

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 24 ***CHRISTMAS EVE***
5:00pm for + Grant & Ruby Kett by the Family

10-:00pm for + Ted Montague by Frances Montague & Family

Monday, December 25 ***CHRISTMAS DAY***
10:30am for + Michael Montague by Laureen Montague&Family

NO WEEKDAY MASSES

Saturday, December 30
5:00pm for + Lawson Webb by Judy Webb & Family

Sunday, December 31
8:30am for + Gerry Andrews by Margaret Andrews
10:30am for + Jack Gordyn by Anna Honkoop

Monday, January 1
10:30am for the Intentions of the Gagnon & Fluet family

NO WEEKDAY MASSES

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION & LECTORS

Dec 24	5:00pm	Minister of Holy Communion: Sharon Mattice	Lector: Ava Moretti
Dec 24	10:00pm	Minister of Holy Communion: Linda Feeney	Lector: Tom Montague
Dec 25	10:30am	Minister of Holy Communion: Rita Mauro	Lector: Yolande Laidlaw
Dec 30	5:00pm	Minister of Holy Communion Pam McQuade	Lector: Bill Klunder
Dec 31	8:30am	Minister of Holy Communion: Terry Montague	Lector: Greg Lougheed
Dec 31	10:30am	Minister of Holy Communion: Harry Moretti	Lector: Kim Mendes

My Dear Parishioners in Christ,

We have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. (1 John 4:14)

May Christ abide in your hearts always! With deep joy and gratitude, I extend to you my prayerful best wishes for a holy and blessed Christmas. Several years ago I received a Christmas card with this message: “This Christmas, I wish you Jesus.” On the inside it read: “Isn’t nice to have everything!”

In the midst of all our current challenges and concerns, the love of God the Father is made manifest to us in the wonderful gift of His Son, Jesus. With the angels in Bethlehem, our faith moves us to sing: “Glory to God in the highest and peace to His people on earth!” We recognize that true peace on earth flows from our recognition and praise of God in our lives.

Christmas has a way of bringing to Church individuals and families who, for various reasons, have not been to Mass or the Sacraments for months or years. What a wonderful and grace-filled opportunity to put aside past differences and old habits and begin anew that prayerful relationship with the Lord and His Church community. I extend to all of you an open, grateful heart of welcome. Together, may we grow in strength and grace to know and celebrate together God’s presence in our lives and His dominion over all things of this world.

May our Lord Jesus Christ, born in Bethlehem, bless you, your families and loved ones at this blessed time of hope and grace. May Mary, the Mother of the Child Jesus and our Mother, watch over you always.

Fr. Victor Fernandes ocd



I WISH YOU ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS

January 1st is a Holy Day of Obligation. Just a reminder that we will have regular weekend masses on Dec 30 & 31st. One mass only on Now's Year’s Day Jan 1st at 10:30 at St. Mary’s.

FATHER VICTOR AWAY: Fr Victor will be on holidays in India from Dec 26—Feb 1, 2018. We welcome Fr Wallace Metcalfe to the parish to celebrate all weekend masses. There will be no weekday masses.

THANK YOU: To all who made the pageant this year for making it happen. We are blessed to have willing parishioners to help.



STRONG CATHOLIC FAMILIES DIOCESE OF ST. CATHARINES
RAISING FAITH FILLED KIDS—ONE WORD AT A TIME
PONDER



“Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart” One thing we know about Mary, the mother of Jesus, is that she pondered. She wasn’t a knee-jerk responder. Instead she treasured the amazing events of Jesus’ birth and early life in her heart. The hectic pace of family life today encourages quick action. That can be a good thing. But sometimes events happen in our lives that are mysterious and require the slow and careful consideration that pondering provides. It may help to turn an old saying on its head:”don’t just do something, sit there!” Pondering, considering things deeply, recognizes that God’s designs are unfolding in our lives in ways we may not immediately understand. God is at work in your life as a family. Ponder away!

AT BETHELHEM,
HE BECAME GOD WITH US.

AT CALVARY,
HE BECAME GOD FOR US.

AT PENTECOST,
HE BECAME GOD IN US.





CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS IN MEMORY OF

Emile and Mary Cote
Ron Gill
Cornelius MacLean
Enzo Marfisi
Charles and Antonietta Maggio
For deceased members of the Meahan & Dixon Family

DONATIONS BY

Corinne Aird
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ST. MARY'S AND ST. ANN'S PARISH CHRISTMAS 2017



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MASS TIMES

Weekend masses: Saturday 5:00pm; Sunday: 8:30am St. Ann's; 10:30am St. Mary's
Weekday masses: Tues, Wed, Fri, 9:00am at St. Mary's; Thursday 9:00am at St. Ann's

Confessions: Sat at 4:00pm or upon request

1st Saturday of the month, Mass at 9am; 1st Friday 9am mass, 9:30am –10:30am Adoration & Benediction

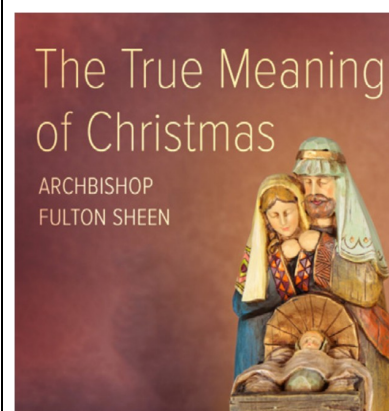


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UNDERSTAND, LIVE AND SHARE YOUR FAITH



Dear parishioners this is the absolute MUST for every year!!! To experience the wonder of Christmas enjoy on FORMED an audio called The *True Meaning of Christmas*, by Archbishop Fulton Sheen. With wit, insight, and joy, Archbishop Sheen reflects on the beauty of the Incarnation of

Jesus during the Christmas season. Archbishop Sheen has a beautiful way of explaining the miracle of Christmas.

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Heavenly Father,
thank you for
sending your
Son
to earth as a
baby so many
years ago.

Thank you that
He paid the
punishment
for my sins by
dying on the
cross.
And thank you
that He rose
again
to prove that
death was truly
defeated.
I place my trust
in You to be my
Savior.
AMEN.