

# St. Patrick & Immaculate Conception Parishes

## First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2019

Pastor

Fr. Patrick Beretta

Deacon

Bernard McCarthy

Pastoral Associate

Seaneen Prendergast

Masses

Saturday

4:30 p.m. St. Patrick

Sunday

9:00 a.m. IC

11:00 a.m. St. Patrick

7:00 p.m. IC

Weekday 7:00 a.m.

St. Patrick (Tu-F)

Lauds (Morning Prayer)

following Mass (W, Th, F)

following Devotion (Tu)

Sacraments

For all Sacraments

please contact the

Parish Office.

Anointing of the Sick

Communal Anointing

following

7:00 a.m. & 12:10 p.m.

Mass

1<sup>st</sup> Friday or please

contact the

Parish Office

Sacrament of

Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

St. Patrick

or by appointment

with the priest

Exposition of the

Blessed Sacrament

St. Patrick Church

Parish Office

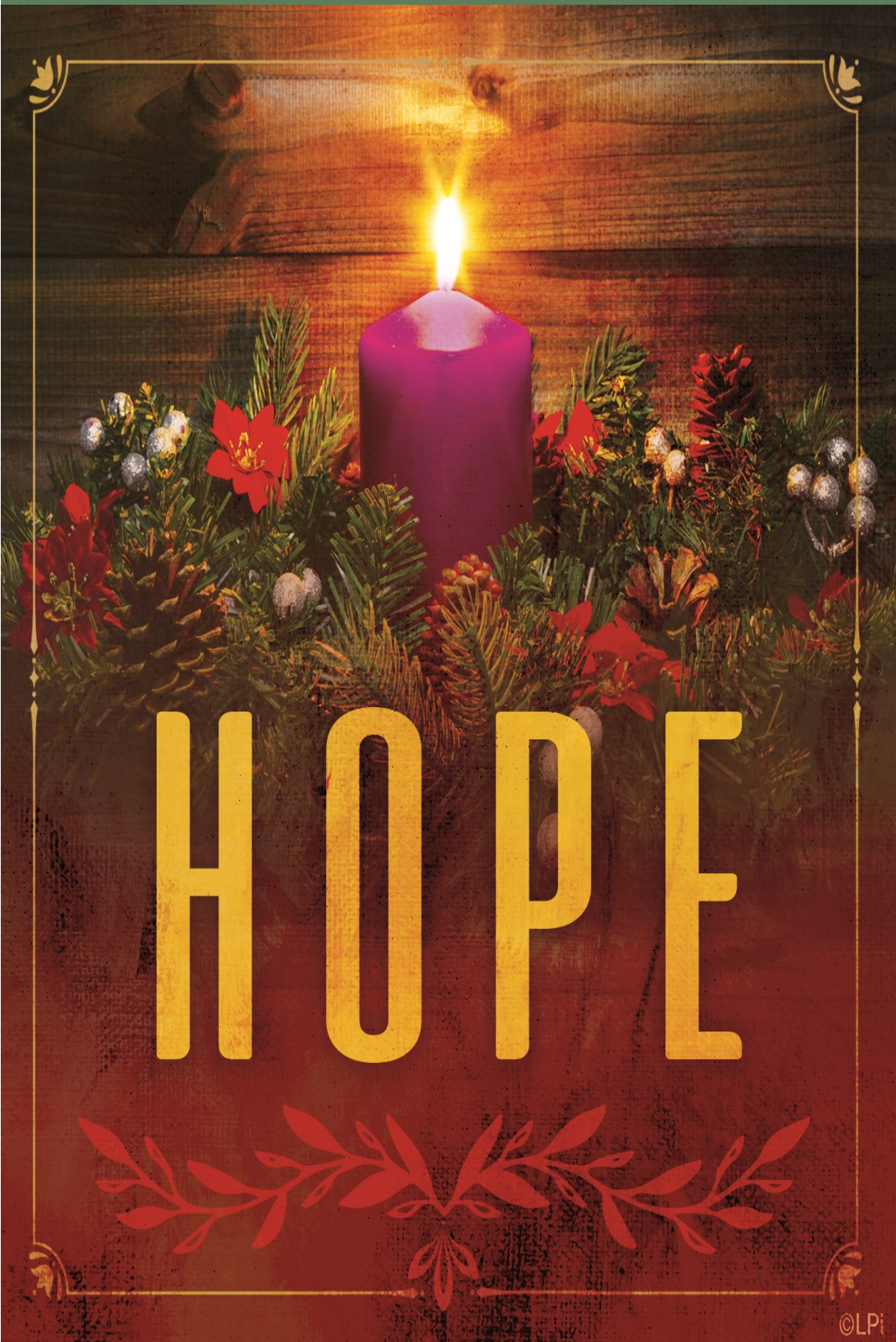
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# HOPE



# PARISH EVENTS & Announcements

## Please Mark Your Calendar!

After his ordination and installation, Bishop Vetter will travel to each deanery to pray with and meet the people of the diocese. The prayer service will be on December 3rd, at 7:00 pm at St. Patrick Church. Reception to follow at Butte Central High School Cafeteria.

Advent Penance Service will be Wednesday December 4th, at 6:30 pm at St. Patrick Church.

