

Bulletin for December 6th, 2020
Second Sunday of Advent



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Due to new Covid-19 directives, there will be NO public celebration of Weekday or Sunday Mass "to midnight Monday 7th December." This may be extended.

Streaming on [Facebook](#) Online only:

Sunday 9am **Receiving Communion: see attached letter**

Monday through Saturday at 8am

[Faith Studies and Sunday Gospels](#) - Thursday: 7:30 - 8:30 pm

Via [Zoom](#) <https://zoom.us/j/98715480031>

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[● Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11 ● Psalm 85 ● 2 Peter 3:8-14 ● Mark 1:1-8 ●](#)

"They acknowledged their sins." (Mark 1:5)

John the Baptist is often called the "precursor" or the "forerunner" of Christ because he prepared the way for the coming of Jesus. But why was this preparation necessary in the first place? Mark gives us a clue when he calls John's baptism "a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins" (1:4). John knew that sin kept people far from God, so he offered them the only remedy to help them receive Jesus when he came: repentance and forgiveness.

During Advent, we too are preparing for the coming of the Messiah, and part of that preparation also involves repentance. Like the people coming to the Jordan River, we know we have sinned and need forgiveness. And just as it did for them, repentance—even for minor sins—softens our hearts and opens us to Jesus and his grace.

How does this happen? Repentance requires us to take a spiritual inventory of what needs to change in our lives—of where we have fallen short of God's commands. We don't have to do this alone; if we ask him, the Holy Spirit will help us search our hearts and will gently reveal our sins to us. Then, when we see where we have strayed, the Spirit helps us see how deeply we need his grace. That causes us to go to Jesus more often and cling to him more tightly. When we experience God cleansing us of our sins, we can't help but be filled with thanksgiving for his abundant love and for his unending, never-ending mercy.

So make it a point to try to get to Confession before Christmas. Let repentance become a daily practice as well so that you can keep your conscience clean of all those sins that can pile up and obscure your relationship with Christ. Repentance is powerful. God will use it not only to cleanse you but to soften your heart and draw you closer to himself. *the Word among us, December 2020*

2020-2021 Missals have arrived at the Church Office

Purchase your own copy to use at home during Virtual Mass

Sunday Missals and Sunday Missals for Children are available for **\$5 each**

Contact the office to arrange pickup or delivery

“Every time we are able to give up our own wishes in favour of those of other people, so long as it is not contrary to the will of God, we acquire great merit...” *St. John Vianney*

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday from 6:30-9:00 pm and by appointment
Contact Fr. Andrew L’Heureux: 778-257-4203

Notices

Online Advent Resource Programs suggested by Fr. Andrew



- <https://watch.formed.org/advent-1>
- <https://praymoreretreat.org/>
- <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/advent/best-advent-ever.html>
- <https://www.wordonfire.org/resources/blog/sign-up-for-bishop-barrons-free-daily-advent-reflections/18981/>
- <https://coaching.reallifecatholic.com/unshakeable-joy>

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada Fall Campaign called “Recovering Together” encourages us to read the campaign materials online and make a donation to help our brothers and sisters in the Global South. Thank you for your support.

John and Liz Corrigan 604-894-3671. <https://www.devp.org/en/campaign/recoveringtogether>

Tax Receipt 2020 reminder for parishioners: Faith in Action donations must be received by Thursday, December 31 (before the banks close/or parish office closes). Donations may be mailed to the parish or the Chancery office post marked no later than December 31 to be eligible for 2020 tax receipt. All donations received after 12 noon on Thursday, December 31, or are post marked later than December 31, will go towards the 2021 Tax Receipt.

Potential New Church – Check out our [website](#) for the presentation of the potential new church. View [here: https://obertiarchitecture.com/olm/](https://obertiarchitecture.com/olm/)



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Free Firewood – Please help yourself to the free firewood stacked next to the rectory sheds.

Donations – Please consider supporting our Mission

If you would like to donate to any of our parishes, there are several convenient ways:

- **Drop off cash or a cheque, or mail in a cheque (only) to:**
Our Lady of the Mountains, 6299 Lorimer Rd, Whistler, BC V8E 0C5
- **Online donation via EMT or e-transfer:**
 - Email to: <mailto:whistlercatholicchurch@telus.net>



- **Online donation via [PayPal](#) *Ctrl and click or use your smartphone camera***

✦ Make note of which church you wish to donate to ✦

Mass Times

Sunday Online Mass only

Whistler Mass 9:00am:

Communion will be distributed **10:10-11:00am**

St Francis of Assisi Pemberton Mass 1:00 pm:

Communion will be distributed **2:00-2:30pm**

Whistler Mass 5:00 pm:

Communion will be distributed **6-6:30pm**

See attached letter for instructions on receiving Communion after watching virtual Mass

Online Mass

Monday through Saturday at 8am

Fr. Andrew will continue to Stream Masses on [facebook](#) <https://www.facebook.com/OLOMWhistler/live/>
and post Masses (*not livestreamed*) on [YouTube](#) Please subscribe to this [YouTube link](#)

Christmas Hampers

Margot and Jeanette are preparing hampers for two families in the Whistler area and looking for donations of cash, gift cards or other items. Please see attached flyer. If you have any questions, please call **Margot: 604-905-9840** or **Jeanette: 604-932-5101**.