

# 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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**Pastor**.....Fr. Rex Lumine  
**Secretary**.....Mary Moylan  
**Permanent Deacons**.....Rev. Mr. Steve Callaghan  
Rev. Mr. Gord Jenkinson

## 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)

## 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

## 3rd Sunday of Advent December 17th, 2023



### 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 18th to Sunday, Dec 24th

Day	Masses and Intentions		Readings
<i>Monday 18th</i>	<b>NO MASS</b>		Jeremiah 23.5-8 Matthew 1.18-24
<i>Tuesday 19th</i>	No Mass at OLP	Mass at Bishop Alexander Carter Catholic Secondary School	Judges 13.2-7, 24-25a Luke 1.5-25
<i>Wednesday 20th</i>	9:30 a.m. St. Kevin	+ For Darlene Shields By Mary Shields & family	Isaiah 7.10-14; 8.10d Luke 1.26-38
<i>Thursday 21st</i>	9:30 a.m. OLP	+ For Shane, Dwayne & Douglas and Shay Talbot By Theresa Dupuis & family	Zephaniah 3.14-18a Luke 1.39-45
<i>Friday 22nd</i>	9:30 a.m. St. Kevin	For the intentions of the members of St. Kevin's CWL by St. Kevin's CWL	1 Samuel 1.24-28 Luke 1.46-56
<i>Saturday 23rd</i>	5:00 p.m. St. Kevin	+ For Faye Adams by Emmet & Anne Marie Duff	<b><i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i></b>  2 Samuel 7.1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Romans 16.25-27 Luke 1.26-38
<i>Sunday 24th</i>	9:30 a.m. St. Kevin	For the parishioners by Fr. Rex	
	11:30 a.m. Our Lady of Peace	+ For Nathan Goulet by Elaine Nadon	
<i>Christmas Eve 24th</i>	5:00 p.m. O.L.P. ..... 8:00 p.m. St. Kevin	For those remembered through our Christmas Memorial Flowers	<b><i>Christmas Eve</i></b> Isaiah 9.2-4, 6-7 Titus 2.11-14 Luke 2.1-16++

## 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 <sup>rd</sup>	5:00 pm	SK
Sunday, December 24 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am	SK
Sunday, December 24 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 pm	SK
Sunday, December 31 <sup>st</sup>	9:30 am	SK
Sunday, December 31 <sup>st</sup>	11:30 am	OLP
New Year's Day celebration	9:30 am	SK
Monday, January 1 <sup>st</sup> 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, **if received by Tuesday December 19th** ... otherwise will be printed in later bulletin.

Dear Parishioners,

The Parish Finance Committee continues to look for ways to reduce expenditures to ensure the viability of our parish. At our last meeting a difficult decision was made to end the custodial position within the parish, which was started two years ago. This in no way reflects upon the work that Donald Desjardin did for us. Don was a valued employee, and our two worship sites were kept clean and accessible to the public under his care. The decision was purely monetary in nature, and we would like to thank Don for his services, and, of course we wish him well. The contract ends on December 31st, so if you see Don at either St. Kevin or Our Lady of Peace, please join us in wishing him well, and thank him for keeping our churches clean and accessible.

The termination of the custodial position in the parish will save us the expense of the salary that this position provided, along with the contribution to the benefits package the salaried position carried. Of course, these savings won't be realized if we have to pay companies to clean and maintain the buildings. Volunteers are needed to help keep both sites clean and accessible, and to share their building maintenance skills (household level electrical, plumbing etc.). We appreciate that several parishioners have already come forward to offer their services. If you also have time to help out, please let the parish office know.

The good news is that we have now completed (or are completing) major projects at both worship sites, and we are hopeful that we can now go several years without heavy expenditures, so that we can again start putting money into our savings accounts for future necessary expenses when they arise. Rest assured that the Committee continues to look at various options to reduce expenditures on your behalf.

Parish Finance Committee  
Mark Patterson, Chair

### **WHAT IS HAPPENING this Week?**

- Friday, Dec 22nd, 10:30 a.m. - **Mass at Elizabeth Centre**

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



In today's Gospel John the Baptist says, "I am the voice of one crying in the desert; make straight the way of the Lord." Let us ask for the grace to help others to know the love of the Lord.

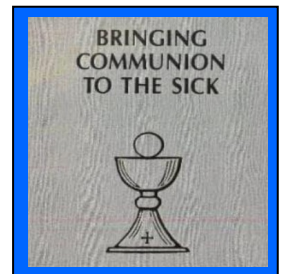
**Christmas is a time of love and gift giving...please give to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who do not have clothes and food can share in the blessings of Christmas.**

If you were unable to return your gift for the Giving Tree by Dec 16th, please call Betty MacIsaac at 249-878-5443 to arrange for pick up. Thank you for your generosity.

A big ***thank you*** to the St. Kevin's Knights of Columbus, Council #7368, who have generously donated \$500 to the Parish. The monies are to be used to purchase 2 new Roman Missals, 1 for St. Kevin's and 1 for Our Lady of Peace. The Roman Missal contains the prayers for the celebration of Mass.

### **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*



### 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.

Why not **try a contemplative prayer experience on ZOOM sponsored by Shalom Place** and facilitated by Sr Léa Joannis. Sessions begin on Monday January 15, 2024. More information is posted on the bulletin board.

<u>General</u>	at St. Kevin's	at Our Lady of Peace
<b>CWL</b>	Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> 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
<b><i>Knights of Columbus Council #7368</i></b>	Every 1st Wednesday of the month. Executive meets at 6:30pm. General meeting follows at 7:00pm Contact: Roger Brideau #(705) 561-8276	<b>No council in Capreol active at this time.</b>

## **Third Sunday of Advent**

### **Universal Prayers**

**December 17th, 2023**



That those held captive by disease or addiction, prejudice or oppression, may be released to rejoice in the liberty of God's children.

We pray to the Lord.

That we may recognize the One Who stands among us in the broken hearted, and gladly serve Christ by binding up their wounds.

We pray to the Lord.

That we may hold fast to what is good, abstain from every form of evil, and be sanctified entirely for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We pray to the Lord.

That people in our community rejoicing in the Lord may respond to Jesus' call to priesthood or religious life.

We pray to the Lord.

For greater openness to the Spirit: that we may be attentive to the Spirit's movement in our hearts, never quenching the grace of God but always open to the great things which God can do in and through us.

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.





## Making Room for God

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**T**he story of John the Baptist is the story of taking a back seat to Jesus, of fading into the background so that Jesus might be the light. Fading out of the picture is something we may find ourselves doing more than once in our lives. Sometimes it's also a choice we have to make, even when it's painful.

Actor Nick Nolte talked about what it was like for him when he turned seventy; how his body would hurt and how painful it was to get out of bed some mornings. He told of how he cried when a longtime friend passed away and of the sadness death brings. But the worst part, he said, is coming to the realization that your children have grown up, are on their own, and don't need you the way they once did. His son has a family, and for him the family comes first, as it should. That's the painful part, Nolte says, the letting go of your children because they are no longer yours; in reality, they never were.

From the perspective of faith, why do we need to fade into the background? To leave room for the hand of God in life, that's why. So that God can do what God does best, and so that we don't get in the way of it all. That is a task not only at the end of life but for all of life. ●

### Reflect

***When has it been difficult for you  
to fade into the background?***



**[John] was not the light, but  
came to testify to the light.**

**JOHN 1:8**