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*“The Word was the true light...
coming into the world.”*

Introduction

On this day a light dawned on the earth. The savior of humankind came down from heaven. Let us lift up our hearts and rejoice with the angels at the coming of the Prince of Peace.

Today's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10

The prophet announces good news: the birth of the Messiah, who heralds peace.

Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-6

In past ages God spoke to us through prophets, but now speaks to us through God's Son, the radiant light of God's glory.

Gospel: John 1:1-18

St. John declares that the Word of God, the light that enlightens everyone, has come into the world, to give us power to become children of God.

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SPECIAL THANK YOU to all who have contributed to this year's magnificent Nativity scene and the decorations in our church.

Thank you to Mary Clancy and her team of volunteers for making our Birds & Flowers Campaign (Christmas Hampers) such a success.

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, 26 December

5:15 p.m. Guiseppe Cecchini – Rolando Cecchini

Tuesday, 27 December

9:00 a.m. Larry Swanson – Karin Long

Wednesday, 28 December

9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Mass for Amado Marcial – Marietta Marcial

Thursday, 29 December

9:00 a.m. Kevin Mulrooney – Gerard Corrigan

Friday, 30 December

5:15 p.m. Manuel Medeiros – Liseta Medeiros

Saturday, 31 December

5:15 p.m. Anne Garrett – Joanne Horrigan

Sunday, 1 January

9:00 a.m. People of the Parish

11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

To join our online Mass each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. visit www.stjosephskingston.ca.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

You are asked to remember in prayer those recently deceased especially Michael Lovie.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Please remember in your prayers the following: Marcus Hacault; Cathy Camp; Rita Carpenter; Hermina Wester; 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

NEW YEAR'S EVE/DAY MASSES

New Year's Eve – Saturday, 31 December 2022 – 5:15 p.m.

New Year's Day – Sunday, 1 January 2023 – 9:00 a.m.

New Year's Day – Sunday, 1 January 2023 – 11:00 a.m.

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!

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.

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.

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.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON CARD PLAYING will resume on Wednesday, January 11, 2023.

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.

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.*

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPE PACKAGES are available for pick up at the back of the church. If you would like to receive envelopes, please add your name to the list at the back table.

AUTOMATIC DEBIT is available for those St. Joseph's parishioners wishing to have their Sunday Offering and/or Building Fund Collection debited directly from their bank accounts on a monthly basis. If you are interested and would like to begin Automatic Debit, visit the parish office to complete the necessary paperwork.

NEXT WEEK – 31 December-1 January

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers
Sat., 31 Dec. 5:15 p.m.	S. Ottenhof C. Jones	G. Concalves	R. Lachance D. Mazzolin A. Kelly P. Scott
Sun., 1 Jan. 9:00 a.m.	P. Croxford L. Carfa	M. Marcial	R. Audet F. Cuvelier M. Stevenson W. McLaren
Sun., 1 Jan. 11:00 a.m	J-A. Koster S. Broekhoven	F. Levesque	B. Krasna I. McKenzie F. Asuncion L. Garrett J. McLaren
Counter: L. Rochefort,			

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.

FAITH ON FIRE PRAYER WEEKLY PRAYER MEETINGS The "Faith on Fire" Prayer meetings have resumed on Tuesday evenings and continue weekly from 7:00 – 8:30 pm on Zoom. All are welcome to join us for prayer and teachings as we seek to grow in the Lord. Please email Maame Addai at faithonfirekingston@gmail.com for the Zoom link.

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