

# St. Mary's Roman Catholic Cathedral

## Archdiocese of Winnipeg

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### **Ordained Ministers:**

Rector: Very Reverend Geoffrey Angeles

Parochial Vicar: Reverend Marcelino Bandico

Deacon: Reverend Mr. Rudy Le Maître

Sacramental Assistant: Reverend Ken Barclay (Retired)


# prepare the way...



# ADVENT

## Masses of the Week

**MONDAY, December 19/16 - Ferial**  
 12:10 pm - † Teresita Martin/ Adelaida Martin

 -Amanda Lynn Barcelona

**TUESDAY, December 20/16 - Ferial**  
 12:10 pm - † Fern Turenne/ Bequest

 -Kay Prost

**WEDNESDAY, December 21/16 - Ferial**  
 12:10 pm - † Dante Buenaventura/ Family


 - Jamie Duque

**THURSDAY, December 22/16 - Ferial**  
 12:10 pm - † Socorro & Cirilo Boquia/ Elizabeth

**FRIDAY, December 23/16 - Ferial**  
 12:10 am - † Victor Stepanuk/ Family

**SATURDAY, December 24/16**  
 5:00 pm - (Fr. Angeles presiding)

10:00pm (Midnight Mass) Mass - (Archbishop Gagnon Presiding)

 - Yee-Heng Chan  
 -Candida V. Monoz  
 -Victoria C. Buenaventura

**SUNDAY, December 25/16 - The Nativity Of The Lord**

9:30 am - (Fr. Bandico presiding)

11:30 am - for the Parishioners of St. Mary's  
 (Archbishop Gagnon presiding)

 - Nellie Noval

**Liturgical Staff:**

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"She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus."

Joseph heard these prophetic words in a dream. They were words of anticipation, of what was to come. And in a sense, they ushered in a kind of Advent for Joseph. With this divine message, Joseph began a period of holy waiting. He now knew that the Messiah was going to be coming into his own home, and he had just nine months to prepare! We can only imagine how Joseph might have spent these precious days. Most likely he did more than prepare a physical home for his soon-to-be-born Son; he must have also used these days to prepare his heart, mind, and soul for such a tremendous mission.

Today, we stand in a position not all that different from St. Joseph. We also know that the Messiah will be arriving--not just in remembrance at Christmastime, but in reality at the second coming. But unlike Joseph, we don't have an exact timeframe. We don't know when Jesus will return. We just know that we need to be ready!

During the season of Advent we are challenged to recall this fact and strive to get our hearts in order. The days are short now until Christmas, and for all we know they might be short until Christ's return as well. What remains to be done? Aside from wrapping presents and planning parties, where do we yet need to tidy up our habits to properly celebrate the real meaning of this festive season? How can we make sure that we don't get swept away in the external preparations, forgetting the work that needs to be done in the invisible silence of our souls?



**Readings for the Week of  
 December 18—December 25, 2016**

Sunday: Isaiah 7.10-14/ Rom 1.1-7/ Mt 1.18-24  
 Monday: Judges 13.2-7, 24-25a/ Lk 1.5-25  
 Tuesday: Isaiah 7.10-14; 8.10d/ Lk 1.26-38  
 Wednesday: Zephaniah 3.14-18a or Song of Songs 2.8-14/ Luke 1.39-45  
 Thursday: 1 Samuel 1.24-28/ Lk 1.46-56  
 Friday: Malachi 3.1-4; 4.5-6/ Lk 1.57-66  
 Saturday: 2 Samuel 7.1-5, 8-12, 16/ Lk 1.67-79  
 Sunday: Isaiah 9.2-4, 6-7/ Titus 2.11-14/ Lk 2.1-16  
 Isaiah 52.7-10/ Hebrews 1.1-6/ John 1.1-18

