

ST. KEVIN'S PARISH

SERVING THE ENGLISH SPEAKING ROMAN CATHOLICS OF CAPREOL & VALLEY EAST

ST. KEVIN SITE IN VAL THERESE & OUR LADY OF PEACE SITE IN CAPREOL

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Rev. Mr. Gord Jenkinson

2nd Sunday of Advent
December 10th, 2023

Parish Pastoral Council

Gord Jenkinson (SK)	Gerard Regimbal (OLP)
Pat Hinds (SK)	Marlynn Paul (OLP)
Denise Waltenbury (SK)	Jeannette Rainville (OLP)
Anne Marie Duff (SK)	Gail Crawford (OLP)
	Bob Johnson (OLP)

Parish Finance Committee

Lynda Mantha (SK)	Mark Patterson (OLP)
Jacques Mantha (SK)	Denis Richard (OLP)
Russ James (SK)	Mario Mauro (OLP)
Tyler Roberge (SK)	Lara Foucault (OLP)

Screening Committee

Nancy Dube (OLP)

Coordinators of Ministries

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Anne Marie Duff - SK Site Lorraine Green - OLP Site

Lectors

Ed & Aline Zickar - SK Site Laura Stirrett - OLP Site

Children's Liturgy

None currently (SK) Jen Smith - OLP Site

Baptism

Teresa Cloutier

Jeannette Rainville

Confirmation

Gord Jenkinson

RCIA

Pat Partington



Reconciliation

Saturdays: 4:00pm to 4:30pm
at the St. Kevin's, Val Therese

Sundays: 11:00-11:20
at Our Lady of Peace, Capreol

Baptisms

Please call the parish office and the secretary will help you.

Marriage

Please contact the parish office at least eight months before your proposed date.

Registration in the Parish

Please call the parish office and the secretary will help you.



Prayer Line

Dina Farinon - SK Site 897-4608
Gloria Keegan - SK Site 969-3771
Helen Gustafson-OLP Site 858-1783
Gaye Martel - OLP Site 858-2682

Mass Schedule

Monday, Dec 11th to Sunday, Dec 17th

Day	Masses and Intentions		Readings
<i>Monday 11th</i>	11:00 a.m. St. Kevin	Funeral for Albert & Lucille Leroux followed by lunch in hall	Isaiah 35.1-10 Luke 5.17-26
<i>Tuesday 12th</i>	10:30 a.m. OLP	For Andy Dupuis for favors received By Theresa Dupuis & family	<u><i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i></u> Zechariah 2.10-13 Luke 1.39-47
<i>Wednesday 13th</i>	9:30 a.m. St. Kevin	+ For Barbara Kirchner By St.Kevin's CWL	Isaiah 40.25-31 Matthew 11.28-30
<i>Thursday 14th</i>	9:30 a.m. OLP	+ For Clark & Newman parents By Patricia Newman	<u><i>St. John of the Cross</i></u> Isaiah 41.13-20 Matthew 11.11-15
<i>Friday 15th</i>	9:30 a.m. St. Kevin	+ For Peter Vallely By Sudbury Catholic District School Board	Isiah 48.17-19 Matthew 11.16-19
<i>Saturday 16th</i>	5:00 p.m. St. Kevin	For the parishioners by Fr. Rex	<i>Third Sunday of Advent</i> Isaiah 61.1-2a, 10-11 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24 John 1.6-8, 19-28
<i>Sunday 17th</i>	9:30 a.m. St. Kevin	+ For Linda Grant By Denise Gauthier	
	11:30 a.m. Our Lady of Peace	+ For Rita Guay By John Guay	

Funds Raised at Delta Bingo & Gaming

St.Kevin's Parish wishes to thank all of the volunteers who have been working the bingos at Delta Bingo & Gaming in Val Caron, to raise funds for St.Kevin's Parish. The disbursement for the month of October was **\$1,429.22**, which represented our proceeds from our first 2 bingos worked.

