

***Fourth Sunday of Advent***  
**Bulletin for December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020**



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**Due to new Covid-19 directives, there will be NO public celebration of Weekday or Sunday Mass "to midnight Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2021."**

**Masses Streaming Online, only on [Facebook](#):**

Sunday 9am and 5pm - **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>

**Church remains open for private prayer – please honour provincial orders**

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[● 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 ● Psalm 89 ● Romans 16:25-27 ● Luke 1:26-38 ●](#)

*The Lord God will give him the throne of David his father. (Luke 1:32)*

It's almost Christmas! That idea can fill our hearts with anticipation. We might look forward to seeing friends or family. We can't wait to see the look on a loved one's face when they open the gift we chose. Or we just want to enjoy celebrating Jesus' birth with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

But think about the anticipation that the Jews felt as they awaited the coming of the Messiah! Their hope was kindled almost one thousand years before Christ, when God promised David a kingly lineage. Imagine as well Mary's surprise when the angel described the son she would bear by using nearly the same words that God had spoken to David so much earlier. He would be called Son of the Most High, he would sit on the throne of his father, David, and he would reign over an eternal kingdom (Luke 1:26-38). Israel's long wait was over—the birth of Jesus would bring about everything they had hoped for.

As modern-day Christians, we don't experience the Jews' yearning for a Messiah, but we can still feel the ache of longing. For peace. For justice. For security. Jesus is the fulfillment of these yearnings too. When conflict—on a large or small scale—threatens to tear us apart, Jesus offers reconciliation and the chance to live once more in peace with God and our neighbor. When injustice breaks our hearts, Jesus tells us he has come to make all things right and to give us the strength to make things better in our own corner of the world. When insecurity makes us feel as if nothing ever remains the same, Jesus reminds us that his kingdom is everlasting; he gives us a sure foundation to build our lives on.

That's the kind of fulfillment that the kingship of Jesus can bring. That's what he promises. And that's a gift we can all receive this Christmas.

*the Word among us, December 2020*

***2020-2021 Missals have arrived at the Church Office***

**Purchase your own Missal to use at home during Virtual Mass - \$5:00**

**Little Blue Advent Reflections Booklets are also available - \$2:00**

*“Nothing is harder to bear than those things which wound or self-love; but if we thought of the humiliations suffered by Jesus Christ at Bethlehem, should we ever dare to complain?” St. John Vianney*

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

**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. **E-transfers to [whistlercatholicchurch@telus.net](mailto:whistlercatholicchurch@telus.net)**  
Please see [website link](#) to register. For details: **Margot: 604-905-9840 or Jeanette: 604-932-5101.**

**Notices**

**Online Advent Resource Programs suggested by Fr. Andrew**



- <https://watch.formed.org/advent-1>
- <https://praymoreretreat.org/>
- <https://coaching.reallifecatholic.com/unshakeable-joy>
- <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/>

**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.

**Thank you for participating in Faith in Action Campaign 30 (update)**

Faith in Action Campaign 30	Parish Goal	Amt Received	Pledges
Our Lady of the Mountains	\$8,671	\$31,875	25
St. Francis of Assisi	\$1,412	\$1,290	10

**Campaign continues until July 31<sup>st</sup> 2021**



**Knights of Columbus BC Charity Appeal:** The [K of C Charity Appeal](#) has been helping BC families in need for 50 years. Buy tickets for yourself or as a gift: <https://kofcdraw.net/c17419>



**Mass Times**

**Sunday – Online Mass only**

**Whistler Mass 9:00am:** Communion will be distributed **10:00-10:30am**  
**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**

Weekly Online Mass Monday through Saturday at 8am

**Christmas & New Year’s Mass Schedule**

Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec:	9:00am and 5:00 pm 1:00 pm	Our Lady of the Mountains St. Francis of Assisi
Christmas Eve:	4:00 pm 7:00 pm	St. Francis of Assisi Our Lady of the Mountains
Christmas Day:	9:00 am	Our Lady of the Mountains
New Year’s Day	9:00am and 5:00 pm 1:00 pm	Our Lady of the Mountains St. Francis of Assisi



**Drive-by Communion will be distributed for approximately 30 minutes after each Mass**

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