

First Sunday of Advent

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- [Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7](#) • [Psalm 80](#) • [1 Corinthians 1:3-9](#) • [Mark 13:33-37](#) •

Keep awake. Be alert. These words in today's Gospel are clear and direct. But why are they shared with us at the beginning of the Advent season? A time usually associated with preparing for the Christmas season?

It is this question of readiness that is at the heart of the "reason for the season". If God can break into our lives by taking human form, then the season of Advent can challenge us to be on guard for God's coming – both at Christmas and at the end of time. We must be alert in order to answer the call to discipleship we have received, and be ready to account for our actions and decisions at the last judgement.

As we do not know the time or place, let us approach our Advent prayer as an opportunity to reflect on our readiness, remembering that God is gentle and loving. As we see in the first reading, the people felt God had turned his back on them; yet, when they recalled all that God had done for them, they trusted in God's goodness and saving power. Saint Paul reminds us in the second reading that God is faithful and will strengthen us to the end. So let us rejoice and give thanks for this Advent opportunity to reflect on our lives and God's goodness, and stay awake for his coming.

John O'Brien, Oakville, ON

So be alert! The Lord who loves you is walking beside you. Will you notice him?

Community Nights THIS Sunday, 3rd December

Join us on the first Sunday of every month for our community nights, where you can get to know your fellow parishioners over dinner, then watch and discuss interesting, faith-based short videos.

Please register on the noticeboard to allow us to prepare enough food. Dinner will be by cash donation. Next meeting **Sunday 3rd December at 5:30PM** at Our Lady of the Mountains.



Fr. Pierre Leblond's Mission, 18th – 19th December

Unlocking Your God-Given Potential

Fr. Pierre Leblond will be in Whistler, Mt. Currie and Pemberton for his Advent Mission – Unlocking Your God-given Potential – with prayer and reflection on Holy Scripture in preparation for the Season of Advent.

Monday 18th December: St. Christopher's, 11:00 am, followed by Confession
Monday 18th December: Our Lady of the Mountains, 6:30 pm followed by Confession.
Tuesday 19th December: St. Francis of Assisi, 6:00 pm followed by Confession.

Missals Available at the Church Office

Copies of the new Missal are available for purchase: \$5 or \$10 for Children's Missals.

Mass Times

Sunday Mass

Our Lady of the Mountains	Saturday	5:00 pm	Rosary at 4:30 pm
Our Lady of the Mountains	Sunday	9:00 am	Rosary at 8:30 am
St. Christopher's Mt. Currie	Sunday	11:30 am	
St. Francis of Assisi, Pemberton	Sunday	1:00 pm	

Daily Mass

Our Lady of the Mountains	Monday to Friday at 6:00 pm, Saturday 9:00 am
St. Francis of Assisi, Pemberton	Wednesday and Friday at 11:00am

Our Lady of the Mountains

Rosary before Mass on Saturdays and Sundays: for those who have left the Church
Bible Study on Tuesdays at 5:00pm – all welcome

MASS LECTORS



Our Lady of the Mountains

Sat. 9th Dec Ralph

Sun. 10th Dec Volunteer
required

St. Christopher's

Sun. 10th Dec Veronica

St. Francis of Assisi

Sun. 10th Dec Bart
Marcus

Sacrament of Reconciliation – Contact Fr. Andrew L'Heureux Cell: 1-778-257-4203

The Season of Advent Begins Saturday, 2nd December with Evening Prayer at 4:30 pm

At every Mass, we acclaim in our Eucharistic acclamations: “we proclaim your death ... until you come again”. But is that coming something we ever even think about ... much less long for? Our Advent liturgies sound a wake-up call if only we could hear.

The Lord will come **whether we are ready or not.**

Online Advent Resource Programs suggested by Fr. Andrew

<https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/advent/best-advent-ever.html>

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

<https://hallow.com/>

<https://praymoreretreat.org/>

<https://amenapp.org/>



Advent Penance

This Sunday's first reading from Isaiah reminds us that we might not want to do away altogether with the penance that has been traditionally associated with Advent. This reading gives us a context for such penance: Christ's judgment that will accompany his coming at the end of time. Penance helps us to be mindful of God in our lives and helps us become more pliable so that God, the potter, can truly mold us into God's image and likeness. Advent's penance, then, might be directed toward the discipline of watching for God and being mindful of God at the centre of our lives. For example, we might consciously look at the face of others and see an image of Christ. Or we might take five minutes each day and just stop all our activity to be aware of God's Presence to us. Or we might take the time to read each day the gospel for the next Sunday and begin to see how it motivates right actions for us to choose during each day.

Living Liturgy 2015

Tax Receipt 2023 reminder for parishioners

Faith in Action and Parish donations must be received at the parish by Friday, 29th December. This includes e-transfer donations. Donations may be mailed to the parish or the Chancery office **post-marked no later than 31st December** to be eligible for 2023 tax receipt. All donations received after 12 noon on Friday, 29th December, or post marked later than 31st December, will go towards the 2024 Tax Receipt.



Office Hours

Monday to Thursday 9:30am-3:00pm
In important or urgent matters, call:
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Donations / New Church Pledge Form

Pledge Forms in support of building the new church are available via this QR code and on our website at <https://whistlercatholicchurch.ca/>