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Feast of the Holy Family

No public masses will be celebrated during Grey Zone	Mass Intentions
Tuesday, December 29 9 am @ SJV Deacon Tim Raaymakers	Ints. of Annette & Eric Leene- Cornelia Leene Sulpicio Maglanoc- Andy & Marcella Anna Iatonna- Louis & Maria Fucinari Antonia Biales- Jeana Syroid & Kathy Galay
Wednesday, December 30 9 am @ OLOA Fr. James Roche	Edmond Bedard- Richard Normandeau Larry Chittle- wife, Rose & Family Patrick McTaggart- Joe & Elsie Mc Taggart Corina Lachance- husband, Frank & Family Deceased Members of the Talon- Andres Families- Deceased Members of the Portelli Families-
Thursday, December 31 Institute of Secular Missionaries	New Year's Eve Intentions of the Parishioners
Friday, January 1 Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God Sisters of Service	New Year's Day Intentions of the Parishioners
Saturday, January 2 St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen Deacon Rudolph Pflanzner	Intentions of the Parishioners
Sunday, January 3 Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord Fr. Canon M. Kaminski	Intentions of the Parishioners

PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

O God our Father, we thank you for protecting us and bringing us safely through another year. Help us to grow not only in body, but also in heart and mind. May we look upon each new day as another chance to follow you more closely. As the new year unfolds, may we be more merciful towards others and more generous in serving you. Amen.

From the desk of Fr. Rob

This weekend is the Feast of the Holy Family. Certainly this past year has been different for families and has brought additional stress, worry and challenges to family life. The various restrictions have also made family gatherings for birthdays, summer picnics, nursing home and hospital visits and even our just celebrated Christmas very different. We all have had to adjust to the new reality of not seeing extended family



members and even close family members for long periods of time or at times of greatest need. This has been a heavy burden. This has created an ache in our hearts. We look to the example of the Holy Family who spent that first Christmas alone in a strange town, bundled together in a manger and visited by shepherds and Magi who told of wondrous things. Joseph and Mary treasured the grace of God that was present which calmed their fears and brought them peace. May the example of the Holy Family continue to inspire us and their intercession for us aid our family life. May our parish communities continue to model the holiness and hope of the Holy Family in all that we do as disciples of Jesus.

Thank you to all of you for your prayerful witness to one another as we seek to grow as missionary disciples.

We will be in the Grey Zone <u>at least</u> until January 24th. Stay tuned to the local news, health unit and parish website for further updates. Hopefully we will get back into a lower zone and be able to resume our prayer and worship together.

Fr. Daniel and I continue to celebrate mass together each day, praying for our Family of Parishes and seeking God's blessing for all of you.

There is a Time for Everything under Heaven...

Let us all pray for all those who are in need of healing, at home, nursing homes or in hospital, and all those who care for them. Let us pray also for our deceased parishioners and family members who have died:

Geraldine Turmel

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May the Risen Lord bring peace and comfort to those who mourn.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY

O Lord Jesus,
you lived in the home of Mary and Joseph in Nazareth.
There you grew in age, wisdom and grace
as you prepared to fulfill your mission
as our Redeemer.
We entrust our family to you.

O Blessed Mary,
you are the Mother of our Savior.
At Nazareth you cared for Jesus
and nurtured him in the peace and joy of your home.
We entrust our family to you.

O Saint Joseph,
you provided a secure and loving home for Jesus and Mary,
and gave us a model of fatherhood
while showing us the dignity of work.
We entrust our family to you.

Holy Family,
we consecrate ourselves and our family to you.
May we be completely united
in a love that is lasting, faithful
and open to the gift of new life.
Help us to grow in virtue,
to forgive one another from our hearts,
and to live in peace all our days.
Keep us strong in faith, persevering in prayer,
diligent in our work, and generous toward those in need.
May our home, O Holy Family,
truly become a domestic church
where we reflect your example in our daily life. Amen.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!



Prayer composed by Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, Supreme Chaplain.

OFFERTORY DONATIONS: year end is here and with the banks and office being closed over Christmas with stat holidays it is important to have all 2020 donations received by Sunday, December 27. They can also be dropped off to the parish office prior to that -just call ahead and we will meet you at the door OR put in the slot at the rectory door at SJV. Thank you for your continued financial stewardship.

We also have e-transfer atonement@dol.ca or stjohnvianney@dol.ca. We can't have it for the other two parishes at this time. Pre-authorized debits are also an option. Contact the office for information on how to get started.



EVANGELIZATION and FAITH FORMATION: We have a wonderful online resource called **FORMED.org** which has a variety of faith formation resources.

You can go to formed.org or just go to our parish website: **eastwindsorcatholic.dol.ca** and click the FORMED box on our home page and that will link you directly and then follow the instructions on the screen.



Sacrament of Baptism

Please contact Rachelle in the parish office for any baptism inquiries (519)735-6023



Christmas Office Hours



PARISH OFFICE: Due to the Grey Zone requirements, the parish office is closed and staff working remotely. The office will only be staffed this Tuesday (Dec. 29) and Wednesday (Dec. 30) 9 am to noon only by Fr. Rob and Fr. Daniel to deal with any messages or if you need to drop off anything or have other essential requests. Messages left on the main line will be checked regularly. Do not leave messages for other staff at this time due to the Christmas stat holidays.



"If we keep our eyes fixed on the Lord, then our hearts are filled with hope, our minds are washed in the light of truth, and we come to know the fullness of the Gospel with all its promises and life." St. John Paul II



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