



St. Maurice Catholic Church

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Rectory: 251-867-5189
Fr. Pat's cell # 251-769-3324
Pastor: Rev. Patrick J. Madden
Deacon: Terrence Anderson

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
Sat. 5-5:30 PM and anytime by appointment
BAPTISM: Please contact pastor when you anticipate a baptism in the near future.
WEDDINGS: Please contact pastor at least 6 months prior to the anticipated date.
ILLNESS: Please contact the Rectory & leave a message, or call Fr. Pat's cell number, when a parishioner is ill or in the hospital.

Parish Council Members	
Brenda Kern - President	363-1370
Lisa Fay – Vice-Pres./Secretary	867-8525
Lisa Templeton – Education	209-3396
Fred Nordmeyer – Parish Life	867-2692
Wiley Downing – Finance	362-0166
Anita Wagner - Liturgy	282-7897
Stephen Tidwell – Buildings & Grounds	369-3157
Terry Anderson – Deacon	809-0051

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WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday, 6:00 PM; Sunday, 9:00 AM
WEEKDAY MASSES: Tues. & Thurs., 6:00 PM; Wed. & Fri., 8:30 AM
Hispanic Mass – 3rd Sunday of the Month @ 11 AM

Monthly Schedule:

- December 11 – Parish Council selections at 8:30 am/Sunday School at 10:00 am
- December 11 – 2nd Collection for the Retired Religious
- December 12 – Feast Of Our Lady Of Guadalupe Spanish Mass at 7:30 pm
- December 13 – Advent Penance Service at 6:00 pm
- December 14 – Adult Scripture Group at 9:30 am/Soul Sister's Christmas 6:00 pm
- December 24 – Christmas Eve Mass at 6:00 pm and 9:00 pm
- December 24 – Happy Birthday Jesus at 10:00 pm
- December 25 – Christmas Day Mass at 9:00 am

Misa en español: el tercer Domingo de cada mes a las 11 de la mañana (el 18 de Diciembre).

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 11, 2016

COLLECTION RESULTS FOR DECEMBER 3RD AND 4TH : REGULAR \$6,495.00, DEBT REDUCTION \$345.00 AND \$50.00 RETIREMENT FUND

We are currently building a parish website: www.saintmauricebrewton.org log on and watch us grow!

- Make sure to mark your calendars for our Advent Penance service on December 13th
- Thank you for our nominations for Parish Council! The six nominees are as follows: Karen Castro, Anita Wagner, Trish Noble, Richard Thelen, Jamie Holland and Sandy DeFrancisco. These individuals will be selected by prayer lot on December 11th at 8:30 am.
- Please check the bulletin board in the back of the church if you would like to purchase a child's Christmas gift this year.
- We have a lady who lives in E. Brewton that needs a ride to Mass. If you can help please let Father Pat know.

St Maurice Parish Bulletin Insert

Pastor's Corner: Election of Members of our Parish Council : **A totally new way of prayer voting** .*Several years ago , many parish started a new way of choosing new members of their parish councils.* Here it is we accept nominations to fill three positions that rotate of the Council in October. During November we keep these generous people in our prayers during the Mass and at Home. Then prior to the start of Mass one Sunday in December, we (all the nominee's) gather for prayer at the foot of the Altar and then each nominee reaches into a Chalice that has a small piece of paper for each nominee, (only three pieces of paper has a cross on it to signify election by the Holy Spirit) those who receive the Cross paper are our new Parish Council Members ; the other nominee are asked to volunteer on one of our Parish Committee's. This process eliminates the natural tendency to equate How the Church chooses leadership with Civil Election process that we are all familiar with this year. **Other Liturgy notes** : Please encourage , pray for all who help out in the Liturgy. If you have any ideas , requests of songs etc. please contact Fr. Pat or put comments/complains into our Parish Suggestion box, when it becomes available.

Posting of the collection results for December 3rd and 4th are: Regular \$ 6,495.00, Debt Reduction \$345.00 and \$50.00 Retirement Fund

Soul Sister's is having a canned food drive and will be donating items to St. Stephen's food pantry. A box is located in the back of the church. Thank you in advance for your help!

Activates for December:

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December 24 – Christmas Eve Mass at 6:00 pm and 9:00 pm / Happy Birthday Jesus at 10:00 pm

December 25 – Christmas Day Mass at 9:00 am

This weekend is the last Sunday school for the month of December!!!!

PLEASE make sure to check the parish prayer list in the back of the church to make sure it has all current information. In January, the names on the prayer list will be transferred into our new Prayer Intentions Book.

On December 11th at 8:30am our nominees for Parish Council will be selected by prayer lot. All Parish Council members are asked to attend.

Please make sure to check the bulletin board in the back of the church if you would like to purchase a Christmas gift for a child this year.

ATTENTION LADIES!!!!!! In December we will celebrate Christmas at our monthly Soul Sister's meeting. Each lady should bring an appetizer or finger food of your choice. We will also be playing Dirty Santa and the gift should not exceed \$20.00! So mark your calendars for December 14th at 6:00 and invite a friend!!!!

This year our Christmas Eve Masses will be held at 6:00 pm and 9:00 pm. After the 9:00 pm Mass we will be having a get together in the parish hall! We hope that you and your families will stay and celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior!

This year, Christmas day falls on Sunday so there will be a Mass held at its normal time of 9:00 am for those who can and would like to attend.

After a little confusion and rescheduling, the Adult Faith Discussion Group will be having its first meeting on January 15th at 10:00 am. We will be discussing the differences between the Protestant and Catholic Bible.