



Monday Memo

Diocese of Thunder Bay

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December 7, 2020

Advent, Week Three:

Rejoice - the Lord is near! Watch children as Christmas gets closer. The harder they try to be good, the more the tension and pressure bring out the worst in them. Like children, we probably begin Advent with good intentions, sure that this year everything will be calm and peace-filled. After three weeks our bodies are tired, our nerves are frayed. A word of comfort from the Lord can refresh tired bodies and weary spirits. Hear that word in gentle encouragement from a loved one. Speak it to someone who longs to be reassured.

Our Lady Of Charity Mausoleum Visitation Hours: Closed to Visitation. We are in stage "Orange", it would be best to call the office to check for any changes. (343-9289)

Development and Peace: This Advent, Caritas Canada invites you to join us in Spreading Solidarity throughout the world. (Note: you may have to press and hold the control button before clicking on the links.) Throughout Advent, we will be posting advent reflections on our website <http://www.devp.org> which we invite people to make part of their advent journey. You can read the first reflection on weeks one and two here: <https://www.devp.org/en/blog/entering-season-advent> We also encourage people to prepare for Christmas by setting up a "Spreading Solidarity fundraising page" (here: <https://www.devp.org/en/spreadingsolidarity>) to promote throughout Advent. Advent is a good time for people to launch their own fundraising page if they would like to ask for donations for Development and Peace as a Christmas gift this year. Watch the video (here: <https://bit.ly/36o34PT>) with contributions from members from coast-to-coast to get inspired. Our local contribution to the video is Samantha Cullen. Sam is the Religious Education Consultant for Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board.

National Day of Prayer: On December 12, 2020: the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, we celebrate the National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples in Canada. The theme for this year is: "Healing of the Earth." Indigenous people around our world have their creation stories. These stories are about relationships. They teach us about the Earth and it's awakening. God the Creator makes the Earth a good place. He sees a beautiful place with purpose. We acknowledge God as the Creator of all things! Together we share one common home, Mother Earth, and we are all dependant on her for our existence. As Pope Francis notes in "Laudato Si", "Humanity still has the ability to work together in building our common home." Let us pray together on this day for the healing of our earth.

Sunday Mass with Bishop Colli: Each weekend Bishop Colli celebrates Sunday Mass for shut-ins and those unable to attend Mass at this time. Please find this Mass each weekend on our Diocesan website at: www.dotb.ca

