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Vocations Calendar Please Pray for...	Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK	Vocations Calendar Please Pray for...	Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK
Monday, December 24 5 & 8 pm <i>Nativity of the Lord</i> Pope Francis	Christmas Eve Masses 5 pm: Families with young children are encouraged to attend 8 pm	Monday, December 31 5:00 pm Institute of Secular Missionaries	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God <i>New Year's Eve</i>
Tuesday, December 25 10 am <i>Nativity of the Lord</i>	Christmas Day Ints. of the Parishioners	Tuesday, January 1 10:00 am <i>Sisters of Service</i>	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God <i>New Year's Day</i> (No mass @ Riverside today)
Wednesday, December 26 <i>Feast of St. Stephen, First Martyr</i> Fr. Seejo John	No Mass Today 	Wednesday, January 2 St. Basil & St. Gregory Nazianzen Deacon Rudy Pflanzner	No Mass Today
Thursday, December 27 10:00 am <i>*Note Time*</i> <i>Feast of St. John the Evangelist</i> Mrs. Julie de Gouw Pastoral Worker	James Manning- His wife Imelda Deceased Members of Luisa Puzzuoli Family- Enna Denning- James Ed DeRoche- His wife Anne & Family	Thursday, January 3 10:00 am <i>*Note Time*</i> <i>Fr. Canon Mitchell Kaminski</i>	Ed DeRoche- His wife Anne & Family Salvatore Scalia- His Wife & Family Mato Mihalic- His Family
Friday, December 28 10:00 am <i>*Note Time*</i> <i>Feast of the Holy Innocents</i> Fr. Martin Johnston	Ivan Licul- His wife Branka Angela Dundara- Branka Licul Pina Scerbo- Her Family	Friday, January 4 10:00 am Mass followed by Exposition of the Eucharist until noon <i>*Note Time*</i> Fr. Frank Leslie	George Lewsaw- Louis & Natalie Melo Deceased Members of the Broi & Menzies Families- Dario Dimasuay- His wife Lucy & Family
Saturday, December 29 5:00 pm Ministers to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing	Intentions of the Parishioners	Saturday, January 5 5:00 pm Deacon Gaston Mabaya	Epiphany of the Lord Intentions of the Parishioners
Sunday, December 30 10:00 am <i>Feast of the Holy Family</i> Fr. James Roche	Intentions of the Parishioners <i>Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14</i> <i>Colossians 3.12-21</i> <i>Luke 2.41-52</i>	Sunday, January 6 10:00 am Pope Francis	Epiphany of the Lord Intentions of the Parishioners <i>Isaiah 60.1-6</i> <i>Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6</i> <i>Matthew 2.1-12</i>



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OUR CHRISTMAS THANKS...

Many thanks to all who will make our celebrations over the Christmas Season so wonderful: altar servers, lectors, ministers of holy communion, ushers, music ministry, our decorating crew, Christmas play participants and our dustbusters. Your efforts are deeply appreciated.



The Knights bottle drive for Special Olympics will be on **Saturday, January 5, from 9 am — 2 pm**. Please start putting your bottles and cans aside. Many thanks.



SUNDAY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Offertory envelopes for 2019 are ready for pick up in St. Francis Hall. Be sure to check that your name is right on the box and that you pick up the right box. **Any unused 2018 envelopes can be tossed into recycling. Please do not use 2018 envelopes in the New Year because your number has changed. Please put your name on your envelope for the first few weeks of January.**

All donations for 2018 must be received by Sunday, December 30, 2018 in order to be included on the 2018 tax receipt.

If your mailing address has changed please notify the office to ensure your tax receipt is mailed to correct location.

Many thanks for your support of our parish!

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 those who have died:

Diana Abrasia, Leonard Dehanj

Bishop Eugene LaRocque, Florence Poupard & Mario Spadafora

May the Lord comfort those who mourn them.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS: Our youth group is finished for 2018. We will take a break for the

Holidays and return on Tuesday,

February 5th, 2019 for **Games**

Night! We look forward to seeing you in the New Year.



FIRST RECONCILIATION AND EUCHARIST

Information was prepared and sent home with the children in Grade 2 at Lassaline and Desmarais. If your child attends an out of area Catholic, Public or French language school, contact Maria to get the information or from the Welcome Desk or parish office.

All catechesis will be done in the parish this year beginning with the parent meeting on Wednesday, January 16th @ 7 pm. Catechism classes will be on Thurs. evenings 6:30-7:45 pm for all children and begin January 31st.



A Christmas Prayer



Lord God,

Today may we not only unwrap presents,

But may we discover more of your love.

Today may we not only eat on festive food,

But may we feast on your faith.

Today may we not only cherish happy times with family and friends,

But may we invite you into our lives.

Today may we not only sing carols that celebrate your birth,

But may we dwell upon the Resurrected Christ alive this moment.

Living Lord, we long to discover your love, feast on your truth, invite you into our lives and thank you for your sacrifice. Amidst the presents, food and family we long to celebrate

Christmas with you.

Amen.

A note from Fr. Rob...

Christmas is a wonderful time of joy. As we gather with family and friends, may we take the time to truly be grateful for our many blessings even in the midst of challenge and struggle. Joy is a gift from the Holy Spirit that enables us to see past the struggle and know with confidence that our lives are touched by grace. The simple message of Christmas is that God loves us and wants each one of us to know that deep in our hearts.

Filled with joy, we join the angels in singing God's praise. May this Christmas find all of us experiencing God's peace as we honour the Prince of Peace. May we take every opportunity afforded to us to reach out to others and bring them the Light of Christ.

May God bless our parish family. Thank you to all for your support of our parish team and the many ways you share faith with one another.

A blessed Christmas to all of you.



OFFICE HOURS DURING CHRISTMAS

Closed: Monday, December 24, Tuesday, December 25 & Wednesday, December 26

Open: Thursday, December 27: 9 am-1 pm

Friday, December 28: 9 am-1 pm

Closed: Monday, December 31 & Tuesday, January 1

Regular office hours resume Wednesday, January 2nd, 2019.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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