St. Mary's Roman Catholic Cathedral Archdiocese of Winnipeg

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MONDAY, Dec 22/14 - Ferial **12:10 pm -** † Dante Buenaventura/Family

TUESDAY, Dec 23/14 - Ferial 12:10 pm - † Victor Stepanuik/Family

WEDNESDAY, Dec 24/14 - 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

THURSDAY, Dec 25/14 - Christmas Day - The Nativity of the Lord 9:30 am

11:30 am - Archbishop Gagnon presiding



FRIDAY, Dec 26/14 - Feast - Feast of St. Stephen, the First Martyr **12:10 pm** - † Felecisimo Ayson/Dante & Arcie Amigo



- Bridget Sinnott

SATURDAY, Dec 27/14 - Feast - St. John, Apostle, Evangelist 5:00 pm - † Amanda Barcelona/Mom & Dad

SUNDAY, Dec 28/14 - Feast - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph 9:30 am - Archbishop Gagnon presiding 11:30 am



- Victoria Umali Ilagan - Florence McKeon

Liturgical Staff: Director of Music: Ian Campbell Sacristan: Connie Nepomuceno **Faith Formation:** Children: Don Schroeder Rite of Christian Initiation: Sr. Rose Mary Sander **Parish Councils:** Finance: Bill Wachko Building & Grounds: Ky Mohammed Pastoral: Sr. Rose Mary Sander **Support Staff:** Secretary: Pat Stepanuik Administrative Assistant: Lori Gagnon Caretaker/ Building Maintenance: Rickey LaPointe Business Manager: Bill Wachko Pastoral Counsellor: Sr. Rose Mary Sander **Affiliated Organizations:** Catholic Women's League: Eleanor Ulasy Knights of Columbus: Ed Polkowski

4th Sunday of Advent

"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Mary chose to cooperate with God. She didn't completely understand how his



plan was going to unfold. She couldn't have known exactly what it all meant for her future. But she chose to offer herself to God's service nonetheless. And thanks to that generosity, the first Christmas happened nine months later.

Mary gives us a powerful example of saying yes to God. For her, the divine plan was revealed through the visit of the angel Gabriel. For us, it is usually revealed in less dramatic ways. We hear God's voice through the readings at Mass, through the homily, through the wise counsel of a trusted friend, through a spiritual book, through an inspirational speaker, or just in the prayerful silence of our own hearts. Regardless of how God speaks to us, we are in a similar situation to Mary's. We are faced with the choice either to accept God's will in our lives, saying yes as Mary did, or to say no and choose a different path. It may be tempting to stick to more familiar ground or to avoid the challenge of surrendering our plans to God. But just look what happened when Mary decided to let God lead: the greatest miracle in all of history! God became man because of a faithful woman. And God wants to work miracles through us too. Every time we cooperate with his will, he transforms us into more loving, more generous people.

As we round the corner toward Christmas this week, may we embrace God's will in our lives with the same joy and openness that ultimately allowed Mary to embrace the infant Jesus in her arms on Christmas Day.

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	Readings for the Week of Dec 21, 2014
Sunday:	2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
·	Romans 16:25-27/Luke 1:26-38
Monday:	1 Samuel 1:24-28/Luke 1:46-56
Tuesday:	Malachi 3:1-4; 4:5-6/Luke1:57-66
Wednesday:	Isaiah 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25
v	Matthew 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
	or
	Isaiah 9:1-6/Titus 2:11-14
	Luke 2:1-14
Thursday:	Isaiah 62:11-12/Titus 3:4-7
v	Luke 2:15-20
	or
	Isaiah 52:7-10/Hebrews 1:1-6
	John 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Friday:	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59
	Matthew 10:17-22
Saturday:	1 John 1:1-4/John 20:2-8
·	Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
	Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17
	Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22, 25-27, 34-35,
	39-40++





St Mary's Cathedral Christmas Schedule

Sunday, Dec 21 - Mass at 9:30 am & 11:30 am Monday, Dec 22 - Mass at 12:10 pm Tuesday, Dec 23 - Mass at 12:10 pm Wednesday, Dec 24 - (Christmas Eve) NO NOON MASS Mass at 5:00 pm Mass at10:00 pm - Archbishop Gagnon presiding "Carol Service begins 45 minutes before the 10:00 pm mass" Thursday, Dec 25 - (Christmas Day) Mass at 9:30 am Mass at 11:30 am - Archbishop Gagnon presiding Friday, Dec. 26 - Mass at 12:10 pm Saturday, Dec 27 - Mass at 5:00 pm Sunday, Dec 28 (The Holy Family) Mass at 9:30 am - Archbishop Gagnon presiding Mass at 11:30 am Monday, Dec 29 - Mass at 12:10 pm Tuesday, Dec 30 - Mass at 12:10 pm Wednesday, Dec 31 - (New Year's Eve) NO NOON MASS Mass at 5:00 pm Thursday, Jan 01 - (New Year's Day) Mass at 9:30 am Mass at 11:30 am - Archbishop Gagnon presiding Friday, Jan 02 - Memorial - St. Basil The Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen Mass at 12:10 pm Saturday, Jan 03 - (Epiphany of the Lord) Mass at 5:00 pm - Archbishop Gagnon presiding

Parish Office Holiday Closures Dec 24 closed at 12:00 noon Dec 25 and 26 - closed Dec 31 – closed at 12:00 noon Jan 1- closed

Sunday, Jan 04 - (Epiphany of the Lord)

Stewardshipfor Life!				
Total offering for the week ended Dec 14, 2014:				
Weekdays	\$	672.56		
Envelopes	\$	7,535.52		
Loose	\$	1,120.90		
Votives	\$	572.72		
PAR/PAD Contributions	\$	749.31		
Total	\$	<u>10,651.01,</u>		
Capital Campaign for Dec 14, 2014:				
Actual collection	\$	1,572.00		
PAR/PAD Contributions	\$	152.31		
Budget per week	\$	2,000.00		
Deficit	(<u>\$</u>	275.69)		

(Offerings and parking are the only funding the Cathedral receives)

AGAPE TABLE

The item for December is Non Dairy Creamer (items may be placed in the container in the sacristy) to volunteer : 204-783-6369 or volunteer@agapetable.ca

<u>The Knights of Columbus would like your Assistance</u> With the Chez Nous/Our Place Annual Winter Clothing Drive

The following items are needed: winter jackets, blue jeans, mitts, gloves, toques, running shoes, and winter boots. Please place your items in the container labeled Chez Nous.

Lectors Schedule

Group 4 will read next Saturday, Dec 27, 2014. Group 4 will read next Sunday, Dec 28, 2014.

Please support our <u>"Fill the Crib" project for Villa</u> <u>Rosa</u>, a prenatal and postnatal residence that helps women manage their lives better and care for their babies. A large basket is in the front of the church on Our Lady's window ledge. Some preferred items are baby lotions, shampoos, diaper cream, hooded towels, receiving blankets, crib sheets, wash cloths, winter baby clothes, children's books & baby toys, twin size bedding. For the mothers, sweat pants, large bras, feminine pads, socks and large and XL women's clothes, journals and sketch books. All donations are gratefully accepted.



Congratulations to Jillian Elizabeth Enns and Michel Marcel Renaud who were married at the Cathedral on Saturday, Dec 13, 2014

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

On behalf of the entire cathedral staff, I would like to extend to you and all of those that you love, the warmest Christmas wishes and a blessed and joy-filled New Year. May this Christmas season find you abounding in love, rejoicing in hope, and secure in God's peace.

Fr. Geoffrey

