MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 23

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

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 *MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD* 10:30am for the Intentions of the Gagnon & Fluet family

NO WEEKDAY MASSES

MINISTERS OF THE

		HOLY COMMUNION	LECTORS
Dec 23	5:00pm	Rita Mauro	Yolande Laidlaw
Dec 24	8:30am	Diane Lougheed	John Benson
Dec 24	10:30am	Sharon Mattice	Ed McCarthy
Dec 24	5:00pm	Sharon Mattice	Ava Moretti
Dec 24	10:00pm	Linda Feeney	Tom Montague
Dec 25	10:30am	Rita Mauro	Yolande Laidlaw
Dec 30	5:00pm	Pam McQuade	Bill Klunder
Dec 31	8:30am	Terry Montague	Greg Lougheed

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

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

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT REFLECTION

"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." With those words our Blessed Mother Mary places her total trust in God. We are called to do the same, and this final Sunday of Lent is the time for us to do that, if we have not previously. Mary's response to God is the same response we need to offer the Lord. It is most appropriate that we hear this message at this time and on this day.

This took much more trust in the Lord than we might imagine. Mary agreed to receive a pregnancy that would be seen as suspect in a culture which had a potential death penalty for adultery. Spiritually speaking, there are similarities between the Lord's work in Mary and His work in all of us. Jesus lives within each of us spiritually. He lived in Mary not only spiritually but also physically.

Jesus was made visible to the world through Mary physically, but He should be made visible to the world through us as well. Who we are and how we relate to and treat others is a sign to the world of Who Jesus is and what a Christian is and should be. Are we showing the world what it means to be His disciple? Is there a better time than this to do so?

The entertainer and comedian Bob Hope once said, "My idea of Christmas, whether old-fashioned or modern, is very simple: loving others. Come to think of it, why do we have to wait for Christmas to do that?" catholicsteward.ca/blog

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMINDER: Just a reminder that we will have regular weekend masses on Dec 30 & 31st. One mass only on New's Year's Day Jan 1st at 10:30 at St. Mary's. **JANUARY 1ST IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION.**

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 week-day masses.

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

THANK YOU: We have been given a Statue of Our Lady of Mount Carmel to be used on the First Saturday mass and devotions to Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Thank you to Susan Hauck.



PARISH EVENTS

Tuesday, January 2	7:00pm	CWL meeting
Wednesday, January 3	7:30pm	K of C meeting
Sunday, January 28	10:30am	Youth Mass & Coffee Social
Friday, February 2	9:00am	1st Friday Mass & Adoration
Saturday, February 3	9:00am	1st Saturday Mass & Devotions To Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Monday, February 5 Wednesday, February 7	7:00pm 7:30pm	CWL meeting K of C meeting

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In the coming year, we will reflect on one word each week to help you grow strong as a catholic parent. Simply notice the words you share with your family. Do your words nurture your children's tender faith?

PARISH SUPPORT December 16-17

Weekend collection: \$4,097.00 Building Fund collection: \$.00 Bottle collection total: \$570.70

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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

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



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Advent Prayer

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 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.