

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

L: A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the Lord!

P: **Let us listen.**

L: We listen for God's message, in the witness of the prophets, in the faithfulness of John the Baptist, and ultimately in our Lord Jesus Christ, through his birth, life, death and resurrection.

P: **Let us hear.**

L: We listen for the message of our day, but cannot always hear. We are deaf to God because we become preoccupied. Sometimes we miss the message because it is too familiar and we have grown complacent.

P: **Help us act.**

L: Who is crying in the wilderness today? Orphans, victims of conflict, the displaced, the poor and sick. Let us be open to the refiner's fire that we may become pure of heart and bear the message of God's love through word and action.

P: **Then everyone will see the saving power of God!**

L: We light the second candle of Advent, the candle of peace. Let us pray:

Unison: **Come Lord Jesus, come! Help us be changed in our awareness, action and attitude. Remind us how beautiful are the feet of those who announce peace and bring good news. In your name we pray, Amen.**

WHEN GOD IS A CHILD SONG

Refrain:

**When God is a child there's joy in our song.
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,
and none shall be afraid.**

**Hope is a star that shines in the night,
leading us on till the morning is bright.
R.**

**Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth,
giving a promise of safety and worth. R.**

**St. James' Church
Note Cards 3 for \$10**



You are invited to join the Mothers' Union members in their Prayer Partner Program.

Prayer Partners (PP) will be kept a secret throughout the year and will be revealed on or near Epiphany of the following year. During the year, PPs will send each other cards or notes on occasions such as birthdays, Christmas, Mothering Sunday etc. – always anonymously. If you are aware of something happening in your PP's life, you might want to send them a quick note or card. Of course, the most important thing is to keep them in your prayers at all times. We usually have an Epiphany Party when we reveal our PPs to each other. Unfortunately, with Covid restrictions, that will not be happening this year.

If you would like to participate in this program, please call Debbie Boutilier (902-826-7747) or Linda Hills (902-826-2546) or email Debbie at debbieboutilier@eastlink.ca to give her your name, address, birthday, anniversary, or any other significant dates.

If you know of someone who would appreciate being included, but may not come to church, please pass this information along to them.

WE DID IT! The Parish of French Village Mothers Union members would like to take this time to offer a heart THANK YOU to all of you whom supported, volunteered, championed, purchased and donated to our annual soup mix fundraiser - 2021 was a huge success! We are grateful to each and everyone of you because of your support, kindness, and love we exceeded our goals; sold 304 bags of soup and now have over \$1500 to reach out to those in need in our community and the across the world. Unfortunately, we are unable to fill anymore soup orders as our supply of ingredients is depleted for this year. May the grace of the Lord be with you all.

16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM

The white ribbon campaign focuses on 16 Days of Activism from November 25th to December 10th to raise awareness of Gender Based Violence. The following link gives information in the form of a daily prayer diary and reflections for the 16 days. https://cccath.ca/files/programme/21_mu_16_days_prayer_diary.pdf

ARE YOU A JIGSAW FAN?

The Community Enterprise Centre in the Redmond's Centre now has a 'jigsaw puzzle library'. Puzzles are available for loan and donations are welcome.