**Calendar of Events**

- Dec. 18 Choir Meeting (12:30pm)
- Dec. 18 Bible Study Pot Luck (Hall at 1:15pm)
- Dec. 18 Christmas Decorating Part 1
- Dec. 21 Christmas Decorating Part 2
- Dec. 24 Mass at 5pm
- Dec. 24 Mass at 10pm with Carol Service at 9:15pm
- Dec. 25 Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am
- Dec. 26 Parish Office closed
- Dec. 31 Mass at 5pm
- Jan. 1 Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am
- Jan. 7 Journey through Grief (Final Session)



**Christmas Mass Schedule**

December 24th     5:00PM & 10:00PM (with Carols at 9:15PM)  
 December 25th     9:30AM & 11:30AM



**Decorating our church for Christmas**

This year, we will be decorating the church for Christmas in two shifts: Sunday, Dec 18th following the 11:30 AM Mass, and Wednesday, Dec 21st at 6:30PM.

On the Sunday, we will meet in the parish hall for instructions. On the Wednesday, please enter through the Hargrave doors or the lower-level Carlton Hall doors and ring the doorbell.

If you would like to help, please contact the office by phone or by email.

Sunday, January 8th following the 11:30AM Mass will be the date when we take all the decorations down for Ordinary Time.

**2017 Sunday Offering Envelopes for St. Mary's Registered Parishioners**



In order to cut costs, all who currently receive envelopes by mail will now receive a box of envelopes for the entire year to be picked up in the parish hall. In preparation for pick up, envelopes will be distributed alphabetically according to last name after Mass on:

**Dec. 17-18 All Remaining Families**

**"Fill the Crib" for Villa Rosa** — for single, pregnant, and new mothers and their families. It provides services such as counselling, life skills, community follow-up and education. Please help by filling the crib located on the window sill of the Mother Mary side of the sanctuary with items such as baby cloths, receiving blankets, diapers, nursing bras and pads, lotions and deodorants. Villa Rosa is at 784 Wolseley Ave, 204-786-5741.



**Parish Offerings**

**Total offering for the week ended December 11, 2016:**

Weekday	\$ 185.00
Loose	\$ 1,202.80
Envelopes	\$ 4,486.77
Votives	\$ 445.30
PAR/PAD Contributions	\$ 00.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,319.87</b>

**Capital Campaign for December 11, 2016:**

Actual Offering	\$ 360.00
PAR/PAD Contributions	\$ 00.00
Budget per Week	\$ (2,000.00)
<b>Deficit</b>	<b>\$ (1,640.00)</b>

**Let there Be Light Campaign for December 11, 2016:**

Offering this Week	\$ 175.00
Other Donations	\$ 00.00
<b>Total To Date</b>	<b>\$ 69,235.33</b>

**Sharing God's Gifts December 11, 2016:**

2016 Target	\$ 69,270.00
Donations Received to Date	\$ 45,793.49
<b>Balance to Meet by Dec. 31</b>	<b>\$ 23,476.51</b>

*Pre-Authorized credit and debit (PAD/PAR) contributions are received and recorded monthly.*

*\*Less than a month remaining for us to achieve our target goal for Sharing God's Gifts. We have been blessed with so much! Together, as the vibrant faith community that we are, we can become a blessing to others in need.*

*Help us meet our target goal.*

*Envelopes for this Archdiocesan Appeal may be found at the entrances of the church. Thank you for your generosity!*

**Hospitality Centre**

**St. Mary's Angels**

In support of the Daily Rosary Program on CKJS (10:30-11pm), ornamental angels are on sale. The cost of angels are all under \$10.



**Calendars**

Stories of Saints 2017 calendars are available for a donation.

**Mass Guides and Scripture Meditations**

*The Word Among Us* These books help guide your daily prayers and meditations.

Prices: Word Among Us - \$3  
 Sunday Missal - \$6



**"Keep Christ in Christmas" Buttons**

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

**Agape Table**

The item for December is **Non-Dairy Creamer.**

Please place items in the container at the Hospitality Centre

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