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**"The people who walked in  
darkness have seen a great  
light."**

**-Isaiah 9:2**



**FROM PASTOR FR. MARC ANDRÉ CAMPBELL**

During this Advent Season, it has been my prayer that each of you would find opportunities to reflect on your own faith and relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ and His Church. Whatever it is that our hearts and souls desire, whether we realize it or not, our ultimate desire is Jesus Himself, for this reason, we are filled with joy and consolation at Christmas to know that all that we hoped for has been fulfilled in the person of the Christ Child.

In the midst of all our current challenges and concerns, the love of God the Father is made manifest to us in the wonderful gift of His Son, Jesus. With the angels in Bethlehem, our faith moves us to sing: *“Glory to God in the highest and peace to His people on earth!”* We recognize that true peace on earth flows from our recognition and praise of God in our lives.

Christmas has a way of bringing to Church individuals and families who, for various reasons, have not been to Mass or the Sacraments for months or years. What a wonderful and grace-filled opportunity to put aside past differences and old habits and begin anew that prayerful relationship with the Lord and His Church community. I extend to all of you an open, grateful heart of welcome. Together, may we grow in strength and grace to know and celebrate together God’s presence in our lives and His dominion over all things of this world.

May our Lord Jesus Christ, born in Bethlehem, bless you, your families and loved ones at this blessed time of hope and grace. May Mary, the Mother of the Child Jesus and our Mother, watch over you and our beloved St. Joseph Parish always. ***Happy and blessed Christmas to all!***

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 <b>Mass Intentions</b>	
<b>Monday, December 25</b> 9:30 am 11:00 am 12:30 pm	<i>The Nativity of the Lord</i> 
<b>Tuesday, December 26</b> 8:30 am	<i>St. Stephan</i> † Beverley Bolster
<b>Wednesday, December 27</b> 8:30 am	<i>St. John the Evangelist</i> † Mary Linda Patricio
<b>Thursday, December 28</b> 8:30 am	<i>The Holy Innocents</i> † Raffaele Caruso
<b>Friday, December 29</b> 8:30 am	† Francis Mendonca
<b>Saturday, December 30</b> 9:00 am	† Jose & Maria de Luz Cordeiro † Manuel & Lurdes da Ponte



The Parish Office will be closed Christmas week and will re-open on Wednesday January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9 AM

**Saint Stephen - The First Martyr**

*... was one of the first ordained deacons of the Church and the first Christian martyr. The Greek word from which we derive the English word martyr literally means witness. In that sense, every Christian is called to bear witness to Jesus Christ, in both their words and their actions. Not all are asked to shed their blood. Those who do shed their blood for the faith are the greatest of witnesses. They have been especially honored since the very beginning of Christianity. Stephen was so conformed to Jesus in his holy life that his martyrdom was both a natural and supernatural sign of his love for the Lord. It also inspired the early believers as they faced the first round of brutal persecution.*

**CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE**

**Christmas Eve**

**Sunday, December 24, 2017**

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm  
 and 12:00 Midnight (All in English)

**Christmas Day**

**Monday, December 25, 2017**

9:30 am - 11:00 am - 12:30 pm  
 (All in English) \*\*\* **There is NO 6:00 pm Mass** \*\*\*

**Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

**Vigil Saturday, December 30, 2017 5:30 pm**

**Sunday, December 31, 2017**

8:00 am - 9:30 am - 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

**(Holy Day of Obligation)**

**Vigil Sunday, December 31, 2017 6:00 pm**

**Monday, January 1, 2018 @ 9:30 am - 11:00 am - 12:30 pm**

\*\*\* **There is NO 8:00 am Mass or 6:00 pm Mass** \*\*\*



**ST. JOSEPH DONATION ENVELOPES**



For 2018 are in the parish hall. Please pick yours up as soon as possible. Also write your name on your envelope for the month of January.

**2017 Tax Receipt - Important Information**

For your 2017 tax receipt, all donations must be made on or before December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017. **Any donations received after December 31<sup>st</sup> must be applied to 2018.** Thank you for your cooperation.

**WISDOM - GOD'S VISION FOR LIFE**

*"Wisdom is seeing with God's eyes."* – Pope Francis



Scripture and the Tradition of the Catholic Church provide an abundance of wisdom, though it can often be challenging to apply it to our lives. In

this study, Jeff Cavins and Thomas Smith examine biblical wisdom as it relates to daily life. Drawing on the wisdom literature of the Bible—Proverbs, Wisdom, Sirach, and Ecclesiastes—Wisdom will teach you how to actively seek out sound guidance and increase your sense of peace in navigating life. In everything from friendships to finances, from making decisions to attaining peace of mind, Scripture offers a vision for happiness and wellbeing. With this eight week program, you will learn how to gather, gain, and grow in wisdom, and you will experience the joy it brings to your life.

