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WEEKEND MASSES MCEWAN CAMPUS

Saturday Vigil - 5 pm
Sunday - 9 am, 11 am, 7:30 pm

CONFESSIONS - MCEWAN CAMPUS

Saturdays - 3:45pm to 4:45pm

DAILY MASSES - ROSARY CHAPEL

Monday – 8:00am
Tuesday – 8:00am & 12:10pm
Wednesday – 8:00am & 5:00pm
Thursday – 8:00am & 12:10pm
Friday – 8:00am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - ROSARY CHAPEL

Monday to Friday - 8:30am to 8pm

BAPTISMS

Baptisms for children of parishioners are celebrated monthly. Contact Dcn. Paul Bezaire for details of the program.

MARRIAGES

Couples must arrange one year in advance and be active in the parish. Contact the Parish Office.

RCIA

Program for those interested in the Catholic Faith. Contact the parish office.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMING

For children preparing for First Confession, Communion, Confirmation and for all other grades at well. Registration is required in September.

VISITATION OF THE SICK

Contact Dcn. Paul Bezaire to make arrangements.

FUNERALS

Please have the Funeral Director contact the office for arrangements.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

(519-973-7033)
Fr. Paul McGill, C.S.B. - *Chaplain*
Chrisandra Skipper, Andrea Gallo
- *Campus Ministers*

CATHOLIC ORGANIZATIONS

Assumption Parish Community Association
Chad McPhedran - *Chair*
Knights of Columbus
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St. Vincent de Paul
Ivan Benko - *Chair*

ASSUMPTION PARISH WELCOMES ALL VISITORS AND WE ARE BLESSED TO HAVE YOU WITH US.
NEW PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO INTRODUCE YOURSELVES TO A MEMBER OF OUR
PASTORAL TEAM AND TO REGISTER IN THE PARISH.



December 13, 2015 - Third Sunday of Advent



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



You are amazing! The parish's response (that means *your* response) to our call to help reunite a refugee family from Senegal was spectacular. Through your generosity, we raised \$6742.05! I never expected that much. That pays for their airfare, and helps to get them settled into their living situation. In addition, many have volunteered for the various tasks necessary for all of this to happen. Thank you, thank you, thank you! Assumption parish is indeed a special place. In the midst of our own problems and worries, we have reached out beyond our usual circle of attention, and helped to reunite a family of God's children. Please continue to pray for this mother and her three children (two adolescents and a young adult) as they get used to each other again and learn the ways of their adopted land.

I am so impressed by the timing of this generous response. On Tuesday, we officially began the Year of Mercy. And our readings this weekend give concrete examples of how to live out mercy: When the crowds asked John the Baptist what to do, he answered, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise" (Luke 3:11).

The scriptures this weekend also tell us to rejoice. I assure you that your generosity helps me to do that—although, if truth be known, I already rejoice at the privilege of being here with you. The Psalmist tells us, "...great in our midst is the Holy One of Israel." Another translation puts it this way: "...among you is the great and Holy One of Israel." May our eyes be opened this Advent to recognize the great and Holy One... right here in our midst, even with our foibles and dysfunctions and weaknesses! God has chosen to be with *us!!!* May we always recognize that.

Fr. Maurice

Christmas Mass Times At Assumption Parish

*Christmas Eve
5pm (Children's Mass)
7:30pm and 10:00pm
(carols 1/2 before each mass)*

*Christmas Day
10:00am*

*New Year's Eve Mass
5:00pm*

*New Year's Day Mass
10:00am*



Liturgy Corner

The season of Advent has within it a number of beautiful liturgical feasts. All liturgical celebrations, including those honoring Mary and the other saints, must always direct us back to Christ.

This past Tuesday we celebrated the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This feast is often misunderstood, and people think it refers to the virginal conception of Jesus. That would mean Mary had only a 17 day pregnancy! It actually celebrates Mary's conception in the womb of her mother through the natural relations of her parents Anne and Joachim. However, this feast points to a belief the Church has held for centuries which was definitively proclaimed by Pope Pius XI in 1854. The dogma of the Immaculate Conception states that God had prepared Mary from the first moment of her existence to be the mother of God incarnate, Jesus Christ, by preserving her soul immaculate from all stain of original sin.

So it is appropriate that this feast falls during Advent, because it directs our attention through Mary to her Son.

We are invited to ponder: what has God prepared me for from the beginning of my life? Am I responding as Mary did?

—Kevin Mannara C.S.B.

Quotable Pope Francis

This past week on December 8th, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and the 50th anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Council, Pope Francis inaugurated an **Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy**. Each week throughout this year the bulletin will have a brief quote by the Holy Father relating to mercy. It is offered for your reflection.