## BEST ADVENT EVER

How does it work?

1. Sign up at [DynamicCatholic.com/SignUp](http://DynamicCatholic.com/SignUp)
2. Starting December 1st, the First Sunday of Advent, participants receive daily emails with short inspirational videos.
3. Throughout Advent, participants will discover how to slow down and focus on what really matters in preparing for Christmas.



*You must become like little children*

*Matthew 18:3*

*Please come join us for the*

*Women's Annual Advent Retreat*

*December 7, 2019 9am to 4pm*

*Holy Family Parish Center, Anaconda Potluck Lunch:*

*Please bring soup, bread, salad, or dessert for lunch or a quickbread for morning coffee.*

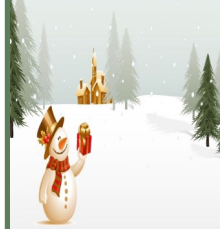
*Please register with Patrice Downey call 533-5757 or email [patricelynn@hotmail.com](mailto:patricelynn@hotmail.com)*

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## OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY



Will be Wednesday, December 11th, at 5:30pm at the MAC Center. Plans include Chili Dogs, Christmas Carols, Hayrides, visiting with fellow parishioners and of course Santa Clause. Please bring your favorite cookie/dessert to share. Call the parish office no later than Monday, December 9th so we know how much food to order.

*Our Prayers & Sympathy to the Family of*

*Don Davis*

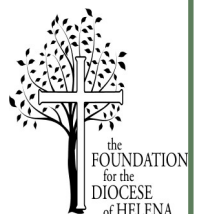
*May perpetual light shine upon him.*



## From Your Catholic Foundation

Are you beginning to think about the year-end charitable giving for the Catholic Church? Your Foundation can help. Our goal is to help Catholics like you through the maze of gift options available to support your Catholic faith. Contact Jeanne Saarinen, Executive Director of The Foundation for the Diocese of Helena, Inc. Inc., (406) 389-7051 or [jsaarinen@diocesehelena.org](mailto:jsaarinen@diocesehelena.org) through the end of the year for help with:

- \*Qualifying a gift for the 40% Montana Charitable Endowment tax Credit.
- \*Making a gift from your IRA.
- \*Transferring appreciated stocks to the Church.
- \*Catholic Charitable Gift Annuity-make a gift and you receive the income for life.
- \*And much more! If you want to claim a gift on your 2019 taxes, don't wait until the end of December to do IRS and stock gifts as they take longer to process. If by giving online by credit or debit card, it needs to be charged on or before December 31. Your catholic foundation's mission is to serve and strengthen the people, parishes, ministries, and apostolic mission of the Diocese of Helena. Learn more at [www.fдох.org](http://www.fдох.org).



Tue Dec 03 St. Patrick, 7:00 am Jean Sheehan

Wed Dec 04 St. Patrick, 7:00 am Dr. John Bonner rb Pat Danks, & Icopini Family

Thu Dec 05 St. Patrick, 7:00 am John Watters (6th ann.) rb Penny Bazzanella

Fri Dec 06 St. Patrick, 7:00 am Skip O'Brien rb The Family

St. Patrick, 12:10 pm Special Intention

Sat Dec 07 St. Patrick, 4:30 pm Bev Wulf (Birthday) rb The Family

Sun Dec 08 IC, 9:00 am Marcia Cadigan rb The Ed & Joy Metesh Family

St. Patrick, 11:00 am Walter Ellis Duncan Jr. (2nd Ann.) rb Carol Mulholland

IC, 7:00 pm Gerry Faulkner rb Gert Downey



## Collection Amounts

November 16-17 Week 20

Envelopes	\$2,573.00
Loose	\$2,484.00
Other Income	\$25.00
Weekly Total	\$5,082.00
Total to Date	\$132,081.92
Budget Amount	\$500,000.000
Needed to Make Budget	\$367,918.08
Weekly Average	\$6,604.10

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for your generous support!



## PACE

“The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth.”

### IN JESUS' DAY

Nazareth was a small village of Galilee in northern Palestine with a population of less than five hundred. To most Israel, it was a town of little or no importance. In fact, in John 1:46, Nathaniel scoffs at the village's insignificance as he asks, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?”

As an insignificant village tucked away on the outskirts of the Sea of Galilee, not much was happening in Nazareth. It was small. It was poor. It was unassuming. Nazareth escaped the busy hustle and bustle of the big city. The pace of Nazareth was much like the pace of life in any small town.

Life was simple. The pace was slower.

Mary, born in Nazareth, would have had an inner disposition that reflected the village in which she grew up.

Our external environment has a lot to do with our interior environment. The outer pace of Nazareth helped support a contemplative posture with Mary.

The secular Christmas season we find ourselves in is anything but small, simple, and slow. In fact, for many of us, the pace of life accelerates as Christmas nears. There are presents to buy, parties to attend, and holidays to plan. As the world around us sprints into frenzy, Advent actually invites us to slow down. Just as Nazareth's pace formed the heart of the Mother of God, Mary wants to slow us down so that we can receive as she did. So, slow down. Get quiet. Listen.

After all, what's the rush?

**What are we really preparing for?**

