

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Cathedral

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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...

Mass Schedule

MONDAY, December 25/17 The Nativity of the Lord
 9:30 am- For the Parishioners of St. Mary's
 11:30 am- For the Parishioners of St. Mary's

 - Nellie Noval

TUESDAY, December 26/17 Feast, St. Stephen
 12:10 pm - † Lamberto Flores/ Connie

 -Bridget Sinnott

WEDNESDAY, December 27/17 Feast, St. John, Apostle
 12:10 pm - † Elena Bernardo/ Bernardo Family


THURSDAY, December 28/17 Feast, Holy Innocents
 12:10 pm - † Edilberta Madelo Baja/ Mustila and Narace Dyal

 - Victoria Umali Ilagan
 - Florence McKeon

FRIDAY, December 29/17 Fifth day within the Octave
 10:00 am at Lions Place -
 12:10 pm - † Mohammed Barkat/ Ahmed Barkat

SATURDAY, December 30/17 The Holy Family of Jesus,
 Mary and Joseph

5:00 pm - † Antonio Ramos/ Remy Ramos
 - Pamela & Nick Marcelino/ Corrie Marcelino
 Fr. Marcelino Presiding

 - Denise Markmann
 - Natividad Varona Aguadera

SUNDAY, December 31/17 The Holy Family of Jesus,
 Mary and Joseph

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

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

SUNDAY, December 31/17 (New Year's Eve)
 The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

5:00 pm - For the Parishioners of St. Mary's
 Fr. Geoffrey Presiding

 - Leonila K. Baptista

MONDAY, January 1/18 The Solemnity of Mary,
 The Holy Mother of God

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

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

 - Roman Cubacub
 - Rodolfo Mendoza Roque

**“Behold, you will
 conceive in your
 womb and bear
 a son, and you
 shall name him
 Jesus.”**



Today is the last Sunday of the Advent season, and we hear in the Gospel the anticipation of the feast we will celebrate in just one day. Christmas is coming! Jesus is on his way! We have had weeks to prepare for this momentous occasion, and now we are on the very verge of its arrival. The children in our midst can hardly contain their excitement as they wait to wake up on Christmas morning. The thrill of this coming moment is meant to remind us of the joy and anticipation we should all feel as we await the coming of Christ. Yes, Christmas is a great feast, but there is more here than a remembrance of the past or a fabulous party in the present. There is a looking-ahead as well. We celebrate as we anticipate.

Much as Mary must have waited in wonder during the nine months of her pregnancy, we wait in hopeful expectation as Christians looking forward to being reunited with our Savior. Our future is full of hope. The deflating melancholy that afflicts many people after a holiday runs its course need not be the experience of the Christian waiting for Christ. We are always looking forward to something! There is never a moment when we have no cause for joy. Our lives are lived in a kind of unending advent as we stand in watchful waiting. Let us remember this as we enter into our Christmas Eve gatherings and festivities. As we join with family and friends to share in the good things of this life, may we carry with us the joy of knowing that even better things lie in store for us who welcome the infant Jesus into our hearts and homes.

Lector's Schedule: December 30th and 31st.
 Group 2

Readings for the Week of December 24, 2017

Sunday (*Adv.4*): 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27/
 Lk 1:26-38

Sunday (*Christmas Eve*): Is 9:1-6/ Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-4

Monday: Is 52:7-10/ Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/ Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/ Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/ Mt 2:13-18

Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/ Lk 2:22-35

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/ Lk 2:36-40

Next Sunday: Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 or Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/
 Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 or Col 3:12-21/
 Lk 2:22-40



Calendar of Events

- Dec 26th - Office Closed
- Dec 31st - Mass at 5:00pm
- Jan 1st - Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am
- Jan 2nd - Office Closed
- Jan 6th - Catechism classes resume
- Jan 7th - Taking down of Christmas decorations
- Jan 16th - St. Francis Xavier 's Relics



2017 New Year's Mass Schedule

Sunday, December 31st

Mary, Mother of God (New Year's Eve) - 5:00pm

Monday, January 1st

Mary, Mother of God (New Year's Day) - 9:30am & 11:30am

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St. Francis Xavier is Coming to Canada!

St. Francis Xavier's forearm, a very famous relic, rarely leaves Rome. The relic will arrive at the Rise Up conference in Ottawa, and then make a pilgrimage from sea to sea, visiting 14 cities through a partnership with Archbishop Prendergast of the Archdiocese of Ottawa, the Jesuits in Canada, and CCO.

Relic arrives at St. Mary's Cathedral on Tues., Jan. 16, 2018
Mass and other related events TBA. For more details, go to: cco.ca/relic

On behalf of St. Mary's Cathedral, a special thank you to all the people and organizations who helped with preparing our parish community for the Advent and Christmas celebrations and activities (a list too long to name everyone without leaving someone out). For all the time, the many skills and talents that add vibrancy to our parish church, our community of faith, we are truly blessed!

*May the light of Christ at Christmas
 which breaks into the darkness of our world,
 be for us the reassurance of God's promise
 of eternal life and love all our days.*

Merry Christmas!



Parish Offerings for the weekend of Dec. 10th**

Total offering for the week ended December 10, 2017:

Weekday Envelopes	\$ 213.00
Weekday and Weekend Loose	\$ 1,813.55
Weekend Envelopes	\$ 5,372.40
Votives	\$ 556.75
PAR/PAD Monthly Contributions	\$ —
Total	\$ 7,955.70

Capital Campaign for December 10, 2017:

Actual Offering	\$ 307.00
PAR/PAD Contributions	\$ —
2017 Goal per Week	\$ 1,000.00

Sharing God's Gifts December 10, 2017:

2017 Target	\$ 49,440.00
Donations Received to Date	\$ 64,819.50
*Excess—Over 2017 Target	\$ 15,379.50

*The excess will be carried forward and applied to our new 2018 SGG's target.
 ** Offerings for the weekend of Dec. 17th will be reflected in next week's bulletin.

Meaningful Christmas gifts through 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 (inserted in this week's bulletin). Consider making a real difference this year by giving gifts to our friends and family by giving to those in need.

Website: chalice.ca

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. Some items include:

Your 2018 offertory envelopes; "Keep Christ in Christmas" Buttons (\$1); Word Among Us (\$3); St. Mary's Angels in support of CKJS; St. Elisabeth Convent (Handmade religious goods), and much more!

"Fill the Crib" for Villa Rosa

This is CWL's annual project to assist Villa Rosa, a prenatal and post-natal residence with a mission to provide support to mothers, babies and their families before, during and after pregnancy. Donations for babies of the following articles would be much appreciated; diapers, baby wipes, baby clothes, bibs, receiving blankets; donations for moms include nursing bras and pads, maxi pads, body lotions, deodorant, shampoos, body wash, soap, and blank calendars for 2018.

A bassinette to receive your gift is on the window sill of the Holy Mother window in the left sanctuary.

Villa Rosa is at 784 Wolseley Ave. Wpg. R3G 1C6.

204-786-5741 www.villarosa.mb.ca

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