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MASS TIMES

SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 9:30am & 11:30am

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST

Monday - Friday 12:10pm

The rosary is recited before each
weekday Mass starting at 11:30am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
occurs on the First Friday of each
month beginning at 9:30am

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena - Tuesdays
Sacred Heart of Jesus Novena - Fridays

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Holy Names House of Peace
211 Edmonton Street

Tuesday - Friday 9:00am - 12:00pm
Saturday 10:00am - 12:00pm
or confessions may be heard upon request

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday
8:30am - 4:00pm



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Rector:
Very Reverend
Fr. Geoffrey Angeles

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Fr. Peter Nemcek

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Reverend
Mr. Michael Cordova

Sacramental Assistant:
Reverend
Fr. Ken Barclay (Retired)

PARISH TEAM

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Connie Nepomuceno

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Ian Campbell

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Young Adult Ministry:
Bénédicte Le Maître

**Catholic Women's
League:**
Dion Lacuna

Knights of Columbus:
Larry Mercado

Legion of Mary:
Linda Delapena

Mass Schedule

MONDAY, December 17/18 Ferial

12:10 pm - Thanksgiving Anniversary of Ted and Corie Marcelino

TUESDAY, December 18/18 Ferial

12:10 pm - † Lectica Nario-Tolentino/ Nario Family
- † Lilia Amoranto/ Cezar & Girlie Dumlaog

**WEDNESDAY, December 19/18 Feast,
Our Lady of Guadalupe**

12:10 pm - † Michael Murphy/ Winnie Murphy
- † Cleodora Vivas Pamplona/ Eva Pamplona

**THURSDAY, December 20/18 Memorial,
St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr**

12:10 pm - † Teresita Martin/ Martin Family
- † Roman & Sophia Briones/ Lucina Briones

**FRIDAY, December 21/18 Memorial, St. John of the
Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

12:10 pm - † Dante Buenaventura/ Family
- † Christine Jachnowiec/ Madeline Kohut
- † Flor Diez/ Tessie Magnaye

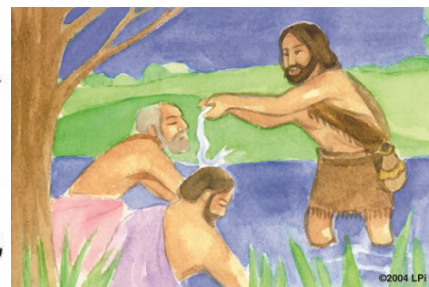
**SATURDAY, December 22/18
4th Sunday of Advent**

5:00 pm - † Luz Casumbal/ Jamie Casumbal
- † Victor Stepanuik/ Family

**SUNDAY, December 23/18
4th Sunday of Advent**

9:30 am - For the Parishioners of St. Mary's
11:30 am - For the Parishioners of St. Mary's

**See Christmas Mass schedule on following page.*



In Christianity, we hear often about the "Good News." We might often associate it with Jesus' compassion to the poor, his healings and miracles, and the salvation

he won for us. In today's Gospel, we read of John the Baptist. "Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people." Yet as we examine the rest of the reading, we see examples of John's preaching. If you have two cloaks, give one away. Don't cheat others out of their money, extort, or lie. And, of course, the warning that the Messiah is on the move and "his winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Merry Christmas?

Not only do John's listeners enjoy his message, but they seem to think he might be the awaited Messiah! To understand today's Gospel, it's important to understand the Jewish people. For most of their history, God's chosen people had been under someone else's heel. They were slaves in Egypt. Their kingdoms were ravaged first by the Assyrians, then the Babylonians. Now they were under the yoke of the Roman Empire. Familiar with being strangers in a strange land, welcoming the stranger, caring for the vulnerable, and enacting justice was incredibly important to them as a people. While John's words may seem odd or strong to our modern ears, this call to justice was welcome, even if it was directed at the hearer.

The truth is, no one is exempt from John's call to repentance. We all have further to go in the Christian life. We can all grow in virtue and love our neighbors more generously. The Church gives us the Advent season to examine our own hearts. Did any of John's warnings resonate with you? That could be a great thing to bring to Jesus this week!

