

St. Joan of Arc Parish

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The Nativity of the Lord



MASS
INTENTIONS

Monday, December 26

Acts 6:8-10' 7:54-59 Psalm 31:2-3,5,7, 15-16 Matthew 10:17-22

No Mass

Tuesday, December 27

1John 1:1-4 Psalm 97: 1-2,5-6, 11-12 John 20 :2-8

5:30 pm Jan Pabian +

Wednesday, December 28

1 John 1:5, 2:2 Psalm 124:2-5,7-8 Matthew 2:13-18

5:30 pm The Parish Community

Thursday, December 29

1 John 2:3-11 Psalm 96:1-6 Luke 2:22-35

5:30 pm Int. of the Parish staff

Friday, December 30

Sirach 3;2-6,12-14 Psalm 28: 1-5, Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

5:30 pm Wladysla Pabian +

Saturday, December 31

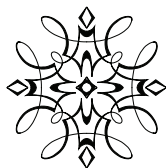
1 John 2:18-21 Psalm 96:1-2, 11-13 John 1:1-18

5:30 pm The Parish Community

Sunday, January 1

Numbers 6:22-27 Psalm 67:1-2,4-7 Galatians4:4-7 Luke 2:16-21

10:00 am The Parish Community



The Friar's Nook

Merry Christmas! I'd like to share with you a Christmas story, maybe not a miracle but I'll leave that up to you to decide. As most of you know I lost the parish puppy, Sonya, this summer to cancer. This fall, I asked the students from Marrocco-Merton high school and the students from Saint Luigi's elementary school to pray that God send me the right dog for the parish. Both groups were expecting to see her at their beginning of the school year Masses, so they were saddened at the news. As you know I've had to do a lot of traveling this fall, so I wasn't looking at getting a dog until Christmas time.

In November, I decided to start looking for a dog to see what was available in the area. I simply googled "dogs available for adoption near me." I started looking at pictures and names of dogs on the screen but stopped at one dog in particular. It was a picture over two month old puppy that they said is a Labrador retriever mix. She had floppy ears and brown fur. Her name was Kalamata - yes like the olive! I thought what kind of name is Kalamata for a dog so I clicked on it. It turns out that she was from Cairo, Egypt so it made a little bit more sense to me why she might have a peculiar name. As I read her story it turns out that she was a stray up until two months old when she was hit by a bus. Someone found her and brought her to a vet where she had to have the toes on her left foot amputated because they had been crushed. Her leg had also been broken in two places. Eventually it wouldn't heal and so they had to amputate her left leg. At this point I looked up to heaven and said to God "Is this a sign?" After all I hadn't googled "3 legged dogs near me."

I wrote to them expressing my interest and asking for an updated picture since they said she was a little over a year old. The picture I received did not look like a Labrador mix but like a leaner version of Sonya! When I met her, she came to me and hugged me as best she could. Her foster mom said that she was praying that Kalamata find a forever home for Christmas and she believed I was that home. She is a little shy but then again so was Sonya, but I think this is an answer to all the prayers.

As I said in the beginning, whether this is a Christmas miracle, or not, I do believe that prayer on both ends is what brought me and Kali (Kalamata is too formal) together. The story goes on, but I've run out of room. I hope she is a blessing both for me and the parish. Thank you for all of your prayers as well.

Keep on praying, the Lord is here!
Fr. Bob

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Sick:

The Deceased: John Hruskoci



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

New Year's Eve December 31 5:30 pm Liturgy
New Year's Day January 1 10:00 am Liturgy

*The 10 am Mass will be live streamed on our
Facebook page*



*The Parish Staff Wish Everyone
A Blessed and Happy Christmas!*

*Fr. Bob
Arturo*

*Rosanne
Anne*

10:00 am SUNDAY LITURGY

We continue to live stream the 10:00 am Mass on our Facebook page.

Christmas Collection

Any donation received by December 31st, will be included in the 2022 tax receipts.

There are no activities in the parish between Christmas and New Years!

St. Joan of Arc Conference of St. Vincent de Paul

We thank all of you, who supported our Christmas Appeal.

Friars' Student Writing Contest 2023

Focus Question for the Writing contest. The message of Isaiah 1:12-18 calls for unity among Christians. How is this vision being lived today? What more needs to be done? Conclude with a short prayer that expresses your hope for the common witness of the disciples of Jesus in Canada. Read Isaiah 1:12-18 and consult resources for the writing contest at <https://bit.ly/3AgBy5l> Contestants must be 13-19 years of age and attending an Ontario Secondary school or equivalent programme. See poster for more details. Entries must be in by January 16, 2023.



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