

LONG POINT BAY PARISH WEEKLY NEWS

FRIDAY December 3 - 2021

Advent: the time to begin at the beginning



Once again, we find ourselves at the beginning of the Church year. Advent: the time to begin at the beginning, as we anticipate the story of the birth of Jesus, God among us.

Yet it is the busiest and most anticipated season by the world around us, much of which has no interest at all in Jesus or anything to do with that story of faith. Surrounded by a bustling and busy world that is focused on consumerism, entertainment and Santa, it can be challenging to find the time and energy to make room for God.

As we slowly emerge from the prolonged season of COVID that has enveloped us, I am finding I need something specific to focus on. As we have slowly transitioned back to in person contact and worship, hope has emerged as a recurring theme. Hope that the worst of the pandemic is behind us. Hope that we will feel safe as we begin to gather. Hope that our communities continue to support those who have returned to the building and those who are, as yet, unable to do that. Hope that we are able to see where the Holy Spirit is moving in our lives, parish families and the world. So, I have decided to make 'hope' the theme that grounds my Advent prayer journey this year.

Our Advent observances begin with lighting the candle of hope in the Advent wreath. It reminds us that this is the beginning of a season to anticipate something special. This year we are acutely aware of what it means not to have been able to be together to mark the rhythm of the Church year, so for many we eagerly anticipate sharing the story that leads up to the birth of Christ with our communities.

Whether or not your prayer practices include momentary pauses, formal prayers or prolonged silence, there is always time in the chaos and busyness of life to 'recalculate' the path and re-establish a connection with the centre of our being. I find when I am inwardly centred, I am better able to be outwardly focused, and deal with whatever comes my way.

This season of Advent as I focus on hope, I invite you to pray with me for wisdom and patience, as we navigate the challenges reconnecting presents. To pray with hope for understanding and cooperation as we deal with new and changing guidelines and congregational realities. To pray with hope for both the giving and receiving of that love with which we are each graced. To pray with hope and trust that we are able to show that love in every one of our interactions and practices. A friend recently posted these words by Emily Dickinson: "Hope is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul and sings the tunes without the words, and never stops at all." May this be a season where hope infuses your life, prayers, actions and understandings.

By Rev. Mary Farmer

Fr. Enrique

Advent Readings



Advent Year C	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
First Sunday of Advent November 28, 2021 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	Jeremiah 33:14-16	Psalm 25:1-10	1 Thessalonians 3:9-13	Luke 21:25-36
Second Sunday of Advent December 5, 2021 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	Baruch 5:1-9 or Malachi 3:1-4	Luke 1:68-79	Philippians 1:3-11	Luke 3:1-6
Third Sunday of Advent December 12, 2021 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	Zephaniah 3:14-20	Isaiah 12:2-6	Philippians 4:4-7	Luke 3:7-18
Fourth Sunday of Advent December 19, 2021 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	Micah 5:2-5a	Luke 1:46b-55 or Psalm 80:1-7	Hebrews 10:5-10	Luke 1:39-45, (46-55)

Italicized readings, complementary to the standard reading, may be used with, or in place of it.

IN CHURCH

SUNDAY December 5 2021



St. John's Port Rowan 10:00 am H.E.

ONLINE

SUNDAY December 5 2021

Anytime

Service of the Word



<http://www.parishoflongpointbay.com/events.html> or
<https://www.facebook.com/parishoflongpoint/>



1. How did Moses' mother save him from the Egyptian soldiers?
 2. Through what did God speak to Moses in the desert?
 3. Who was Jesus' human mother?
- Find the answers in this newspaper and read the bible



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Seasonal Farmer Workers and Greenhouse Project Start



We are seeking donations of men's clothing such as pants, sweaters, T-Shirts, warm jackets, socks, gloves and toques. Items should be in the small to large size category, clean and in good condition.

Financial donations are also warmly welcomed and cheques should be made payable to: **The Huron Hispanic & Migrant Farmworkers Outreach Ministry Or HHMFOM. GOD BLESS YOU**



For the week beginning Sunday December 5, 2021, we will be praying for our Long Point Bay Parish, specially for our family of the church of St. John's Port Rowan.

