

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 7, 2025

Immaculate Conception

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MASS TIMES: Nov. & Dec.

Major Saturday 5 p.m.

Dodsland Saturday 7:30 p.m.

Luseland Sunday 9 a.m.

Kerrobert Sunday 11 a.m.

Collection: \$150

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Matthew 3:1-12

The Advent season easily has us focus on the coming of the *infant* Messiah. However, John the Baptist's words clearly refer to the coming of an *adult* Messiah. Everything about John the Baptist challenges established religious authorities. He emerged from the desert, he wore tattered clothing and ate locusts and wild honey. John calls people not only to repentance, but to an integrity that bears the fruit of love and mercy.

1. How would we respond to a John the Baptist today? Who among us really wants to make changes in her/his life?
2. In what ways does our behaviour show that we repent and believe God's Good News?
3. Much in life is urgent, but not essential. Do John's words feel urgent or essential?

ADVENT RECONCILIATION

Date	Place	Date	place
December 10 – Wed.	Major – 7 pm	December 16 – Tues.	Luseland – 5 pm
December 11 – Thurs.	Biggar – 7 pm	December 17 – Wed.	Kerrobert – 7 pm
December 12 – Fri.	Denzil – 7 pm	December 18 – Thurs.	Unity – 7 pm
		December 19 – Fri.	Macklin – 7 pm

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES



5 pm Christmas Eve – Luseland
7 pm Christmas Eve – Kerrobert
9 pm Christmas Eve – Major
10 am Christmas Day – Dodsland
5 pm New Year's Eve – Major
7:30 pm New Year's Eve – Dodsland
9 am New Year's Day – Luseland
11 am New Year's Day - Kerrobert

THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER IN SOLIDARITY WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

This day is celebrated by the Catholic Church in Canada on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Dec. 12. This year's message from the Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council is available at www.cccb.ca

"As Catholics, we continue to reflect on the life and legacy of Pope Francis, remembering his call to be 'pilgrims of hope' in this year of Jubilee. It has been a time for reconciliation, pilgrimage and 'coming home.'

".... Responding to the Lord's call to be reconciled to one another in love, Catholic Canadians have set on a journey towards reconciliation with First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Peoples

"As Catholics, we are called to share Pope Francis' vision of Indigenous and non-Indigenous people walking together in prayerful and respectful ways towards a stronger, shared future....

"Our commitment to Reconciliation – backed by action – is what will build and sustain both real hope and good will among all peoples on Turtle Island."

CCCB JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT

A Journey through Advent video series, which includes reflections on the readings for each Sunday in Advent, is again available from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB). This year's spiritual reflections are by Moncton Archbishop Reverend Guy Desrochers, CSsR, (in French), and Hamilton Auxiliary Bishop Wayne Lobsinger. The videos are available on the CCCB Website: · In English: <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-advent/> · In French: <https://www.cecc.ca/evangelisation-catechese-et-education/ressources-video/cheminer-ensemble-durant-lavent/>

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY IMPLEMENTING A SYNODAL WAY OF PROCLAIMING CHRIST AND GOD'S KINGDOM TODAY

"The action of the Holy Spirit lies at the heart of synodality.... It is about making room for God's action by listening to the Spirit. The Holy Spirit always seeks to guide us into all truth (cf. Jn 16:13) that we may ever more deeply welcome Jesus, who is the Truth. The Spirit, therefore, guides us towards mission." - Pope Leo XIV to the members of the International Youth Advisory Body. Find more information about the implementation of the Synod on Synodality at: <https://rcdos.ca/syond>

GESTURES AND BODILY POSTURE DURING THE MASS –

The following is from guidelines sent out from Bishop Hagemoen

I. Posture for the Eucharistic Prayer

The norm within the Diocese of Saskatoon is that the faithful should kneel immediately following the Sanctus (Holy, Holy) and until the Mysterium Fidei (Memorial Acclamation).

II. During an Individual's Reception of Holy Communion

The faithful can receive either in the hands or upon the tongue. For the sake of appropriate efficiency and order, it is recommended that Communion be received standing, although one may choose to receive while kneeling. When one receives standing, the faithful are invited to make a reverent bow prior to approaching the communion minister. Communion should be always received with reverence and respect, and without the faithful feeling hurried.

III. Following an Individual's Reception of Holy Communion

There is no explicit mention in the GIRM regarding posture after one receives Holy Communion. Given this fact and noting that there is a great variety of practice on this point throughout the diocese – which represents the legitimate diversity of devotional attitudes – there will be no directive given regarding an individual's posture following receiving Holy Communion. Therefore, the faithful are free to assume an appropriate posture (i.e. standing, kneeling, or sitting) following their reception of Holy Communion. Time for a short period of "sacred silence" after all the faithful have received should be observed with the faithful either kneeling or sitting. The faithful then stand as the presider stands and says "Let us pray" prior to the offering of the post-communion prayer.

PRAYER FOR WEEK

John cried out in the desert, prepare! Prepare! Reshape your life! Change your mind, change your heart! The one is coming who is the very Spirit of God! Christ, we want to have all these. Talk to our hearts. Set us on fire with flames that are your Spirit. AMEN