Screening Committee Member Needed

Thank you to Erv Mantler who has been working for several years as a member of our Screening Committee. As Erv is stepping down from this role, we need a parishioner from the St.Kevin's site, to work with the team.

The role of the committee is to help implement the Diocesan policies, in regards to making sure all of our volunteers are aware of documents such as the Screening Policy and Volunteer Code of Conduct, and that Criminal Background Checks are completed for those that require one (positions of trust, as outlined in the Diocesan Screening Policy). A lot of planning work has been completed already. A special thanks to committee member Nancy Dube, for all her work in these efforts.

If you can help out, or need more information, please speak with Fr. Rex, or call the office to express your interest & provide your contact information.

BREAD & ROSES FOOD BANK, Capreol

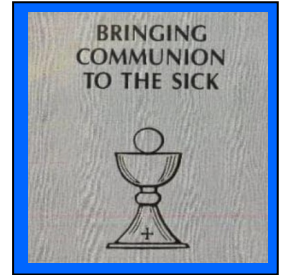
On behalf of the Bread and Roses food bank we would like donations of **hot chocolate, jam or jelly** for the month of December. Items can be purchased at Foodland and a box is in the store for your items, or you can drop them off at Trinity United Church on Wed. or Friday morning between 9:30 and 11 am. A box has also been placed at the main entrance in the OLP lower foyer to accept your donations.

WHAT IS HAPPENING this Week?

- Monday December 11th - **OLP CWL Christmas Dinner, @ MNR Grill**, social at 5:30pm, supper at 6:00pm
- Tuesday December 12th - **SK CWL Christmas Luncheon Potluck**
ALL LADIES WELCOME, SK hall, starts at noon
- Friday, Dec 15th, 10:30 a.m. - **Mass at Elizabeth Centre**

Bringing Communion to the Hospital - Volunteers Needed

Additional volunteers are needed to help with providing communion to patients in the hospital. Currently there is a small group of volunteers, who visit the hospital. Four people go to the hospital once a week, and visit the patients in groups of 2. Each visit takes a commitment of about 1 1/2 hours. Having more volunteers will allow for a schedule where the same volunteers are not committing to go as often.



If you can help out please leave a message on the office phone (705-969-3663) with your name and contact phone number. For more information call Denise Waltenbury at 705-562-1631.

Faith Sharing

You are invited to join us for coffee and reflection on the Sunday Gospels. **Friday mornings at 10:00 a.m. at the St Kevin site.**

Facilitator: Pat Partington



<u>General</u>	at St. Kevin's	at Our Lady of Peace
CWL	Every 2 nd Tuesday of each month. Executive meets at noon. General Meeting follows at 1:00pm 2024 membership \$35 Contact: Sue Godin (705) 593-2174	Every 2 nd Monday of each month at 1:30 p.m. (<i>if a holiday, moved to 1st Monday</i>) 2024 membership \$32 Contact: Marlynn #705-858-1857
Knights of Columbus Council #7368	Every 1st Wednesday of the month. Executive meets at 6:30pm. General meeting follows at 7:00pm Contact: Roger Brideau #(705) 561-8276	No council in Capreol active at this time.

Society of St.Vincent de Paul - St. Kevin's Conference



In today's Gospel John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord.". We are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at 705-897-1641 or St. Kevin's office at 705-969-3663 so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas.

Our Giving Tree is now up. Please return your **unwrapped** gifts no later than Dec. 16th, 2023. Thank you for your generosity.

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Note: A gift tag was returned for a young adult mail who had requested a Walmart gift card, but the Walmart card was not enclosed. If you forgot to enclose the card & still want to donate it, please put in an envelope marked 'SVDP gift tree -Young Adult Male', and either hand in to office, or put in the SVDP locked wooden box in the SK foyer.

