

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Cathedral

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*May the Blessings of this
Holy Season be with you Always.*

Fourth Sunday of Advent

4th Sunday of Advent



MONDAY, Dec 21/15 - Ferial

12:10 pm † Dante Buenaventura/Family



- Jamie Duque

TUESDAY, Dec 22/15 - Ferial

12:10 pm - † Victor Stepanuik/Family

WEDNESDAY, Dec 23/15 - Ferial

12:10 pm - Health and Blessings for Fr. K. Barclay/Anna Halek

THURSDAY, Dec 24/15 - Christmas Eve

The Nativity of the Lord

5:00 pm -

10:00 pm—Archbishop Gagnon presiding



- Yee-Heng Chan

- Candida V. Munoz

- Victoria C. Buenaventura

FRIDAY, Dec 25/15 - Christmas Day

The Nativity of the Lord

9:30 am -

11:30 am—Archbishop Gagnon presiding



- Nellie Noval

SATURDAY, Dec 26/15 -Feast

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

5:00 pm - Leslie Halek Birthday/Mother



- Bridget Sinnott

SUNDAY, Dec 27/15 - Feast

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

9:30 am

11:30 am - Archbishop Gagnon presiding

Liturgical Staff:

Director of Music: Ian Campbell

Sacristan: Connie Nepomuceno

Faith Formation:

Children: Don Schroeder

Parish Councils:

Finance: Bill Wachko

Building & Grounds: Ky Mohammed

Support Staff:

Secretary: Pat Stepanuik

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Catholic Women's League: Eleanor Ulasz

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"Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste." What was the rush? Why did Mary go so quickly to visit her cousins Elizabeth and Zechariah? It's hard to know exactly what her purpose was, but one thing is clear: Mary and Elizabeth shared a special connection. Perhaps Mary was anxious to be in the company of someone who could understand her unusual situation.

At this point, Mary was newly pregnant by the power of the Holy Spirit. The verses preceding today's reading tell us about the appearance of the Angel Gabriel and Mary's willingness to become the mother of the Messiah. Now, this child was already growing within her womb, but the whole thing was an incredible secret. Who would believe her? In whom could Mary confide the unbelievable events that had taken place? We know that at some point later, Joseph had a vision in a dream that allowed him to understand. But before that dream came, he was planning to part ways with Mary. It must have been during that difficult time that Mary went to see Elizabeth. And what joy that upon her arrival, Elizabeth immediately understood. "Blessed is the fruit of your womb," Elizabeth cried out. The same Holy Spirit who conceived Jesus in Mary's womb enlightened Elizabeth at this moment. What a consolation this must have been to Mary.

This story reminds us of the importance of our own fellowship in the faith. Sharing our spiritual journey with other believers who are receptive to the Holy Spirit is meant to be a source of encouragement and strength. We are not supposed to be in this alone. As we worship and celebrate together with our faith community, may we share with each other the real joy of this sacred season.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." - Lk 1:41-42



Readings for the week of Dec 20/15

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| Sunday: | Mi 5:2-5a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45 |
| Monday: | Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45 |
| Tuesday: | 1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56 |
| Wednesday: | Mal 3:1-4;4.5-6/Lk 1:57-66 |
| Thursday: | 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8-12, 16/Lk 1:67-79 |
| Friday: | Is 62:11-12/Titus 3,4-7/Luke 2,15-20 |
| Saturday: | Acts 6:8-10/Mt 10:17-22 |
| Next Sunday: | Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/ Col 3:12-21/Lk 2:41-52 |

St. Mary's Cathedral Christmas Schedule

Thursday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)
NO NOON MASS

Mass at 5:00 pm
 Mass at 10:00 pm (Archbishop Gagnon presiding)
 Carols and Choral prelude at 9:15 pm

Friday, Dec. 25 Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
 Mass at 9:30 am
 Mass at 11:30 am—(Archbishop Gagnon presiding)

Saturday December 26—Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Mass at 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 27—Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Mass at 9:30 am
 Mass at 11:30 am (Archbishop Gagnon presiding)

Thursday, December 31 Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Mass 5:00 pm

Friday, January 1st Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Mass 9:30 am
 Mass 11:30 am (Archbishop Gagnon presiding)

Saturday January 2—Epiphany of the Lord
 Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday January 3—Epiphany of the Lord
 Mass 9:30 am
 Mass 11:30 am (Archbishop Gagnon presiding)

Cathedral Office Hour Changes:

Dec. 24th and 31st - 8:00 am—12 Noon
 Dec. 25th, 28th and Jan. 1st—Closed

Parish Offerings

Total offering for the week ended Dec 13, 2015:

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| Weekday \$ | 1,371.90 |
| Loose \$ | 1,049.00 |
| Envelopes \$ | 5,682.92 |
| Votives \$ | 546.00 |
| PAR/PAD Contributions \$ | 869.53 |
| Total | \$ 9,519.35 |

Capital Campaign for Nov 14, 2015

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| Actual offering \$ | 905.00 |
| PAR/PAD Contributions \$ | 193.68 |
| Budget per week \$ | 2,000.00 |
| Deficit (\$) | 901.32 |

Let there Be Light Campaign for Dec. 13, 2015

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| Offering this week \$ | 785.00 |
| Other Donations \$ | 00 |
| Total To Date | \$ 43,879.01 |

(Offerings and Parking are the only revenue the Cathedral receives)

“Fill The Crib” for Villa Rosa

This is CWL Council's annual project to assist Villa Rosa, a residence at 784 Wolseley Ave. that serves young families in need during and after pregnancy. You may fill the crib with items such as baby clothes, diapers, wipes, receiving blankets, quilts and personal items for mothers, e.g. deodorants, lotions, shampoo, soap, nursing bras and pads. Due to the overwhelming generosity of the community and lack of storage space, Villa Rosa cannot accept gently used clothing until further notice—thank you.

Lectors Schedule

Group 6 will read next Saturday, Dec 26, 2015.

Group 2 will read next Sunday, Dec 27, 2015.

Please pick up New Schedules in the Sacristy

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

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| Committed Goal for 2015 | \$53,530.00 |
| Donations Received to Nov 21, 2015 | \$42,351.03 |
| Balance Remaining for 2015 | \$11,178.97 |

Only one month is left to raise a sum of \$11,178 to achieve the goal we have been assessed. This is a big challenge confronting all of us, and we ask for your generosity and support.

We wish to express our gratitude for your continued commitment and support.

Cathedral Prints:

Looking for a meaningful Christmas gift? How about a beautiful piece of art from the St. Mary's Cathedral series of cathedral prints? Come visit our Hospitality Room between Mass times to purchase a print at \$20.00 each or 2 for \$30.00.

AGAPE TABLE

The item for December is Non-Dairy Creamer (please place items in the container by the Hospitality Room) to volunteer: 204-783-6369 or volunteer@agapetable.ca

Membership in St. Mary's Cathedral

“As you get to know us, let us get to know you”

Become a member of St. Mary's Cathedral Parish by simply completing a Membership Registration Form. Registration forms are available at the side and back of the church. After completion of the form, simply place it in the offering basket, mail it, or deliver to the parish office during the weekdays, Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 4:00 pm.

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