Pope Francis opened a special door at the Vatican, and cathedrals across the world opened designated doors to symbolize opening the doors of our hearts to God's mercy. Our response to such mercy is to open our hearts to all God's children, including those we find most challenging.

"To enter through the Holy Door means to rediscover the deepness of the mercy of the Father who welcomes all and goes out to meet everyone personally."

ROSARY CHAPEL CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

December 24th and 25th - Closed
December 28th to 30th - 8am to 8pm
December 31st - mass at 8am, then closed

There is no **12:10pm or 5pm** Mass the weeks of December 21st and 28th
12:10 and 5pm Mass resumes the week of January 4th



Offering Envelopes



The 2016 Envelopes have arrived!

They are now available for pick up at the front entrance of the church.

All parishioners who currently have envelopes have been assigned a new envelope number.

- **THE ENVELOPES ARE IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER, PLEASE LOOK FOR YOUR NAME, NOT YOUR OLD ENVELOPE NUMBER**
- **PLEASE ENSURE YOU TAKE THE ENVELOPES WITH YOUR NAME ON THEM**
- **PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS ON THE FIRST FEW YOU USE IN 2016**
- **AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2015 PLEASE RECYCLE ANY OLD ENVELOPES AND DO NOT USE IN 2016**

Please note that the envelopes will remain in the name of Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Parish.

THANK YOU!

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 14th

8:00am †Carmela Paciolla by the Calamita Family
For the Intentions of Pauline Restivo

Tuesday, December 15th

8:00am †Ardijan Gjinaj by the Family

12:10pm †Dan Barron by his wife Dorene
†Joshua Krystia by Glyn & Nancy Conn

Wednesday, December 16th

8:00am

5:00pm †Jim Gatto by Suzanne Letiec

Thursday, December 17th

8:00am

12:10pm †Donald Badour by his wife Margaret
†Ruthanne Collins by her husband Cecile

Friday, December 18th

8:00am †For the Soul of Ebenezer Abbew by daughter Eunice
†Rose Simpson by Theresa & Sheila
†Fr. Daniel Chui by Diane Aversa

Saturday, December 19th

5:00pm For the Intentions of the Assumption Parishioners

Sunday, December 20th

9:00am For the intentions of the Assumption Parishioners
11:00am For the intentions of the Assumption Parishioners
7:30pm For the intentions of the Assumption Parishioners



Hospitality Ministry

We are still in need of helpers for our Hospitality Committee, especially for Saturday night 5:00pm Mass and Sunday morning 9:00am Mass.

Please call Carmen Archibald
(519-258-8871)



Congratulations to the children who received their **Sacrament of Reconciliation** this past week!

MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS THEM



Aftar Servers

There will be a Christmas practice on Tuesday December 22 at 12:15pm
Lunch will be provided
Practice will be finished by 2:00pm
Any questions or concerns please see Sr. Connie



Looking for a Keyboard Player

For Sunday Mornings.
If you are interested please contact Sr. Lise Jolie at 519-253-2493

Week at a Glance

Monday, December 14th

6:00pm Catechism Class (McEwan Campus-Hall)

Tuesday, December 15th

10:00am Moms & Tots (McEwan Campus-Hall)
7:00pm Cenacle of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Rosary Chapel)
7:00pm Choir Practice (McEwan Campus-Hall)

Wednesday, December 16th

7:00pm Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide (Rosary Hall)

Thursday, December 17th

10:00am Card Games (McEwan Campus-Hall)
7:30pm Nar Anon (Rosary Hall)
7:30pm Hour of Power (Rosary Chapel)

Friday, December 18th

9:00am SVDP Forgotten Harvest Produce (McEwan Campus)
3:00pm Divine Mercy Hour (Rosary Chapel)
6:30pm Confessions (Rosary Chapel)
7:00pm Apostolate of Fatima Mass & Rosary (Rosary Chapel)

Saturday, December 19th

8:30am SVDP-Meeting/Home Visits (McEwan Campus-Hall)
3:45pm Confessions (McEwan Campus-Church)
5:00pm Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)

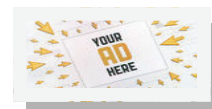
Sunday, December 20th

9:00am Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)
11:00am Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)
7:30pm Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in January 2016 and supports the bulletin service.

Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service.



Call 1-800-268-2537

Sunday Collection

Regular	\$8,197.90
Miscellaneous	<u>\$1,373.85</u>
Total	\$9,571.75
Refugee Sunday	\$6,742.05



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