

December 3, 2017

Sts. Cyril & Methodius Catholic Parish

1. nedel'a v advente
1st Sunday of Advent

KEEP AWAKE

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is one of the most unique and beautiful aspects of Catholicism. Jesus Christ, in His abundant love and mercy, established the Sacrament of Confession, so that we as sinners can obtain forgiveness for our sins and reconcile with God and the Church. The sacrament “washes us clean,” and renews us in Christ.

“Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you.’ And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained’” (John 20:21-23).

If you haven't been to Confession in a while, the Catholic Church wants to welcome you back, and invites you to participate in this beautiful sacrament of healing. Take a step in faith. You'll be surprised about how free you feel after taking part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. So many Catholics describe incredible feelings of peace, joy, relief, and love that they never expected. Jesus is calling you to experience His mercy in this way too.

1. Confession helps us to better “know oneself.”

St. Augustine and countless other saints and doctors of the Church talk about the importance of knowing ourselves well. Through coming to know ourselves better, we realized how fallen we are, and how badly we need God's help and grace to get through life. Frequent Confession helps remind us to rely on God to help rid us of our sins.

2. Confession helps us overcome vice.

The grace we receive from the Sacrament of Confession helps us combat our faults and failings and break our habits of vice much more easily and expediently than we could otherwise do without the sacramental grace.

3. Confession brings us peace.

Guilt from the sins we commit can make us feel all mixed up inside and cause us to lose our peace and joy. When we hear God's forgiving words to us from the lips of the priest in Confession, a burden is lifted off our shoulders and we can again feel the peace of heart and soul that comes from being in a good relationship with God.

4. Confession helps us become more saintly, more like Jesus.

Jesus was perfectly humble, perfectly generous, perfectly patient, perfectly loving—perfectly everything! Don't you wish you could be as humble, generous, patient, and loving as Jesus? Saints throughout history have felt that way too, and they have frequented the Sacrament of Reconciliation to help transform them into people who are more like Christ. Little images of Christ—that's what saints are!

5. Confession makes our will stronger.

Every time we experience the Sacrament of Confession, God strengthens our will and our self-control to be able to resist the temptations that confront us in our lives. We become more resolute to follow God's will and not our own whims.

Of course, the list of benefits of the Sacrament of Confession goes on and on! But you have to go to reap the benefits! **Going to Confession regularly will truly change your life.**

The words of absolution in the Confessional are truly beautiful: “I absolve you from your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” Jesus is waiting to forgive you—all you have to do is ask! Don't miss out any longer on the healing power of Confession.

Liturgical schedules/Bohoslužobný poriadok Cycle B www.cyrilmetod.ca

03. 12. – SUN/NE 1st SUN of Advent/Prvá Adventná Nedela Isa 63.16-17,64.1-8; 1 Cor 1.3-9; Mk 13.33-37	9 a.m. mass + Igora Sandrika /Advent wreath blessing/ 11 a.m. SK omša za farníkov /žehnanie adv. vencov, Mikuláš/	priatelia Fr. Rastislav
04. 12. – MON/PO Isa 2.1-5; Matt 8.5-11,13	8 a.m. mass + Josefa Javier	Javier Family
05. 12. – TUE/UT Isa 11.1-10; Lk 10.21-24	8 a.m. mass + Veroniku a duse v ocistci	Syn Pavol
06. 12. – WED/ST Isa 25.6-10a; Matt 15.29-37	6.00 a.m. mass + Maria Vicen and Andrej Cassty	Eva Cassty
07. 12. – THU/ŠT St. Ambrose Isa 26.1-6; Matt 7.21,24-27	6.30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration 7.30 p.m.mass na umysel	J. Jurkovicova
08. 12. – FRI/PI The Immaculate Conception of Bl. V. Mary Gen 3.9-15,20; Eph 1.3-6,11-12; Lk 1.26-38	8 a.m. mass na umysel 7.30 p.m. SK omša + rodinu Pavlikovu	A. Rolnikova M. Oravec
09. 12. – SAT/SO Isa 30.19-21,23-26; Matt 9.35-10.1-8	9 a.m. mass + Etelu Rolnikovu 5.30 p.m. SK omša s nedelnou platnostou + Olgu Vizinkarovu	A. Rolnikova Rod. Birosova
10. 12. – SUN/NE 2nd SUN of Advent/Druhá Adventná Nedela Isa 40.1-5,9-11; 2 Pet 3.8-14; Mk 1.1-8	9 a.m. mass for parishioners 11 a.m. SK omša podakovanie Berthe Palko 7 - 8 p.m. Advent Penitential Service	Fr. Rastislav M. Eskut 4 priests

Sacrament of reconciliation 30 minutes before every mass. Sviatosť zmierenia 30 minút pred každou omšou.

Announcements/Oznamy

*Last Sunday's collection: \$1495. May God reward your generosity.

*Mass intention registration for January 2018 continues.

*Blessing of the statue of Mary of Fatima will take place on Friday Dec 8, after the Slovak mass.

*Prayer Ministry: Dec 10, 2017 from 12. 30pm to 1.30 pm in our church.

*Love & Life Ministry: Christmas Card Fundraiser: Thanks to all who contributed.

*Planned activities: Dec 9, 10, - Craft and Bake Sale; Dec 17 – Installation by Archbishop; Pot Luck;

*Advent Penitential Service will be on Sunday Dec 10, 2017 at 7 p.m. Priests coming are: Fr. Thomas Smith; Fr. Thomas Arackal; Fr. Nicolas Tumbelaka

*Tri adventné katechézy na tému Sviatosť zmierenia budú v sobotu 16. decembra 2017 od 10 a.m. do 2 p.m.

*Parish Pastoral Council: voted in Rudolf Priskin, Jan Varga, Martina Prochazkova; appointed: Jana Jurkovicova, Maria Eskut, Ivan Bebjak, Eleanore Matias, Maureen Foley. This council is appointed for 2 years.

*Navstevy strarych a chorych. Na sviatky chcem pripraviť aj veriaciach, ktorí nemožu na pravidelne Bohoslužby. Ak niekoho takeho poznate, prosim, dajte mi vedieť, aby som im mohol poslužiť pred sviatkami.