Join us for this **8 week study starting January 8<sup>th</sup>.**

Morning group at 9 am or evening group at 7 pm. Cost is \$25 for the book and registration or \$5 for registration only.

Register with the parish office or email [michele@stjosephstreetsville.com](mailto:michele@stjosephstreetsville.com)

**Vita Centre**



Vita Centre a project started by the Knights of Columbus and Catholic Women's League to support women with unplanned pregnancies, has reached the 25th anniversary. Again this year, they are seeking donations of disposal diapers and wet wipes. Please place your donations in the boxes in the front lobby of the church.

**DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP**

*No Prayer Meetings - from Wed Dec 13 to Dec 27, 2017 Will resume from Wednesday, January 3, 2018*

**OUR FORTHCOMING EVENTS:**

**HOLY MASS WITH HEALING PRAYERS**

**Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at 7 p.m. in the Church.**

**Celebrant: Rev. Fr. Ben St. Croix**

A man suffering from a dreaded skin disease came to Jesus and said *"If you wish, you can make me clean"*. Jesus was filled with pity, and reached out and touched him.

*"I do want to," he answered, "Be clean!"* (Mark 1:40 and 41)

Does Jesus love us today, any less than he loved this man? Of course not! Jesus always wants to help us, just as any good father wants to help his children. So come and join us, let us step out in faith and place our trust in our Heavenly Father.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR**

**April 4 To June 13, 2018**

**YOUTH SACRAMENTAL CALENDAR**



**Confirmation** Sponsor forms are due back January 25-27 with the sponsor meeting date selection sheet. *For up-to-date information please check the Sacraments bulletin board in the church hall.*

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**Watch: THE STORY OF THE NATIVITY**  
*The true story of the birth of Jesus (59 MIN).*

This fast-paced, thought-provoking look at the true story of the Nativity clears away widespread misunderstandings of Jesus' origin. Join top scholars, inspirational speakers, and popular authors as they explain the story behind the story of the birth of Jesus. The Story of the Nativity also includes stunning works of art depicting the biblical story, from Fra Angelico to Rembrandt, and footage from the Holy Land showing the places where the Christmas story actually took place. Explore the true story of Mary and Joseph, Jesus's miraculous conception, the birth of John the Baptist, the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem, the Star of Bethlehem, and the birth of Jesus. This is an invaluable tool for believer and unbeliever alike to learn more about Jesus of Nazareth and about the truth of Christmas.



**Movie: MARY OF NAZARETH (2 hrs 41min).**

The life of Mary, mother of Christ, from her childhood through the Resurrection of Jesus.

The film vividly captures the essence of Mary's profound faith and trust in God amidst the great mysteries that she lived with as the Mother of the Messiah, as well as her compassionate humanity and concern for others, and the deep love that she and Jesus shared for one another.



**Kids: Watch NICHOLAS (27 min).** The fascinating story of the boy whose love and care for others make him one of the most popular figures of all times.

Today, more than sixteen centuries later, the entire world celebrates the kindness and generosity of the man we call Santa Claus. Based on historical facts and traditions, Nicholas: The Boy Who Became Santa, is the beautifully animated film worth watching all year long.



**Listen: THE MYSTERY OF CHRISTMAS (61 min).** In this inspiring talk, renowned preacher and retreat master Fr.

Larry Richards illuminates how the true joy of Christmas is found in the greatest gift ever given—the gift of Jesus Christ to the whole world. With humor, compassion, and clarity, Fr. Larry gets to the heart of the true meaning of Christmas and helps us to better appreciate the immensity of God's love for us as His children.

*To view logon to [formed.org](http://formed.org) and find under: WATCH, READ or LISTEN (Registration is free with parish code V9WRHN)*

**CATHOLIC SPONSORSHIP 1 YEAR COMMITMENT**

Since 1989, the Human Family in Christ has been taking care of poor children in Bolivia through a sponsorship program. A donation of \$200 a year provides food, clothes, medicine and scholastic material to a sponsored child. Sponsors will receive a photo and information on the child's family background. The sponsor will also receive a tax receipt.

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