

Second Sunday of Advent

Bulletin for 10th December, 2023



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Adoration and Confession – OLOM – Friday 6:30-7:30pm

Simbang Gabi starts Saturday 16th December at 6:00pm; Mass from 17th December at 6:30pm

Second Sunday of Advent

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

Today's readings extend a hope-filled invitation: Prepare, for the Lord is coming. What is our response to this invitation? Will we listen to the voice speaking truth into the wilderness areas of our lives? Will we speak truth into the wilderness areas of others' lives – offering hope when life is difficult, challenging, pain-filled or exhausting? When John the Baptist spoke in the wilderness, he carried a message of hope to people facing the challenges of living in those difficult times. He offered them a fresh opportunity to begin their lives anew. People paid attention.

We are called to pay attention with prayer-filled pondering, focusing on the words that touch our minds and hearts. We are offered tender words of comfort, the promise of debt-free forgiveness, the coming of a world filled with righteousness and goodness – all reminders of God's enduring faithfulness. A bold offer: every one of us will find something that brings light into the wilderness areas of our lives. Whatever darkness we are facing, there are life-giving words that offer the light of hope.

This day, as we light the second candle on the Advent wreath may we hear the voice of truth and respond with our own **yes**. May we look beyond the wilderness areas in our lives – and see the promises that are before us.

Brenda Merk Hildebrand, Campbell River, BC

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.

Christmas Hampers

Yes, it's that time of year again! Christmas Hampers! This year, Our Lady of the Mountains is staying closer to home to sponsor families in need in our own community of Mt. Currie and Whistler. Please choose a label from the hampers to select a gift for you to donate. Gift cards would also be gratefully appreciated from stores such as:

- Nesters Market
- The Independent
- Fresh St. Market
- Pemberton Valley supermarket
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If donating cash is easier, that works too!

We will purchase any missing items to round out the hampers.



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 Tuesday to Friday at 6:00 pm, Saturday 9:00 am

Adoration and Confessions – Friday 6:30-7:30pm

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. 16th Dec Anna

Sun. 17th Dec Sam

St. Christopher's

Sun. 17th Dec Volunteer required

St. Francis of Assisi

Sun. 17th Dec Mark
Marcus

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

Sacrament of Marriage

3rd December 2023

Michael Ross and Monica Vu

May God, who is love, bless your life together in Christ with ever-growing love, happiness and holiness.

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/>

Pagua-Portillo Family

On Sunday November 26th, three of our friends (James Paguia, Josafat Portillo and Natalia Portillo) from Christ the Living Stone Fellowship passed away in a tragic car accident. Iris Paguia-Portillo survived the accident and has lost her brother, husband and daughter. It is a time of deep grief for her, the rest of their family, their congregation, and for others who knew them. Please pray for them and consider donating to the GoFundMe that has been started to help the family. <https://gofund.me/3e2605c9>

Missals Available at the Church Office

Copies of the new 2023-2024 Sunday Missal are available for purchase: \$5 or \$10 for Children's Missals

Our Lady of the Mountains Financial Snapshot 30th Nov 2023 Operating Finances

Income	\$163,682
Faith in Action refund	\$13,656
Total Income	\$177,338
Expenses	\$167,477
Net Income 2023 to date	\$9,861

Our Lady of the Mountains Financial Snapshot 30th Nov 2023 Building Fund

Pledges	\$4,826,181
Expenses	\$447,135
Funds needed to reach goal	\$373,819
Thank You to all Contributors	

Office Hours

Monday to Thursday 9:30am-3:00pm
In important or urgent matters, call:
Fr. Andrew, cell: 1-778-257-4203



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/>