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MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF
Dec. 23 ~ Dec. 28, 2014

Tuesday, Dec 23, 2014

St. Gregory Site Mass ~ 8:00 am

Ed Curnette & daughter, Michelle..... The Family
Alejandrino Galban The Family
Peggy & Gene White The Family

La Chaumière Retirement Home ~ 10:00 am

Zeni Families Dr. Thomas & Julie Poisson
Juliette Comartin Bev & Jack George
Sp. Intentions for the Residents of La Chaumiere

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Wednesday, December 24, 2014



Mass ~ 5 pm & 7 pm ~ St. William Site
Mass ~ 6pm, 8 pm & 12 Midnight
St. Gregory Site

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Thursday, December 25, 2014



Mass ~ 9 am ~ St. William Site
Mass ~ 10 am & 12 noon ~ St. Gregory Site

Friday, Dec. 26, 2014

NO MASSES TODAY

Saturday, Dec. 27, 2014

Mass ~ 5:00 pm ~ St. Gregory Site
Special Intentions for All Parishioners
Confessions Sat. 9 am ~ 10 am (St. Gregory Site)

Sunday, December 28, 2014

Feast of the Holy Family

Special Intentions for All Parishioners

Regular Mass Schedule 8:00 am 10:00

am 12:00 noon (St. Gregory Site)

9:00 am & 11:00 am (St. William Site)

Confessions ~ Sunday between 9 & 11 am masses (St. William Site)



~ Readings for December 28, 2014 ~

Feast of the Holy Family

1st Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

2nd Reading: Colossians 3:12-21

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Prayers for vocations...

Dec. 22 ~ Deacon Joseph Manzara
Dec. 23 ~ Rev. Michael Ryan
Dec. 24 ~ Rev. Albert Williams
Dec. 25 ~ **Nativity of our Lord**
Dec. 26 ~ Rev. Seejo John
Dec. 27 ~ Rev. Lawrence Mousseau
Dec. 28 ~ **Fourth Sunday of Advent /**
Rev. Martin (Sam) Johnston



Holiday Office Hours ~ The parish offices
(at both sites) will be closed at 12:00 noon
on **Wed., December 24th** and will re-open
Mon., January 5, 2015.

The new 2014/2015 Missals are
available for purchase at the entrances of both church
sites. **Cost is \$4.00 each.**

Christmas in Heaven

Candlelight Prayer Service

for those grieving the loss of a loved on **Sun.,**

December 28, 2014, 4:30 pm, St. Francis

Mausoleum - Heavenly Rest Cemetery.

Presider: Fr. Chris Bourdeau Music: Songbirds.

For information call Mary Heath, 519-969-4836.



Mass for the Deceased in Resurrection
Mausoleum, Heavenly Rest Cemetery ,
Tuesday, January 6, 2015 @ 4:30pm .

All those grieving the loss of a loved one are
welcome. Presider: Fr. Gary Goyeau.

Mary Heath, Pastoral Minister 519-969-4836.

***If you live close to God and His infinite grace,
you don't have to tell; it shows on your face.***



Dear Friends: We're often told that Christmas is stressful for some and lonely for others and too much of a spending frenzy for the majority. It needn't be. Christmas is also a time when we look beyond ourselves and when deep down we want only the best for those closest to us and for all who are in need in our world.



It is a time to hear again the familiar story of the birth of Jesus Christ. A time when we long for peace on earth and goodwill among all people. But Christmas is more than simply the celebration of the birth of a baby. The story takes us beyond the glitter and the tinsel and the lights to something much deeper.

Most of us experience a sense of awe and wonder when we stand at the foot of a cradle and gaze on a newly born baby. As we see the crib scenes in the centres of our cities, towns and villages, we are moved again by the memory of that experience. And as we feel it, we are invited to look beyond the baby, to catch a glimpse of God whose gift is hope; the hope of peace and goodwill, of beauty and love. We are invited to look beyond what we see, however bleak it might seem, to discover signs of goodness and beauty, of hope, of joy wherever people are trying to do their best.

The Christmas story tells us about people trying to do their best in a pretty bleak situation - a couple forced to go to another town for a census, a man doing his best for the woman to whom he was engaged and who was heavily pregnant, but not by him, and an inn keeper trying to do his best for the couple when all the accommodation in town was taken. And, in this very human drama, the birth a baby takes place.

Then there is the unexpected invitation to the shepherds, an invitation to us all, to go and see in the new-born child the signals of hope for all the earth - to see love and joy and goodness and beauty, the signs of God's presence on earth and the gift of hope for peace and goodwill among all people.

At times it is hard not to feel down-hearted when our best does not seem good enough: when things go wrong with our relationships despite our best intentions; when tragedy hits families or communities both near and far; when so much of our news is about violence, destroying people and our environment.

Christmas is a time for looking beyond these to see goodness and beauty in those around us; to look at tragedy and see the stories of kindness and compassion that carry with them the hope of life beyond the darkness; to look at the violence and see the efforts made to change these patterns and see in them signals of hope for a safer world; to look at our environment and see the beauty that is there and to hear the call for green alternatives as signals of hope for our planet.

When we accept the invitation to look beyond the surface, we become open to signals of hope for ourselves, our families and our world. This is part of God's gift that is celebrated at Christmas but which does not stop there. God invites us to look beyond. May we all share God's gift of love and hope this Christmas and in the year that lies ahead.

Father Gary Goyeau



For the next several weeks, your **2015 offertory envelopes** will be available for pick up at the back of the church at both sites. We kindly

ask that you **PLEASE DO NOT USE ANY envelopes from 2014 or any other previous years.** The box contains offertory envelopes for the entire 2015 year. Thank you for your co-operation.

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PLEASE NOTE: With the busy holiday season upon us, we will resume our Bereavement Meeting on Wednesday, January 7, 2015. Please join us.



Ladies of Good Shepherd Parish - we are collecting C.W. L. membership dues for 2015. Please place your cheque/ cash for \$25.00 in the weekend mass collection basket in an envelope marked with your name and address. Thank you for your continued support.



The C.W.L. Annual Bottle Drive will be held after all masses on Sat., January 3rd and Sun. January 4th, 2015 at both St. William and St. Gregory sites. Please save your empty beer, wine and spirit bottles for this fundraiser.



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