

The Parish of Saint John the Divine

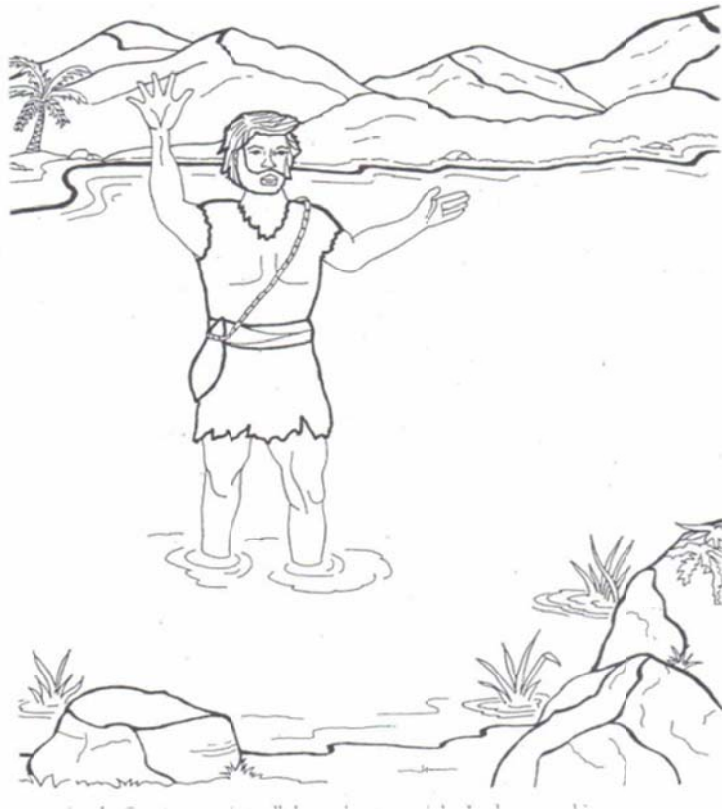
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Our primary purpose as the Church of St. John the Divine in downtown North Bay is to be a welcoming, nurturing and worshipping community which demonstrates by word and deed the love of Jesus Christ for all creation.

The Second Sunday in Advent

December 4, 2011 ✕ 10:00 AM



The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

**'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,'**

- St. Mark 1.3

THE HOLY EUCHARIST – *The Book of Common Prayer*

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Fr. A. E. Nussey, Rector

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THE COMMUNION – All baptized Christians who are communicants in their own churches are invited to share in the holy Communion. Those not receiving Communion but wishing to receive a blessing are invited to come to the altar rail and cross their arms over their chest. Please note that, according to our bishop's directives, the practice of "intinction" (dipping the bread in the wine), is not permitted for sanitary reasons.	
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➤ **Cycles of Prayer**

Anglican Cycle: Pray for the Diocese of Western Kansas and The Rt. Rev. Michael Milliken.

Diocesan Cycle: Pray for the parish of all St. James', Goulais River and the Ven. William Stadnyk; and the parish of St. Mark's, Heyden and Mr. Henry Gaines.

➤ **Prayer List**

The ill and recovering... Margaret Park, Leslie Shemilt, Margaret Johnson, Marilyn Buchanan, Wayne & Diane, Diane Barnes, Jessie Turenne, Mark Rogers, Margaret Hall, Dennis Linaker, Biff Gigg, Carol Komo, Charlene Higgins, Joan Gravelle, Helen Stanton, Robert Ure, Helen Atkinson, Rob Paterson.

The departed... The flowers on the altar glorify God and are placed by Joan Mackie in loving memory of her parents Dorothy and Jack Stockdale and brother David Michael.

The flowers on the altar last Sunday were placed by Judy Elston. They were offered to the glory of God and in loving memory of her father Ken.

➤ **Next Sunday's Readings**

Isaiah 61. 1-4, 8-11	Psalms 126	1 Thess. 5. 16-24	St. John 1. 6-8, 19-28
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➤ **Parish Calendar**

Dec. 07	11:00 AM	Friendship Group
Dec. 07	7:00 PM	Worship & Ed. Committee
Dec. 08	12:00 NOON	Bliss Gilmore
Dec. 08	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Dec. 11	10:00 AM	Children's Pageant
Dec. 13	1:30 PM	ACW
Dec. 15	10:00 AM	Parish Advisory Council

Have an event? Please contact the Parish Office by 12:00 Noon on **Wednesdays**.

***Reminder:** Chairs of Committees and organizers of events are reminded to submit notices of upcoming meetings and events to the Parish Office for inclusion in the Bulletin. Thank you!

CHILDREN'S HYMN

**Advent tells us Christ is near;
Christmas tells us Christ is here;
In Epiphany we trace
All the glory of his grace.**

**Last of all, we humbly sing
Glory to our God and King,
Glory to the One in Three
On the Feast of Trinity.**

WE HAVE A NEW WEB SITE!

www.stjohndivine.ca

Things you can find on the Web site:

- Events
- Parish Calendar
- Schedules
- The Diviner
- Sunday Bulletins
- Pictures

Stay Informed and Keep Connected!

