



CPC Communiqué

(Dec 2018 Edition)

DECEMBER

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2 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	3	4 LAST DAY OF CLASSES 	5 EXAMS BEGIN	6 FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS CHRISTMAS GALA DINNER & DANCE 7PM	7	8 SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
9 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	10	11	12 FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE	13	14	15 EXAMS OVER! 
16 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	17 (O Antiphons begin) O Wisdom	18 O Adonai	19 O Root of Jesse	20 O Keys of David	21 O Dayspring	22 O King of Nations
23 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT O Emmanuel	24 CHRISTMAS EVE 	25 CHRISTMAS DAY 	26 BOXING DAY FEAST OF STEPHEN	27	28	29 
30	31 NEW YEARS' EVE					

Have a Blessed Advent!

“Advent begins this Sunday. It is a very evocative religious season because it is interwoven with hope and spiritual expectation: every time the Christian community prepares to commemorate the Redeemer’s birth, it feels a quiver of joy which to a certain extent it communicates to the whole of society.

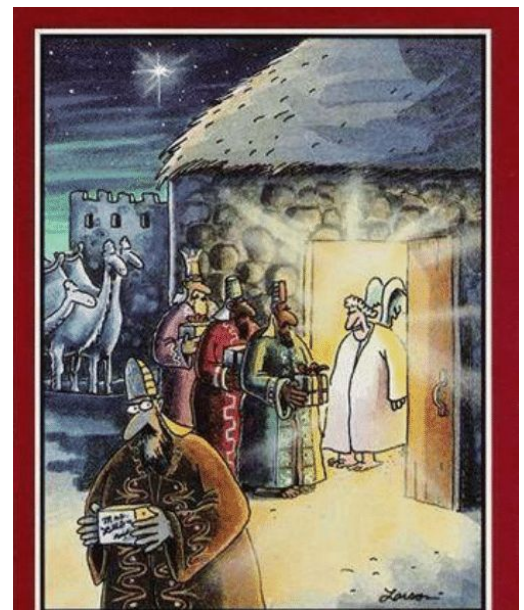
In Advent, Christians relive a dual impulse of the spirit: on the one hand, they raise their eyes towards the final destination of their pilgrimage through history, which is the glorious return of the Lord Jesus; on the other, remembering with emotion his birth in Bethlehem, they kneel before the Crib.”

(Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, *Homily on the First Sunday of Advent, 2005*)

Highlight | Christmas Gala & Dance

Dec 6 @ 6:30pm

Join us to wrap up both the first semester and the end of 2018! This is a highly anticipated event and includes dinner, a photobooth and swing dancing (yes, there will be lessons), but it can't happen without your help. The dinner will be potluck style, so we ask you to please sign up to bring a



Unbeknownst to most theologians, there was a fourth wiseman, who was turned away for bringing fruitcake.

dish on the facebook event (<https://bit.ly/2PZRMuu>). Your CPSA will be supplying the ham, mashed potatoes, a veggie dish, pie and drinks. The event is formal so put on your most glamorous dress, your spiffiest bowtie, invite a friend and get ready for an amazing night!

(Location tba so please stay tuned)

Semester Wrap-up

What an amazing semester our community has had. And this is not simply because the Prof's/Staff won the fall bowling match again! It's been wonderful to see many new faces at Mass and around the college. We encourage each of you to continue inviting people into our community next semester. Apart from the various events that the CPSA puts on, some tangible invites can be for Mass and the weekly Wednesday Social after Mass.

Some Ideas for Advent

1. Some families begin a Jesse Tree on the First Sunday of Advent. This tradition involves a tree upon which decorations are placed, each decoration being a sign of some part of salvation history. There are scripture verses which are read to help us reflect on salvation history from Creation to the Nativity in Bethlehem noting how all of human history points towards the first coming of Jesus. Read more about the "hows" and "whys" here: <https://bit.ly/2DLW6qM>.
2. Many families prepare for Christmas with an Advent Wreath. Each candle focuses on a particular aspect of preparation for the Blessed event with a lit candle and "domestic church" (means "family") liturgy which may include a reading, hymn, and prayer. Read more here: <https://bit.ly/2DznuHB>.
3. Song and story are important to culture. There are more Advent albums being produced in our day than ever before. Here is an example that will help establish a beautiful and charming atmosphere this season: <https://apple.co/2PG9yTI>.
4. A final suggestion is acknowledging the "O Antiphons" which are implemented beginning on December 17 and leading up to Christmas. These antiphons precede the reciting of the Magnificat at Vespers in the Liturgy of the Hours. Here's a practical activity: <https://www.catholicculture.org/.../litu.../activities/view.cfm...> And you can learn more about the O Antiphons here: <https://bit.ly/2Bmoo5X>.

Consider working some of these ideas into your Advent season, and talk with others in your Catholic community about these and more! Let's learn from each and move more deeply into our faith together.

Our Spring 2019 Course Schedule is now available!

Check it out here: catholicpacific.ca/courses

ART 215 CP - Beauty & the Sacred Arts	Dr. Brook Herbert - Mon. & Wed. 1:30pm - 2:45pm
PHIL 303 CP - Medieval Philosophy	Fr. David Bellusci, OP. - Tues. & Thurs. 3pm - 4:15pm
PHIL 305 CP - Philosophy of the Human Person	Prof. David Baird - Tues. & Thurs. 1:30pm - 2:45pm
RELS 365 CP - Christian Moral Theology	Fr. David Bellusci, OP. - Mon. & Wed. 1:30pm - 2:45pm
RELS 375 CP - C.S. Lewis	Dr. Andrew Kaethler - Mon. & Wed. 12pm - 1:15pm
RELS 388 CP - Christian Church & Sacrament	Dr. Brook Herbert - Mon. & Wed. 9:30am - 10:45am

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