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The Nativity of the Lord

Fourth Sunday of Advent

“Do not be afraid.”

Introduction

We come here today to listen to the Good News – of God with us – just as those who went before us heard the Good News, and to be thankful for the Lord’s continuing presence, and to take him out to the world.

Today’s Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

The people should not put God to the test, but they will be given a miraculous sign.

Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7

The promise of God is revealed in God’s Son and it is his Good News that the faithful are to take out to the world.

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

The world is turned upside down but we need not be fearful.

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PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

You are asked to remember in prayer those recently deceased.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Please remember in your prayers the following: Marcus Hacault; Cathy Camp; Rita Carpenter; Hermina Wester; Michael Lovie, Robert Hurst; Patricia Doyle.

If there are members of your family or friends who are ill or recently died, and for whom you wish prayers, please contact Susan at the parish office at 613-547-5004.

OUR PARISH

CHRISTMAS LITURGY SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve – Saturday, 24 December 2022 – 5:15 p.m.
Christmas Eve – Saturday, 24 December 2022 – 8:00 p.m.
Christmas Day – Sunday, 25 December 2022 – 9:00 a.m.
Christmas Day – Sunday, 25 December 2022 – 11:00 a.m.

2022 DONATIONS *St. Joseph’s Parish Year-End occurs on 31 December; therefore, we ask that all 2022 donations be forwarded to the parish office by 31 December 2022. Donations received after this date will need to be recorded in 2023. If you wish to have a donation appear on your 2022 Tax Receipt, please ensure that the office has received it prior to 1 January. Thank you.*

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, 19 December

5:15 p.m. Neil Oosterman (7th Anniversary) – Christina Kennedy

Tuesday, 20 December

9:00 a.m. Trudy Potvin – Lawrence Potvin

Wednesday, 21 December

9:00 a.m. Kevin Mulrooney – Dwight & Grace Neddow

Thursday, 22 December

9:00 a.m. Patricia Allen – Mary Mallen

Friday, 23 December

10:30 a.m. Mass at Extendicare

5:15 p.m. Glenn Greenwood (30th Anniversary) – Patrick Greenwood

Saturday, 24 December

5:15 p.m. Ken Stewart – Kay Stewart

8:00 p.m. Joseph Sammon – The Family

Sunday, 25 December

9:00 a.m. People of the Parish

11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

The 9:00 a.m. Mass on Christmas Day will be streamed live. Visit www.stjosephskingston.ca.to join us!

BIRDS & FLOWERS COLLECTION Each year, St. Joseph’s attempts to provide for those who are in need during the Christmas season. If you are in a position to assist those who require extra help, you are encouraged to place your contribution in an envelope, and to write your name and envelope number on it. This will enable the parish to continue to help others in the spirit of this season. Thank you for your assistance.

FOOD BAGS will be collected this weekend 17-18 December 2022. Food from this collection will go towards the Christmas food hampers that volunteers from St. Joseph’s put together for the needy in our community.

ST. JOSEPH’S KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

(in support of St. Mary’s Drop-In Centre) the Knights continue to collect winter coats, pants, shirts, shoes, boots, gloves etc. for all ages, men, women and children. Contact Dwight @ 613-544-6738 if you would like to help. Knights In Action!

DECEMBER BULLETINS Because Liturgical Publications are closed between 26 December – 30 December, they are requiring early submission of the bulletin in December. It is necessary to have the bulletin material a little earlier than usual. We apologize if you have submitted an announcement that does not appear in the bulletin during this time.

Father Cosmas' Reflection

Turning your fears into joy

In celebrating the 3rd Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday), we reflected on the need for us to be joyful in waiting for the coming of the Lord. Joy is both a gift from God and habit that can be cultivated. However, joy is not the only emotion that we experience during Christmas. There are people who also experience fear or even dread the approach of Christmas. There are many reasons why people are fearful during this time. For some, it could be as a result of the strain that Christmas splurge puts on their already overstretched finances. For others, it could be as result of the possibility of opening up of wounds caused by family conflicts. Yet for others, it could be as result of the loneliness that one faces because of the loss of a loved one. For so many others, it could be rooted in the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season. Whatever the reasons may be, let us learn from the main characters in the story of the first Christmas. Mary, Joseph, the angels were also frightened by the message and events of the birth of Christ. They were all touched by fear as we are. Yet, they trusted and did not allow their fears to prevent them from opening their hearts to the great joy. With trust in our hearts, let us open our hearts too, and courageously move from fear to faith in order to welcome the bundle of joy that comes with the birth of Christ.



NEW YEAR'S EVE VIGIL St. Joseph's annual New Year's Adoration Vigil will commence after the 5:15 p.m. Mass on New Year's Eve and continue until 8:00 a.m. It will resume at 7:00 a.m. until 8:30 a.m., 1 January 2023. Please take advantage of this opportunity to begin the New Year by spending an hour with the Messiah. Sign-up sheets are available at the church entrances.

THANK YOU The Catholic Women's League are very grateful to all who helped make our recent Christmas Sale a huge success. We thank all the bakers, those who made or gave crafts, those who donated the raffled theme baskets, and all those who worked so hard. Lastly, we thank the parishioners for their unflinching support.

JUNIOR LITURGY will be offered during the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday's. There will be no Junior Liturgy on December 25 and January 1.

YOUTH MINISTRY is seeking leaders to help organize and run monthly get togethers for the young people of St. Joseph's Parish. Our Youth Group was once a vibrant and active programme, offered for young people grade 3 and up, before COVID restrictions became a reality. We would like to bring this important ministry back to St. Joseph's Parish.

Our group would meet once per month at the parish hall to share "faith, fellowship and fun". One of the highlights of our time together was our annual presentation the Way of the Cross, during Holy Week. We cannot offer this programme without a renewal of volunteer power. Do you have what it takes? If you are an adult 18+ and have about 3 hours a month to help mentor our youth, please contact Alison Bogle at bogle@alcdsb.on.ca or call 613-331-5867.

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPE PACKAGES are available for pick up at the back of the church.

NEXT WEEK – 24-25 December

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers
Sat., 24 Dec. 5:15 p.m.	Youth	D. Lomboy M-A. Wojcik B. McIver M. Tudin	M. Stephenson A. Kelly R. Lachance
Sat., 24 Dec. 8:00 p.m.	C. Jones Sr, L. Kearney	G. Goncalves T. Donoghue	D. Mazzolin S. Harrigan
Sun., 25 Dec. 9:00 a.m.	J. Watts A. MacKinnon	M. Tudin M-A. Wojcik M. Marcial B. McIver	F. Cuvelier
Sun., 25 Dec. 11:00 a.m.	L. Carfa M. Addai	K. Colwell C. Kavanaugh F. Levesque S. Broekhoven	I. MacKenzie F. Asuncion P. Greenwood
Counter: K. Turkington			

OUR COMMUNITY

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL OVERNIGHT WARMING CENTRE With the need to help the homeless in our community especially during the colder months, Father Shawn and the parishioners are opening their doors at that Parish Centre to provide warm bed and a safe place for men in our community. The overnight warming centre will be open 9:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. during the winter months. They are in need of volunteers to make this happen. Pick up a copy of Father Shawn's letter at the entrances for more information and contact information.

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