

# St. Mary's Roman Catholic Cathedral

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### **Ordained Ministers:**

Rector: Very Reverend Geoffrey Angeles

Parochial Vicar: Reverend Fr. Peter Nemcek

Deacon: Reverend Mr. Rudy Le Maître

Reverend Mr. Michael Cordova

Sacramental Assistant: Reverend Ken Barclay (Retired)



## Mass Schedule

**MONDAY, December 24/18 Vigil of the Nativity  
(Christmas Eve)**

5:00 pm - For the Parishioners of St. Mary's  
10:00 pm - For the parishioners of St. Mary's

**TUESDAY, December 25/18 The Nativity of the Lord  
(Christmas Day)**

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

**WEDNESDAY, December 26/18 Feast, St. Stephen**  
12:10 pm -

† Deceased Family and Friends of Raquel Alcantara

**THURSDAY, December 27/18 Feast, St. John**  
12:10 pm -

- † Leo Llanos/ Romeo Llanos

- † Deceased family and friends of Soledad Comia

**FRIDAY, December 28/18 Feast, Holy Innocents**  
12:10 pm - † Justice Pelland/ Family

- † Arceli Arabia Diaz/ Yang & Diaz Family

- † Crisanto Lozon/ Rochelle Cordova and family

**SATURDAY, December 29/18**

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

5:00 pm - † Mohammed Barakat/ Ahmed Barkat

- † Helen Weselowski/ Family

**SUNDAY, December 30/18**

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

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

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

**H**ere we are, mere

days from Christmas, and we hear a Gospel anticipating the birth of another child. Mary has received word that her cousin Elizabeth is with



child. Pregnant as she is, Mary "set out and traveled to the hill country in haste." She has recently received the greatest news of her life - that she is to be mother to the Messiah by the power of the Holy Spirit - but her concern is for her cousin in need. Through God's grace, Elizabeth turns it into an opportunity to honor the coming Christ. "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Yet Mary's example of selflessness should inspire us.

As Christmas draws near, there is plenty of goodness to anticipate for many of us. We'll reunite with family and friends, uphold time-honored traditions, swap stories old and new, exchange gifts, and welcome Jesus at the Christmas liturgy. These are wonderful things! Of course, they probably all come with their own to-do list. Shop for last-minute gifts, pick up recipe ingredients, ready the guest room, or pack your own bags. Mary probably had things to do as well. She had a lot to consider, for one thing. How do you plan to tell your parents you're pregnant, but no man was involved? When Joseph finds out, who will care for the practical needs of you and your child? Into what may have been a chaos of questions, Mary receives news that someone is in need. She goes immediately.

In these final days before Christmas, stay watchful and awake! You never know when God might invite you to welcome, hospitality, and compassion. It might be tempting to reject the opportunity for your own needs. Follow the example of Mary! If God is providing you an opportunity to love, He will provide the means to accomplish all your other tasks. This Christmas season, may you too hear, "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

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

**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  
**December 30** - Denise Markmann  
- Natividad Varona Aguadera

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

### Lector's Schedule:

December 29th and December 30th Group 4

### Readings for the week of December 23, 2018

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45  
Monday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-7, 14a, 16//Lk 1:67-79  
Tuesday: Vigil: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-8 or  
Jn 1:1-5, 9-14  
Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12,  
13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14  
Wednesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22  
Thursday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8  
Friday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18  
Saturday: Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35  
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

**2018 Christmas Mass Schedule**

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

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



**Mary, Mother of God (New Year's Eve)**  
Monday, December 31st  
5:00pm

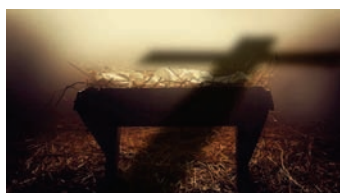
**Mary, Mother of God (New Year's Day)**  
Tuesday, January 1st  
9:30am & 11:30am

**Church Decorating**

Church Decorating for Christmas will take place after 11:30am Mass on Sunday, December 23rd.

**Advent Pageant Thank-you**

Thank you to parents, catechists, Fr. Geoffrey, Fr. Peter, Fr. Ken and especially the students for making this year's Advent Pageant a wonderful event. All 10 levels of our program gathered to celebrate the season of Advent in song, with skits and presentations. A wonderful time was had by all.



A friendly reminder that catechism classes resume on Saturday, January 5 2019. See you then!

**New Address or Phone Number?**

Please inform the office if you have made changes to your contact information.

**LAST CHANCE for "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.

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**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
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 7,662.20</b>

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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\*Offerings for the weekend of Dec. 9th will be reflected in next week's bulletin.

**Meaningful Christmas gifts though 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.

**2019 Sunday Offering Envelope Distribution**



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

**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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