. But the whereabouts of God are a little hazier. If we write "heaven" on the envelope, will our Christmas greetings ever reach their destination? The whereabouts of God have always been an issue for those who seek God. Where do you look, if you don't have a probable place in mind? We may take a pilgrimage to a holy site: God's been known to make an appearance at a certain mountain peak in Israel. The Son of God moved around from town to town but never settled down—not even in the tomb. The Holy Spirit made a dramatic showing in an upper room in Jerusalem, but subsequent sightings have been across Asia Minor and beyond. If you expand the search to include the Holy Family, reported manifestations of the Mother of God are legion, including Spain, France, Mexico, and, most recently, Japan. The most famous dwelling place of God, of course, was on Mt. Zion in the Jerusalem Temple. One wall is left standing on that ancient site for those willing to seek God in ruins. But most of us look no further than the local church, synagogue, or mosque, where a community still gathers to encounter the divine in word, sacrament, and each other. We take the Easter angel at his word: Do not seek the living among the dead! As far back as the time of David, the desire to house God at a singular address was countered by God's insistence that it actually works the other way around: The Creator built the house in which creation lives and moves and has its being. God makes a "house" out of David himself, a never-ending house that will shelter generations of kings until the time of the everlasting king. And then one day, 10 long centuries after David is dust, a girl in Nazareth is asked if she would be willing to house the Holy One in her body. And she delivers the fateful yes. It would be a tragedy if hers were the last "yes" in human history! The truth is, many more yeses have been added. The Hebrew word amen means "yes," and we say it every time we come forward for the Eucharist. We say yes, we'll be the house of God. We'll take the divine life into our bodies, in flesh and blood, and make it our flesh and blood. We say, "Let it be done to us, according to your word." God's last known address is you. – *Alice Cami*

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION** - In today's Gospel we hear the prophet John the Baptist being asked an insightful stewardship question: *"What should we do?"* Each group wants to know the appropriate response to John's call; each reply points to how they should treat others. John does not simply say, "Be baptized." Rather, he points them to their jobs and personal relationships. John's message is simple: judgment is near, and repentance includes treating others well. We should be willing to share what we have with those in need. To listen to John the Baptist is to be called to account. Do I give only of my excess, or am I the good steward who is willing to make daily sacrifices in order to help others?



### **WE HAVE BEEN CHALLENGED!!! - GIVE A GIFT - CANADIAN BLOOD SERVICES**

As we arrive (so quickly) to the Christmas/holiday season, many activities seem to take over our lives. So much so, sometimes that we lose sight of what's really important. At the same time, there are many patients requiring blood treatment for trauma, cancer and other procedures. **Our Parish has been challenged to ask for 5 new donors to attend this clinic.** Please take the time this holiday season to give the perfect gift, the gift of good health to patients and good cheer to their families. **Did you know less than 4% of eligible Canadians give blood yet 50% of Canadians have either needed blood or know someone who has?** There is a clinic at **Stride Place on Monday, December 31st from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm.** Call 1-888-2-DONATE. You can now book your appointment on line [www.blood.ca](http://www.blood.ca). limited walk in spots available. Give the perfect gift - the gift of life! Thanks to all and the best of the Season and a Happy New Year.

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*The rosary is recited before every Saturday evening mass starting at 6:20 pm*

<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b> Saturday, December 15th Sunday, December 16th	7:00 pm 10:30 am 7:00 pm	Good Shepherd Good Shepherd Good Shepherd	†Felix Lambert by the Family †Rodrigo Natividad by Stride Credit Union Family Father Jose Cabral by a Friend
Monday, December 17th	5:00 pm	Good Shepherd	Special Intentions for Shirley Ashok by the Family
Tuesday, December 18th	5:00 pm	Good Shepherd	†Pauline Dionne by Dave & Rosemary Barney
Wednesday, December 19th	5:00 pm	Good Shepherd	†Marilyn Milne by Friends
Thursday, December 20th	5:00 pm	Good Shepherd	Deacon Rick Ryzner by the Bullock Family
Friday, December 21st	5:00 pm	Good Shepherd	Special Intention for Jackson Fernandez by Friends
<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> Saturday, December 22nd Sunday, December 23rd	7:00 pm 10:30 am 7:00 pm	Good Shepherd Good Shepherd Good Shepherd	†Florence & †George O'Neil by Ron O'Neil Deceased Members of the Verwey Family by Don & Shirley Verwey Thanks Giving For God's Mercy and Kindness in my Life & Family and for the Restoration in my Faith

***Friendly Reminders***

**Saturday, December 22nd**

**Greeters** - Irma Gobert, Helena Kot  
**Ushers** - Raymond Smith, Doris Nichol  
 Bill & Florence Zettler  
**Gift Bearers** - Don & Cecile Scott  
**Lectors** - Denise & Dana Payment  
**Eucharist Ministers** - Mary Bolton, Audree Peech,  
 Ron O'Neil, Lynda Jones, Zennia Semechyshyn

***Friendly Reminders***

**Sunday, December 23rd**

**Greeters** - Armand Tanguay, Richard Pastershank  
**Ushers** - Dawson Lernowicz, Brenda Franke,  
 Ron & Julie Prieur  
**Gift Bearers** - Prieur Family  
**Lectors** - Tracy Maloney-Bullock, Kerry McGowan  
**Eucharist Ministers** - Rose Marie Neault, Paulyn Appah, Jacklin  
 Jackson, Arthur Rey, Sinto Sebastian, Evaristo Garcia, Karen McLeod

**Monday, December 24th - 5:00 pm Mass**

**Greeters** - Cliff & Loreen Lafreniere  
**Ushers** - Irene Souque Hewitt, Paulyn Appah  
 John & Doris Nichol  
**Gift Bearers** - Lubkiwski Family  
**Lectors** - Tunika Appah, Tule Appah  
**Eucharist Ministers** - Garth Bullock, Irv Wegleitner,  
 Pauline Calder, Lynda Jones, Shawn Rawlings,  
 Neenu Shibu, Jim Ross

\*\* Special thanks to everyone who donated baking for the shut-in trays, and to the individuals who delivered them. A total of 50 were made and delivered.



**CATECHISM CLASSES** - Sunday, December 23rd is the last class for 2018 and we will resume on January 6th, 2019.

**Monday, December 24th - 10:00 pm Mass**

**Greeters** - Helena Kot, Amanda Pangman  
**Ushers** - Norbert & Donna Rey,  
 Raymond Smith, Ron O'Neil  
**Gift Bearers** - Rey Family  
**Lectors** - Gary van der Zweep, Dana Payment  
**Eucharist Ministers** - Bernadette Gnanapragasam,  
 Tara Ryzner, Dave & Rosemary Barney, Denise Payment

***Friendly Reminders***

**Tuesday, December 25th**

**Greeters** - Jo Laurans, Brenda Franke  
**Ushers** - Armand Tanguay, Evaristo Garcia  
 Arthur Rey, Jo Laurans  
**Gift Bearers** - Garcia Family  
**Lectors** - John Chudzik, Sylvia Gauthier  
**Eucharist Ministers** - Jacklin Jackson, Guy Gauthier,  
 Jane Hebert, Elaine Harder, Kerry McGowan

***Mary, show us how. Teach us to trust in God as you have. Let us do what sometimes seems unthinkable in this world: to be humble and to accept without always understanding why or how.***

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