Lector's Schedule:

December 22nd and December 23rd Group 3

Readings for the week of December 16, 2018

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18
Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17
Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25
Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25
Thursday: Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38
Friday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45
Saturday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56
Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

This week we remember the following names on our Tree of Life:

December 17 - Bernardina Abubo Pajar
December 19 - Amanda Lynn Barcelona
December 20 - Kay Prost
December 21 - Jamie Duque

"Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord..."

Mass Schedule for the Christmas Season

4th Sunday of Advent
December 22nd and 23rd
5pm (Sat) and
9:30am/11:30am (Sun)

Christmas Eve
Monday, December 24th
5:00pm & 10:00pm



Christmas Day
Tuesday, December 25th
9:30am & 11:30am

Holy Family
December 29th and 30th
5pm (Sat) and 9:30am/11:30am (Sun)

Parish Offerings for the weekend of December 9.

Total offering for the week ended December 9, 2018:

Weekday Envelopes	\$ 647.00
Weekday and Weekend Loose	\$ 1,550.55
Weekend Envelopes	\$ 4,887.75
Votives	\$ 576.90
Total	\$ 7,662.20

Capital Reserve for December 9, 2018:

Actual Offering	\$ 400.00
PAR/PAD Contributions	\$ —
2018 Goal per Week	\$ 1,000.00

Sharing God's Gifts December 9, 2018:

Donations Received to Date	\$ 56,292.96
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Church Decorating
Church Decorating for Christmas will take place after
11:30am Mass on Sunday, December 23rd.

2019 Sunday Offering Envelopes



2019 Sunday offering envelopes will be available in the Hospitality room or from the parish office during office hours. Please consider signing up for our pre-authorized contributions.



We welcome
Primrose Almarines and the Catipon Twins
who were baptized on
Saturday, December 8th.

Penance services in the Archdiocese of Winnipeg
December 19th, Our Lady of Lourdes 7:00pm
December 19th, St. Charles Parish 7:00pm



"FILL THE CRIB" for Villa Rosa.
During Advent, St. Mary's Catholic Women's League supports and promotes support for Villa Rosa's residence and programs for mothers and babies.

Donations of the following articles are greatly appreciated. Diapers, baby wipes, bibs, receiving blankets, quilts, baby slings, baby clothes. For Moms, body wash, soap, body lotion, deodorant, shampoo and conditioner, makeup, casual maternity clothes, nursing bras, maxi pads. (Please note: they are unable to accept used adult clothing - no room) You may place your gifts in the bassinet on the window sill in the St. Mary devotional chapel - they are given to the families free of charge. Villa Rosa, at 784 Wolseley Ave. Winnipeg R3C 1C6, is a residence offering programs in a safe and nurturing environment to mothers and babies, before, during, and after pregnancy.

Tel: 204-786-5741 villarosa.mb.ca

Meaningful Christmas gifts through CHALICE



Chalice is the largest Canadian, Catholic sponsorship organization that primarily supports community initiatives in 15 countries through the sponsorship of children and elderly in need for over 21 years.

Their Mission: *To bring Christ to the poor and the poor to Christ.* Every year they provide a Christmas Gift Catalogue. Consider making a real difference this year by giving gifts to our friends and family by giving to those in need. Catalogs available in the hospitality centre.

Thank-you

A big thank you to our Confirmation class that got together last weekend and served coffee and hot chocolate to parishioners. With your help they were able to raise more than \$150 for House of Hased, a non-profit Christian Organization that aims to help those living with HIV and AIDS. See our Instagram post for pictures of the event.

SMC HOSPITALITY CENTRE

Find our hospitality centre by the Hargrave street entrance where you can find various religious goods and information related to our parish.

St. Mary's Angels

In support of the Daily Rosary Program on CKJS (10-10:30pm), ornamental angels are on sale. The cost of angels are all under \$10. Come support a worthy cause.

St. Elisabeth Convent - Hand Made Goods

Hand made religious goods from the Sisterhood of St. Elisabeth, Belarus are for sale in the hospitality centre following Mass. All sales support the convent and their work with adults and children living with impairments, and other social endeavours.



"Keep Christ in Christmas" Buttons

Knights of Columbus buttons (granting permission for others to greet us a "Merry Christmas") are available for \$1.



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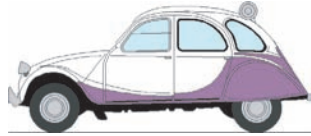
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