

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Cathedral

Archdiocese of Winnipeg

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prepare the way...

Mass Schedule

MONDAY, December 23/19 Ferial
 12:10pm - Thanksgiving Fr. Barry Schoonbaert/
 Nathasha Kouk

**TUESDAY, December 24/19 The Nativity of the Lord
 (Christmas Eve)**

12:10pm—NO MASS
 5:00pm - For the Parishioners of St. Mary's
 9:15pm - *Christmas Carols*
 10:00pm - For the Parishioners of St. Mary's
Archbishop Gagnon Presiding

**WEDNESDAY, December 25/19
 The Nativity of the Lord**

9:30am - For the Parishioners of St. Mary's
Archbishop Gagnon Presiding
 11:30am - For the Parishioners of St. Mary's
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**THURSDAY, December 26/19 Feast,
 St. Stephen, The First Martyr**

12:10pm - † Tajmool & Shalimar Hosein/ Natasha Kouk

**FRIDAY, December 27/19 Feast, St. John,
 The Apostle & Evangelist**

10:00am - Lions Place
 12:10pm - † Departed Loved ones of
 Connie's family/ Connie Nepomuceno

SATURDAY, December 28/19 Holy Family

5:00 pm - † Mohammed Barakat/ Ahmed Barkat
 - † Departed Loved ones of the Diaz Family/ Family

SUNDAY, December 29/19 Holy Family

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

Each Advent season,



we prepare to welcome Jesus into the inns and stables of our hearts. But Jesus' coming wasn't welcomed by everyone with choirs of angels. For St. Joseph, the first coming of Jesus was a bit more complicated. "When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit." For Joseph, opening his heart (and home) to Jesus meant, at best, appearing to all the world like a man who had impregnated his wife out of wedlock. At worst, he appeared a cuckold, raising the child of another man. God doesn't always appear the way we expect.

For some of us, the birth of Christ is a bit relationally complicated. Perhaps over the past few months, a loved one has died. This Christmas, you're taking it upon yourself to keep up the traditions and hold the family together. Welcoming Jesus means welcoming grief. Perhaps it's a difficult relative (or two or three) and it's all you can do to bite your tongue and swallow your pride while they're under your roof. Welcoming Jesus means welcoming strife, discord, and tension. Yet "do not be afraid," the angel says. Do not be afraid. Why? Because we celebrate the birth of "Emmanuel, which means 'God is with us.'" Before Jesus' earthly ministry would begin, Jesus would lose his father, Joseph. God is with us in our grief. Wherever Jesus went, he stirred up controversy and faced down challenging personalities. God is with us in our stress. The trick is, like Joseph, to allow supernatural grace to prevail. Joseph was a good man, filled with natural virtue in that he didn't want to "expose [Mary] to shame." Yet he was prepared to "divorce her quietly" all the same. Our natural abilities only take us so far. Where is receiving Jesus complicated this Christmas season? Are you relying on your own strength to get you through, or are you truly ready to accept the grace of Emmanuel, God with us?

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

December 23 *Christee Ada Christopher*
 December 24 *Yee-Heng Chan*
 Candida V. Munoz
 Victoria C. Buenaventura
 December 25 *Nellie Noval*
 December 26 *Bridget Sinnott*
 December 28 *Victoria Umali Ilagan*
 Florence McKeon

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

Readings for the week of December 22, 2019

Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24
 Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66
 Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79
 Wednesday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/
 Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
 Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
 Thursday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22
 Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
 Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18
 Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/
 Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Decorating our Church for Christmas - Today
Come help us decorate our Church following the
11:30am Mass on Sunday, Dec. 22nd. A sign-up sheet
will be placed at the table near the piano.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24th

5:00pm & 10:00pm

*Christmas Carols at 9:15pm

Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25th

9:30am & 11:30am



Mary, Mother of God (New Year's Eve)

Tuesday, December 31st

5:00pm

Mary, Mother of God (New Year's Day)

Wednesday, January 1st

9:30am & 11:30am

Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office will be closed at 12noon on
December 24th. We will be closed on December
25th and 26th and reopen on December 27th.



The Knights of Columbus would like to
thank all those parishioners that attend-
ed their Pancake Breakfast last Sunday.
We would also like to thank the Knights
and their wives that prepared and
served the food. God Bless you all.

Thank You!

With the generous support of our parish, the Cate-
chism students raised \$605 for the Shoe box project
which provides gift boxes for women in various shel-
ters escaping violence and poverty within our com-
munity. In addition, boxes included special messages
of love and support from our students.

Thank you to the level 7, 8 and 9 students and par-
ents for helping with the fundraising drive.
And, a special thank you to our catechists and Jason
Neufeld who assisted with the hot chocolate drive
and purchasing items;

and to our confirmation
candidates who pre-
pared the boxes for de-
livery.



Parish Offerings for the weekend of December 15

Total offering for the week ended December 15, 2019:

Weekday Envelopes	\$ 513.50
Weekday and Weekend Loose	\$ 1,021.25
Weekend Envelopes	\$ 4,835.65
Votives	\$ 513.05
Total	\$6,883.45

**The estimated weekly requirement for the operation
of St. Mary's cathedral is \$10,000.*

Capital Reserve for December 15, 2019:

Actual Offering	\$ 310.00
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Sharing God's Gifts for December 15, 2019:

Donations received to date	\$56,969.70
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"FILL THE CRIB" for Villa Rosa.

During Advent, St. Mary's Catholic Women's League supports and promotes sup-
port for Villa Rosa's residence and pro-
grams for mothers and babies.

Donations of the following articles are greatly appreci-
ated. Diapers, baby wipes, bibs, receiving blankets,
quilts, baby slings, baby clothes. For Moms, body wash,
soap, body lotion, deodorant, shampoo and condition-
er, 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
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

Agape Table

We are collecting non-perishable food
items for Agape table. Food items can
be placed in the Hospitality room.



2020 Catholic Calendars
Calendars are now available for
purchase in our hospitality room for
\$5

2020 Sunday Offering Envelopes

Your offertory envelopes for 2020 are
available for pick-up in the
Hospitality Centre after Mass.





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