Ron Baker, Pat Barry, Carolyn Brandon, Ron and Marion Church, Colin and Nicola Clarke, Tom Cline, Rosemarie Cook, Lawrence Daniels, Ron and Pat Derry, Betty Fletcher, Adele Donk, Rose Goethals, Marie Ganger, Bill Gray, Bob & Veronica & Eric & Chuck Harris, Sherry Harrison, Jim and Diane Hopkins, Maureen Kamp.

For our Bishop Todd and Rev. Rick and family, Rev. Jack Cox and family, Rev. Paul Sherwood, Fr. Enrique and Family.



What's coming

Day	
Sunday 5 Dec	Second Sunday of Advent ST John's P.R 10 AM Eucharistic service
Tuesday 7 Dec	BRANT-NORFOLK CLERICUS Zoom 9:30 AM
Sunday 12 Dec	Third Sunday of Advent Memorial, P. Ryerse & Woodhouse Lessons and Carols 9:30 AM & 11 AM
Thursday 16 Dec	Service of Hope and Healing ST. John's Woodhouse 7 P.M.
Sunday 19 Dec	The Fourth Sunday of Advent ST John's P. R. Lessons and Carols 10:00 AM
Friday 24 Dec	Eve of Christmas Eucharistic service St. John's Port Rowan 5 pm & St. John's Woodhouse 9 pm

By Jim Pepper

Trapped ...

Have you ever noticed those blood pressure testing machines at the drugstore? Did you ever try one?

Before Covid stopped the use of such machines, I decided to give one a try. I removed my jacket and proceeded to follow the directions for the test. The machine began to buzz, the cuff tightened on my arm, numbers and hieroglyphics flashed on the screen, the cuff tightened on my arm, the screen went all white, the cuff tightened on my arm and I thought to myself, "This is a tad uncomfortable," as the cuff once again tightened on my arm. I sat patiently waiting for the results when the cuff gave one last squeeze and everything came to a halt.

This particular boa constrictor model had seized my arm and wasn't about to let go. Never having used one before, I figured it all out. Now that I was trapped, I'd be treated to a sales pitch on the tiny screen about blood pressure medications while gnomes somewhere in outer space busily calculated away. I gathered that I'd figured wrong when my fingers began to tingle, and the movie didn't start. I don't like to cause a scene, but sensed I needed some assistance. I managed to utter a somewhat quiet but plaintive, "Can somebody help me?" request. An attractive young lady shopping nearby quickly surmised what was happening I thought. Immediately she turned on her heels, muttered something about old men twice her age hitting on her and sped away. It was not lost on me that "behind every cloud there's a silver lining," because I was at least three times her age, but I digress.

By now my fingers felt as though an Irish Clog dancer's feet were using them for a practice pad. Perhaps I'd best make a louder request which I did with a loud, "Some Help Please!" directed in the direction of the pharmacy. Now remaining calm in a tense situation is a good thing, but I wasn't quite prepared for the calm, unhurried voice that replied, "I'll be right with you...I'm on the phone at the moment." It flashed through my mind, "I'll never play the banjo again!" (Now all that cheering and applause is unwarranted! - Just keep reading.)

At last an angel in a white coat arrived, assessed the situation, lifted a plastic flap on the clenching beast and pulled on a black vinyl hose - probably the unborn child of the previously mentioned serpent - and the delinquent arm cuff gave up the scuffle with a mighty hiss (I told you it was a constrictor) and released my arm. Do you remember as a kid struggling to take off your ice skates only to experience the pain of the blood flowing back into your feet? Well this was what I now had; a hand and arm signalling to me, "This is the big one Jimmy!" as I paced about.

From now on, I'm letting the pretty nurse at the doctor's office do my pressure tests. No more Boa's in sheep's clothing for me.

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Mexican Spicy chicken empanadas

Step 1

For the pastry, whiz flour, lard and a pinch of salt in a food processor until just combined. Add egg and 2/3 cup (165ml) warm water and whiz until mixture comes together in a smooth ball.

Step 2

Enclose pastry in plastic wrap and chill for 30 minutes. Meanwhile, for the filling, heat oil in a frypan over medium heat.

Step 3

Add chorizo, onion and garlic, and cook, stirring, for 3-4 minutes until softened. Add the chicken and spices, and cook, stirring, for a further 3-4 minutes until lightly browned.

Step 4

Add tomato and stock, and stir to combine. Remove from heat and fold in coriander. Remove from heat and fold in coriander. Set aside to cool completely

Step 5

Preheat the oven to 200°C. Roll out pastry on a lightly floured work surface until 2mm thick. Cut out 20 x 12cm circles.

