MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 16

5:00pm for + John Tobin by Dennis & Carol Carr

Sunday, December 17

8:30am for + Eugene & Audrey & Eugene Jr Montague by Catharine Montague

10:30am for + Alice Fluet by Yvette & Lionel Gagnon

Tues, December 19

9:00am for the intentions of the Parishioners

Wednesday, December 20

9:00am for + Jeannette Lepage by Francine Lepage

11:15am School Mass

Thursday, December 21

9:00am for + Marguerite Gedatus by Lee Bowen

Friday, December 22

9:00am for + Frank Vandenbussche by Marie Graham

Saturday, December 23

Dec 25 10:30am

5:00pm for + Lillian Pavlovich by Jeannette Pauplis Sunday, December 24

8:30am for + Charlie, Marj & Jim Columbus by The Family

10:30am for + Jules Letourneau by Marie Peart

5:00pm for + Grant & Ruby Kett the The Family

10:00pm for + Ted Montague by Frances Montague & Family Monday, December 25

MINISTERS OF THE

10:30am for + Michael Montague by Laureen Montague&family

HOLY COMMUNION LECTORS Carolyn Jopko Carol Carr Dec 16 5:00pm 8:30am Lee Bowen Greg Lougheed Dec 17 Dec 17 10:30am John Webb Maddy Webb Yolande Laidlaw Dec 23 5:00pm Rita Mauro Diane Lougheed 8:30am John Benson Dec 24 **Sharon Mattice** Dec 24 10:30am Ed McCarthy Ava Moretti Sharon Mattice Dec 24 5:00pm 10:00pm Linda Feeney Tom Montague Dec 24

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Rita Mauro



Yolande Laidlaw

Sunday, December 24 5:00pm Vigil Mass & Pageant St. Mary's

Sunday, December 24 10:00pm Night Mass at St. Ann's

Monday, December 25 10:30am Christmas Mass at St. Mary's

POPE FRANCIS: WE NEED TO GO TO SUNDAY MASS

VATICAN CITY (CNS) December 13, 2017-- Just like a plant needs sun and nourishment to survive, every Christian needs the light of Sunday and the sustenance of the Eucharist to truly live, Pope Francis said.

"How can we carry out the Gospel without drawing the energy needed to do it, one Sunday after another, from the limitless source of the Eucharist," he said Dec. 13 during his weekly general audience.

"We don't go to Mass to give something to God, but to receive from him that which we truly need," the pope said. Sunday Mass is the time and place Christians receive the grace and strength to remain faithful to his word, follow his commandment to love others and be credible witnesses in the world.

The pope continued his series of audience talks on the Mass in the Vatican's Paul VI hall, which was decorated with a large Christmas tree and a life-sized Nativity scene. A number of people in the audience hall handed the pope -- who turns 81 Dec. 17 -- Christmas cards, notes and a chocolate cake.

In his catechesis, the pope responded to the question of why it is so important to go to Mass on Sundays and why it is not enough just to live a moral life, loving others.



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Sunday Mass is not simply an obligation, he said. "We Christians need to take part in Sunday Mass because only with the grace of Jesus, with his presence alive in us and among us, can we put into practice his commandment and, in this way, be his credible witnesses."

"Just like a plant needs the sun and nourishment to live, every Christian needs the Sunday Eucharist to truly live," he said in summarized remarks to Arabic speakers.

"What kind of Sunday is it for a Christian if an encounter with the Lord is missing?" he asked in his main talk.

Unfortunately, in many secularized countries, the Christian meaning of the day has been lost and is no longer "illuminated by the Eucharist" or lived as a joyous feast in communion with other parishioners and in solidarity with others, he said.

Also often missing is the importance of Sunday as a day of rest, which is a sign of the dignity of living as children of God, not slaves, he said.

"Without Christ, we are condemned to be dominated by the fatigue of daily life with all its worries and the fear of tomorrow. The Sunday encounter with the Lord gives us the strength to live today with confidence and courage and to move forward with hope," he said.

PARISH EVENTS

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Wed, Dec 20	11:15am	School Mass and School Christmas lunch
Thurs, Dec 21	10:30am	Pastoral visit to Parkview Meadows
Sun, Dec 24	5:00pm	Christmas Mass & Pageant at St. Mary's
Sun, Dec 24	10:00pm	Christmas Night Mass at St. Ann's
Mon, Dec 25	10:30am	Christmas Day Mass at St. Mary's
Tues Dec 26—Feb 1		Fr Victor away on holidays

BISHOP BERGIE'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE: All Jesus wants for Christmas is our Love. See his entire Christmas message in the Vineyard.

REMINDER: Just a reminder that we will have regular weekend masses on Dec 23 and 24th, as well as on Dec 30 & 31st.

DAY OF OBLIGATION: Monday, January 1st Mother of God Solemn Mass at 10:30am 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.

JOY TO THE WORLD: Advent books have arrived. There is limited copies available, so please feel free to take a copy on your way out.

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-Tom McGrath

PARISH SUPPORT December 9-10

Weekend collection: \$ 2,011.00 Building Fund collection: \$ 185.00 Bottle collection total: \$ 569.25

Thank you to all who contributed to the bottle collection, we will end on January

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MASS TIMES

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

Confessions: Sat at 4:00pm or upon request

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God of Love.

Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us. He is a sign of your love.

Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent, As we wait and prepare for his coming. We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

POPE'S INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

PRAYING FOR THE SICK

We pray for our parishioners who are ill especially: Karen King, Lucy DiliulioChiacchia, Hoss Poirier, Heidi Modesti and Dr. Martin Mbamba.

PRAYER CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

Rev. Edward Jankowski, Rev. Mitchell Kasza, Rev. Jose Karikompil, Rev. Cornelius Kingston, Rev. Richard Kowalchuk, Rev. Stanley Ksciuk, Rev. Christopher Kulig, Rev. Donald Layden, Rev. Rheal LeBlanc, Rev. Donald Lizzotti, Rev. Gary Luiz, Most Rev. James MacDonald, Rev. Stuart MacDonald, Rev. Paul McNeil Rev. Stanley Makacinas, Rev. Vijay Martin, Rev. Paul McDonald, Rev. Tony McNamara, Rev. Ladislav Miskel, Rev. Josephat Msuya, Rev. Msgr Raymond Montgue, Rev. Andrew Morasse, Rev. Charles Moser, Rev. James Mulligan, Rev. Miroslaw Olszewski, Most Rev. John O'Mara, Rev. Rico Passero, Rev. Mathew Pendanathu, Rev. Stanley Pietlock, Rev. Msgr. Dominic Pizzacalla.

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

Lord Jesus Christ, You love Your church and those called to share your priesthood. With our love and prayers, we join you in asking our Heavenly Father to continue to pour out his gifts of holiness, compassion and ardent zeal on your priests everywhere. Inspire each of them to offer his life as an "Ambassador of Christ" bringing reconciliation and healing to the world. Mother of all priests, inspire us to live in peace and joy and pray this prayer with us. Amen.