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➤ **Confirmation Preparation**

A planning meeting for those interested in Confirmation preparation, and their parents, will take place Sun., Dec. 18 following the 10 am service.

➤ **PWRDF Christmas Cards**

The contact info of those who ordered Christmas cards has been lost. Please contact Danielle Benoiton (494.8154) if you ordered cards and have not heard from her regarding your order.

➤ **Christmas Cookies**

The Outreach Committee will be meeting **this Friday (Dec. 9) at 11:30 A.M.** (please notice new time) in the Parish Hall.

- for a regular meeting of all Outreach committee members
- bring a bag lunch and we'll put the kettle on.
- to receive 30 dozen, or more, cookies from the congregation
- to put together boxes for these cookies
- and to pack, label and tie up these boxes

*visitors to shut ins and nursing homes etc. please pick up boxes of cookies at 1.30 p.m. for delivery to your lists of people at your convenience.

WE COULD STILL USE A FEW DOZEN MORE CHRISTMAS COOKIES - PLEASE NO PEANUT BUTTER OR NUTS OF ANY KIND. Thanks very much.

- Donna Sakaluk and Pam Handley.

➤ **Christmas Flowers**

Anyone wishing to memorialize loved ones at Christmas may send a cheque for any amount to the church, or place an envelope on the collection plate, marked "Christmas Flowers." Please include names of those you wish to be remembered as well as your own name to be included in the bulletin. Thank you.

- Barb Hogan

➤ **Nominations Committee**

Heather Murray is the Chair of the Nominations Committee. If you have any nominations for any of the elected positions for our church, please feel free to speak with her to offer names. People are also welcome to nominate themselves.

➤ **Operation Christmas Child**

Thank you for your support for this worthy project. I am pleased to report that 30 boxes were sent out from our church. THANK YOU: Dave Johnson

➤ **Crafters Sale**

Crafters will have chilli sauce and red pepper jelly for sale downstairs after **today's** service. Thank you for your support - Linda Turner

➤ **Rector's Office Hours**

The Rector is making himself available for drop-in visits at his office in the church on Wednesdays from 9 am to 11 am. If you wish to meet with the Rector at other times, please feel free to contact the office to arrange an appointment.

➤ **Annual Vestry Meeting**

The Annual Vestry Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 5. Please note that the last day for submissions for the Vestry Book is Friday, January 13.

➤ **Financial Update**

It is the opinion of the Parish Advisory Council that our church is in a good financial state, despite any rumours to the contrary. As of October 31, we show a deficit of \$3,300. With your continued generosity, this deficit will be eliminated by year's end. If you have any questions concerning the finances of the parish, the appropriate people to speak with are Allan Morrison, Church Treasurer or Doug Hughes, Chair of the Finance Committee. Thank you for your continued care and support.

➤ **Groups and Committees**

We have various active groups in our church. If you are interested in obtaining more information, please feel free to contact the church office.

➤ **Blue Christmas Service**

St. Brice's Church is having a Blue Christmas Service on Saturday, November 17th at 7:00 pm.

➤ **Christmas Carol Sing-a-long**

Christ Church is hosting its Annual Christmas Carol Sing-a-long on Sunday, December 18 at 7:00 pm. This night is always very informal. If you like to sing, listen, or if you play a musical instrument and would like to bring it along, please come. There will be lots of carols and some light refreshments.

➤ **The Diviner**

Copies of The Diviner are available in the narthex for anyone who does not have a copy e-mailed to their home. To help us save on printing costs, you can sign up to receive The Diviner electronically: please email Larry Claus: lclaus1@cogeco.ca

➤ **2012 Offering Envelopes**

Please pick up your 2012 offering envelopes in the narthex.

➤ **A.C.W. Christmas Luncheon**

The A.C.W. "Christmas" Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, December 13 at the Mandarin Restaurant at 12:00 noon

➤ **Project Linus**

A Project Linus chapter is opening in North Bay for the purpose of making homemade blankets for traumatized children ages 0-18. Volunteer 'blanketeers' are much needed for this project to be a success. More information is available on the notice on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

➤ **Christmas Day Dinner**

The Christmas Day Dinner Committee will be hosting a Dinner at the Pro-Cathedral on Christmas Day (11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.). Volunteers are invited to be part of this event. We are in need of people to serve guests, work in the kitchen, entertain, clean-up the tables, clean-up the hall, etc. All volunteers must register and will be required to attend a brief training/information session on December 23 at the Pro-Cathedral. Please call 705.471.0670 if you would like to be a volunteer.

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Sunday Worship Schedule – 10:00 AM

First & Third Sundays: Holy Eucharist, Book of Common Prayer

Second & Fourth Sundays: Holy Eucharist, Book of Alternative Services

Fifth Sunday (when it occurs): Sung Matins, Book of Common Prayer

Welcome to worship at St. John's!

Thank you for choosing to worship with us today.

Please join us for refreshments in the Parish Hall after the service.

Newcomers are kindly asked to make themselves known to a greeter—we would be pleased to assist you however we can.

Special "Welcome Envelopes" are available in the pews should you wish to use one. Nursery facilities are available.