Step 6

Place 1 1/2 tablespoons cooled filling in centre of each pastry circle. Brush the edges with a little cold water, then fold over pastry to form a half moon

Step 7

Crimp edges together, then fold over pinching to form petals. Place on a baking tray lined with baking paper. Chill for 15 minutes to firm up slightly. Brush with extra egg, then bake for 20 minutes or until golden.



Step 8

Meanwhile, for the pico de gallo, combine all ingredients in a bowl. Season and set aside.

Step 9

Serve empanadas warm with pico de gallo and hot sauces.

INGREDIENTS

- 1 tbs olive oil
- 1 chorizo, finely chopped
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 350g chicken mince
- 1 tsp ground cumin
- 2 tsp smoked sweet paprika (pimento)
- 1/2 cup (75g) sundried tomatoes, blended to a paste
- 2 tbs Massel Chicken Style Liquid Stock
- 1/2 bunch coriander, leaves chopped
- Red and green hot sauces, to serve
- PASTRY**
- 5 cups (750g) plain flour, sifted
- 200g lard, softened
- 2 eggs, plus 1 extra lightly beaten egg to brush
- PICO DE GALLO**
- 1/4 cup (60ml) olive oil
- 2 long green chillies, finely chopped
- 2 spring onions, finely chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 2 tomatoes, seeds removed, chopped
- Juice of 1 lime, plus wedges to serve
- 1/2 bunch coriander, leaves chopped

OUR OUTREACH ON RWANDA #26

By JoAnne Easton

Lines and Tales - from Rwanda



Further to the interviews with the sponsored students, one thing I found is they all travelled by foot but what was amazing is some traveled as long as three hours to get to school. A lot of hours to put in to get to school, let alone home again. Very difficult, especially with very little food for the energy needed to walk such a distance.

So many challenges centered around the lack of money just to buy the necessary supplies to use the skills they have learned. It is all well and good that they are taught a skill but when they graduate, they cannot afford the tools to use this skill. This goes for the carpentry and the tailoring courses especially. It does force them to seek other ways to proceed, like joining a group that has tools as in a co-op, in order to produce some good to be sold.

The structures in which they lived were lacking as one 20-year-old explains that he is an orphan who lives in a small house of one room and the rain comes in the roof. Another who lives with his sister and Mom in a house where one side of it has no roof. There was Jean Baptiste whose parents died in the genocide and together with his younger brother live in a neighbour's house.

The challenges they experience in varying degrees are: -

1. Not enough food, with the norm being one meal a day and occasionally none at all.
2. Grandparents and in some cases parents, if they are still living, were not supportive of going to school. They wanted them to help with the land.
3. No resources to allow them to obtain the needed tools to develop and use this new skill to make a living.
4. No resources to pay for further education.
5. No resources for medicine when they were ill. So many have reoccurrences of malaria.

We did start the Meal-a day program to ensure all ate at school.

Particularly, in the beginning, one thing I have found is they do not have the practice to plan ahead. When your culture has been more a survival on where the next meal comes from, you do not even consider the next month, year or next 5 years. This planning has improved though. All these issues have improved with time.



Answers

1. Put him in a basket in the river.
2. A burning bush.
3. Virgin Mary.

Fr. Enrique

December



The zodiac signs for the month of December are Sagittarius (until December 21) and Capricorn (December 22 onwards).

December's birth flower is the narcissus.

The birthstones are the turquoise, zircon, and tanzanite.

Happy Birthday Susan Drayson December 8th

Events in history on that day

1492 – Christopher Columbus discovers Hispanola

1863 – Abraham Lincoln issues his Amnesty Proclamation and plan for Reconstruction of the South

1869 - Timothy Eaton founds T. Eaton Co. Limited in Toronto, Canada.

1874 – Jesse James gang takes train at Muncie, Kansas

1915 – John McCrae's poem "In Flanders Field" appears anonymously in "Punch" magazine

1941 – US President Franklin D. Roosevelt delivers "Day of Infamy" speech to US Congress a day after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, the previous day

Birthdays in History on that day

Kim Basinger, Sinead O'Connor, Mary Queen of Scots, Jim Morrison, Sammy Davis Jr. Nicki Minaj



Anne Halls