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December 2017 School Newsletter

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Advent, Christmas, a New Year!

December is an eventful month! The word Advent comes from the Latin word, Adventus, which means "a coming".

For four Sundays before Christmas, and the days in between, the Church celebrates what God has done by sending Jesus to us on earth, what He is doing in the Church today, and what He will do when Jesus returns. Actually, the Church's new liturgical year begins with the first Sunday of Advent! Consider having an Advent wreath at home, to celebrate each of the rich days of the season. The more we celebrate the days of Advent, the more meaningful Christmas Day will be for all of us. Happy Advent from your pastoral team at St. Justin Martyr!



Happy Birthday Jesus!

<u>Christmas Mass Schedule</u>

- **Dec. 24** 5:00pm, <u>7:30pm</u> & 12 Midnight
- **Dec. 25** 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm

<u>Mary, Mother of God (New Year's)</u>

A Holy Day of Obligation for all Catholics in Canada and a perfect way to ring in 2018!

Dec. 31 <u>7:00pm</u> Vigil Mass

Jan. 1 10:30am, 12:30pm & <u>7:00pm</u>

** Please note a change in our Christmas &

Coming this Month!

December 9

First Confession for Grade 2's

For those Grade 2 students taking part in our program here at the parish. We will offer First Reconciliation services at both 11:00am and 1:00pm this day. Please take a look at your program schedule for more information.

December 10 "Classics & Crackers" Concert

3:00pm. This special concert features the talents of all of our choirs, including the Children's Choir and St. Justin's Got Talent participants. This concert is <u>FREE</u> and open to all. Bring your families and friends and get into the spirit!

New Year's Mass times from last year. Changes are indicated in the times that have been underlined above.

Caring and Sharing Day! (Dec. 16)

If you have donated item(s), please drop them off downstairs in the parish hall between **10am and 11am.**

Feel free to stay and watch as our faith family gives backs to the local community in a very special and Christian way.

December 14Advent Reconcilation Service

7:00pm Nine priests available to hear confession.
Andrew Santos will help to facilitate a special Youth Track downstairs for all teens, especially those who are in our Sacramental programs this year. This is your last major chance before Christmas. Consider taking advantage of this opportunity.

** Be sure to visit our parish website: www.stjustin.com for other important info!