Thank You

The final evening of Following Christ sessions was held this November 29th. A special thank you to Denise Waltenbury and Kevin Brault who led their team in planning and organizing the sessions and the retreat. Thank you to other team members: Ann Marie Duff, Rolly Michaud, Anita Purdy, Rachelle Carriere and. and Carmen Lemieux. We appreciate all others who either supported the program or were able to participate. The whole parish benefits when we host programs that help us to grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ.

2024 Envelope Boxes are now available for pickup.

Envelopes at OLP are at the back of the church (left side behind pews) & at St.Kevin's they have been moved to the main foyer.

Also, please check the mailing address on your box to ensure that it is correct; notify the office of any corrections required so that your 2023 income tax receipt can be accurately printed & mailed to you.

St. Kevin's Parish - Mass Schedule Christmas and New Years 2023 - 24

SK = St.Kevin's, Val Therese

OLP = Our Lady of Peace, Capreol

Saturday, December 23 rd	5:00 pm	SK
Sunday, December 24 th	9:30 am	SK
Sunday, December 24 th	11:30 am	OLP
Christmas Eve	5:00 pm	OLP
Sunday December 24th	8:00 pm	SK
Christmas Day	9:30 am	SK
Monday, December 25th	11:30 am	OLP
Saturday, December 30 th	5:00 pm	SK
Sunday, December 31 st	9:30 am	SK
Sunday, December 31 st	11:30 am	OLP
New Year's Day celebration	9:30 am	SK
Monday, January 1 st 2024	11:30 am	OLP

Memorial Christmas Flowers



There are envelopes available in the foyer for parishioners who are interested in making a donation to the parish for flowers. We suggest this donation be given in memory of a deceased loved one. Loved ones will be remembered during a Christmas mass and their names published in the Christmas bulletin.

Second Sunday of Advent

Universal Prayers

December 10th, 2023



For this Parish family, that by leading lives of holiness, according to the will of God, we may wait for the day of God and hasten its coming.

We pray to the Lord.

For the world, that it's striving for peace may foreshadow the new heavens and new earth where righteousness will be at home.

We pray to the Lord.

For the oppressed, that worldly pride may be brought low, the downtrodden lifted up, and the uneven ground leveled to become a highway for God's justice.

We pray to the Lord.

That people in our community discovering God's path in their lives may be open to serving the Church as priest or religious sister.

We pray to the Lord.

For the sick and suffering members of our Parish family, and most especially for those who have been commended to our prayers through our Parish Prayer Ministry.

We pray to the Lord.

That our brothers and sisters who have died in Christ, especially Albert and Lucille Leroux, may be raised up, and that those who mourn them may be comforted.

We pray to the Lord.



When Will We Be Satisfied?

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

In 1992, *Forbes* magazine published an issue titled “Why Do We Feel So Bad When We Have It So Good?” It featured articles by such luminaries as newsman Dan Rather, President George H. W. Bush, and author John Updike. Many of the writers reflected upon our passion for more and our hunger to live in affluence and how that fails to satisfy. In so many ways, we as a nation find ourselves seeking distractions from living with ourselves lest we be confronted by our ultimate loneliness. As a nation we are addicted to entertainment and smartphones, to drugs and pornography, to finding something new. We are confronted by rising suicide rates and a pervasive, deep-seated anger. Why are we not satisfied?

John the Baptist called the people of his day to repent, which is another way of asking them—and us—to look at life differently. Advent is really about getting in touch with our deep longing for more, a part of our human condition that ultimately is only satisfied by God. We have been created to long for more, a longing that feels like loneliness, a longing that seeks to be satisfied. In the end, we can only find a sense of peace in the midst of such longing by accepting that it can never be fully satisfied in this life. Like the spirituality of Alcoholics Anonymous, accepting rather than fleeing from our human reality becomes a path to new life. ●

Reflect

How do you deal with loneliness and a longing for more out of life?

John [the] Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

MARK 1:4

