St. Mary's Church

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We saw his star

in the East

and have come

to worship Him



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, January 4 Tuesday, January 5 Wednesday, January 6 Thursday, January 7 Friday, January 8 Saturday, January 9 12:10 p.m. 12:10 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 12:10 p.m. 12:10 p.m. 9:00 a.m. † Colleen Bottineau
† Ann Van Boxmeer
† Jim O'Rourke
† Fred Harper
† Nelly Nelissen
† Patrick Beatty



With best wishes for the coming year



Please remember to pray for those who have died especially *t Russell Hinds.*

MEMORIAL LAMP & SPECIAL INTENTIONS

January 2nd to January 9th

Our sanctuary lamp is lit – In loving memory of our dear son,

† Christopher Comeau-Dorsay who is forever in our thoughts and prayers.

Requested by: Mom, Dad and Jennifer

COMMUNION MINISTERS TO SHUTINS



Can you imagine taking on the commitment and privilege of bringing the Sacrament to a certain number of people on a weekly basis? We are looking

for new communion ministers to visit and take communion to those who are shut-in and reside in care homes connected with the parish. If you think this is something you can do, please call Deacon Ron in the parish office at extension 115.

ENTERING A NEW YEAR AS A MARRIED COUPLE



The parish Social Life Committee will be hosting a *Marriage Renewal Mass* and reception on Friday, January 22nd at 7:00 p.m. here at St. Mary's. We invite all married couples to come out to celebrate the gift of their vocation. As part of the Mass there will be a blessing for all couples attending. Afterwards you are invited for a time of

fellowship in the hall. Feel free to invite any couples who in fact may not be associated with our parish but could find encouragement in this special event. BIBLE LECTURES ON INFANCY NARRATIVES OF JESUS AND THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY



Tomorrow night

Monday, January 4th to February 8th, 2016 for 6 consecutive evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in our parish hall. Facilitated by Rev. Dr. A. Joseph Lazar

(Doctorate in Biblical Theology). All those who THIRST for the WORD OF GOD are welcome! Registration is available in the foyer or or call 705-728-2985 ext. 116.

> Come and see! Listen and Learn! Share and Grow! Go and Live!

UNDECORATING THE CHURCH

omorrow, Monday, January 4th after the noon Mass we will take down our



decorations in the church. Anyone who can help is encouraged to assist.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE



Membership Drive-*next Sunday,* January 10 following all Masses. We welcome you to develop your spirituality; give of yourself to your parish and community; be part of a

worldwide women's association.

CWL members are hosting Coffee Sunday next weekend and will be present in the parish hall to answer questions and accept your \$25.00 membership fee. Membership envelopes can always be found at the back of the church or with your offertory envelopes.

For ninety years, the Catholic Women's League has been part of parish life at St. Mary's. The league, as its motto states, is committed to animating the life of the community to a greater connection to God and country. **With Sincere Thanks!** As we celebrate the visit of the three wise men to Jesus we mark the end of the Christmas season. We have so much to be thankful for in St. Mary's Parish as we look back on the Christmas Season we have just celebrated.

To Lorrie French, who generously gave of her time and talent to decorate the church at Christmas, and to Frank and Nadia



DeAmicis and members of our garden committee who decorated the front entrance of the parish. To our music ministry who enriched our liturgies and to our lectors, communion ministers, altar servers and ushers, a heartfelt thank you for all you do! And to all who shared their good cheer with kind words and actions, your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. Let us look to this New Year with its great promise and hope.

Sincere Thanks!

We tender thanks to Adams Funeral Home located at 445 St. Vincent Street here in Barrie. Doug Adams, once again, generously provided all of the poinsettias that were used to decorate the church at Christmas and the parish calendars that so many parishioners look forward to using. **Thank you Doug Adams and the staff**

at Adams Funeral Home

COFFEE SUNDAY



A **big thank you** to the following who were hosts for coffee during the last part of the parochial year.

Social Life Committee Sept. 20	
St. Vincent de Paul Society Sept. 27	
Knights of Columbus Oct. 4	
Knights of Columbus Oct. 11	
Ministry with Maturing Adults Oct. 18	
Pray and Sew Oct. 25	
Bereavement Committee Nov. 1	
Knights of Columbus Nov. 8	
Catholic Women's League Nov. 15	
Parish Council Nov. 29	
St. Joseph's High School Dec. 6	
Edge Youth Ministry Dec. 13	

STAY 'N PLAY



The Stay 'n Play program will resume **Wednesday, January 6**th **from 10-11:30 a.m.** We look forward to seeing you for a time of

fellowship as your baby/young child has the opportunity for socializing through playtime, story time, snacks, and prayer. For information, please call Mickie Oakes in the parish office at ext. 110.

ADORATION CHAPEL

Resolve that in 2016 you will **take some time for yourself** and get away from the crazy rush of life. Come to **spend an hour with Our Lord** in the Eucharistic Adoration



chapel. Our Lord is waiting for you there. He listens to every longing of your heart and He loves you more than you can imagine!

Here are some reasons to treat yourself to time in the chapel: "Communion and contemplation belong together: a person cannot communicate with another person without knowing him. Love or friendship always carries within it an impulse of reverence, of adoration. **Communicating with Christ therefore demands that we gaze on him, allow him to gaze on us, listen to him, get to know him.** Adoration is simply the personal aspect of Communion" (Pope Benedict XVI)

"If we really loved the good God, we should make it our joy and happiness to come to adore Him." (St John Vianney).

For information, please call Mary Bond at 705-726-6641.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – Council # 1626



Our next meeting is on Tuesday, January 5th at 7:30 p.m. at the Knights Hall, 93 Berczy Street. This is a reminder for all members to attend. We look forward to seeing you there.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sundays at 10:00 a.m. – for children ages 4-8. Volunteers interested in assisting this ministry, please call Phil Deschenes at 705-730-7946.



