

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Cathedral

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Rector: Very Reverend Geoffrey Angeles

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Christmas



the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people.

Luke 2:10



Masses of the Week

MONDAY, December 26/16 - Ferial
12:10 pm - † Salvador Boquia/ Elizabeth



- *Bridget Sinnott*

TUESDAY, December 27/16 - Ferial
12:10 pm - † Virgilio Umandap/ Lanie Umandap

WEDNESDAY, December 28/16 - Ferial
12:10 pm - † 57th Wedding anniversary J.J.R.



- *Victoria Umali Ilagan*
- *Florence McKeon*

THURSDAY, December 29/16 - Ferial
12:10 pm - † Fernanda Riconalla/ Elizabeth

FRIDAY, December 30/16 - Ferial
12:10 am - † Antonio Ramos/ Remy Ramos



- *Denise Markmann*
- *Natividad Varona Aguadera*

SATURDAY, December 31/16
5:00 pm - † Carmelita Gonzales/ Gonzales Family
† Lawrence and Rita's Family/ Eleanor
(Fr. Bandico presiding)

SUNDAY, January 1/16 - The Nativity Of The Lord

9:30 am - (Fr. Angeles presiding)

11:30 am - for the Parishioners of St. Mary's
(Archbishop Gagnon presiding)



- *Roman Cubacub*
- *Rodolfo Mendoza Roque*



Remembered on the Tree of Life

Liturgical Staff:

Director of Music: Ian Campbell
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Affiliated Organizations:

Catholic Women's League: Eileen Rieger
Knights of Columbus: Art Lopuck



“She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” Today we celebrate that the

prophetic dream of St. Joseph was fulfilled! Jesus is born! A Savior has come to deliver us--Emmanuel, “God is with us.” Christmas is a feast of fulfillment, a holiday of deep and enduring happiness not only because God became man and was born of a woman, but because along with his Incarnation, God brought us freedom. Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah who sets us free from the misery of our own sins. This is the ultimate gift of Christmas Day.

We exchange gifts today as a sign of our love for one another to be sure, but also as a concrete, visible way to celebrate the gift that we have first received from God. We are free people! We are not slaves but rather the children of God whose priceless inheritance is to dwell in his kingdom for all eternity. On this most festive day of the year, we are invited to exult in this fact and spare little effort or expense to show our gratitude and joy.

We only must be careful not to reduce our celebrating today to something less glorious, something less meaningful, or less profound. This is no mere secular holiday. This is not just a ritual of family gatherings, elaborate evergreen trees and sumptuous meals. Christmas is a holy day and as Christians it is our day in a most definite and undeniable way. The treats and trimmings are all signs that remind us of what lies ahead for those who accept the real gift of Jesus Christ: an unending banquet of eternal delights and divine gifts that will never fail to satisfy. Yes, Christmas is a little taste of heaven, the perfect gift that lies in wait for those who love the Lord.



**Readings for the Week of
December 25—January 1, 2016**

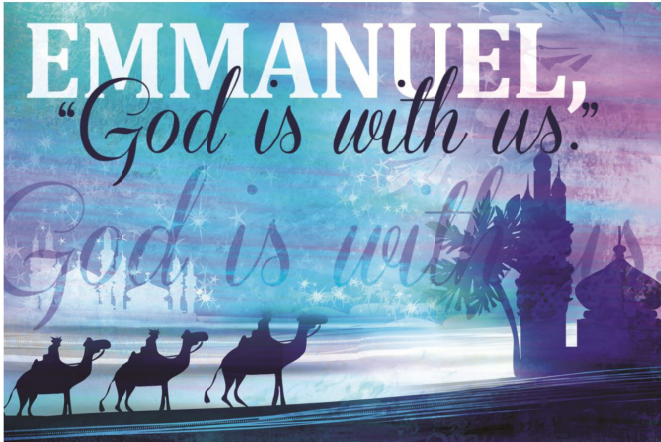
Sunday: Isaiah 52.7-10/ Heb 1.1-6/ John 1.1-18
Monday: Acts 6.8-10; 7.54-59/ Mt 10.17-22
Tuesday: 1 John 1.1-4/ John 20.2-8
Wednesday: 1 John 1.5-2.2/ Mt 2.1-18
Thursday: 1 John 2.3-11/ Lk 2.22-35
Friday: Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14 or Col 3.12-21/
Mt 2.13-15, 19-23
Saturday: 1 John 2.18-21/ John 1.1-18
Sunday: Numbers 6.22-27/ Galatians 4.4-7/
Luke 2.16-21

Lectors Schedule

Please pick up next years schedule at the back of the church. Thank you.

Calendar of Events

- Dec. 26 Parish Office closed
- Dec. 30 Office closed at 12pm
- Dec. 31 Mass at 5pm
- Jan. 1 Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am
- Jan. 2 Office Closed
- Jan. 7 Catechism classes resume
- Jan. 7 Journey through Grief (Final Session)
- Jan. 8 CWL meeting following 11:30am Mass
- Jan. 8 Taking down decorations following 11:30am Mass
- Jan. 17 K of C meeting in D'Youville Hall
- Jan. 18 Future Development Committee Meeting
- Jan. 22 Future Development Town Hall Presentation at 1pm



Thank-you

On behalf of St. Mary's Cathedral, a special "thank you" goes out to all of the people and organizations who helped with preparing our parish community for the Advent and Christmas celebrations and activities: from the inspiring music to the beautiful flowers and decorations, from the festive gatherings (some, with pancakes) to the diligent leadership of our catechists and CLOW leaders, from the cleanliness of our cathedral building and grounds to the committed members of our numerous ministries, from our dedicated collection counters and friendly envelope distributors to our compassionate members of our grieving ministry - the list goes on... far too long to name everyone without leaving someone out. Nonetheless, these are but a few of the many necessary elements that make for a community of faith. For all the many skills and talents that add vibrancy to our parish church, we are truly grateful!

Parish Offerings

Let there Be Light Campaign:	
Total To Date	\$ 69,235.33
Sharing God's Gifts 2016:	
2016 Target	\$ 69,270.00
Donations Received to Date	\$ 45,793.49
Balance to Meet by Dec. 31	\$ 23,476.51

May the joy of Christmas that comes with the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, be the greatest gift you receive.
Merry Christmas!

-St. Mary's Cathedral Pastoral Team

"Fill the Crib" for Villa Rosa

Every Advent, St. Mary's CWL sponsors a collection for Villa Rosa, a residence and resource centre for single, pregnant, and new mothers and their families. It provides services such as counselling, life skills, community follow-up and education. Please help by filling the crib located on the window sill of the Mother Mary side of the sanctuary with items such as baby cloths, receiving blankets, diapers, nursing bras and pads, lotions and deodorants. Villa Rosa is at 784 Wolseley Ave, 204-786-5741. Tax receipts are given for money gifts over \$10.00.



Hospitality Centre

St. Mary's Angels

In support of the Daily Rosary Program on CKJS (10:30-11pm), ornamental angels are on sale. The cost of angels are all under \$10.

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Calendars

Stories of Saints 2017 calendars are available for a donation.

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Sunday Missal - \$6

"Keep Christ in Christmas" Buttons

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Agape Table

The item for January is **Peanut Butter.**

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