



HURON CHAPEL, 1804

# Our Lady of the Assumption CATHOLIC PARISH

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YEAR OF CELEBRATION  
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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

### MORNING PRAYER - ROSARY CHAPEL

Monday to Friday - 7:40am

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - ROSARY CHAPEL

Monday to Friday - 8:30am to 8pm

### BAPTISMS

Contact Dcn. Paul Bezaire at the Parish Office for details of the program.

### MARRIAGES

Couples should be registered and active in the parish. Contact the Parish Office.

### RCIA

Program for those interested in the Catholic Faith. Contact the Parish Office.

**YOUTH MINISTRY:** Guardians of the Gospel  
For students in JK to Grade 8 and those preparing for First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation.

### VISITATION OF THE SICK

Contact Dcn. Paul Bezaire for arrangements.

### FUNERALS

Please have the Funeral Director contact the office for arrangements.

### DIVORCED AND SEPARATED SUPPORT

Contact Rose Marie Ruston at [cdsg.assumption@gmail.com](mailto:cdsg.assumption@gmail.com).

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Assumption Parish Community Association:

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NEW PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO INTRODUCE YOURSELVES TO A MEMBER OF OUR PASTORAL TEAM  
AND TO REGISTER IN THE PARISH.



# Third Sunday of Advent—December 17th, 2017



## The Parochial Vicar's Message

Good people face different temptations than bad people. Instead of being tempted to obvious evil, it is more common that good people are tempted to think that their best efforts will not be good enough, and so they should not even try. The trap in this way of thinking is warned against in the folk saying “the perfect is the enemy of the good” and in Theodore Roosevelt’s aphorism “It is hard to fail, but it is worse never to have tried to succeed.”

The Christmas season can be very hard for people who aspire to perfection. We want to find the perfect gift, we want to have a perfect Christmas dinner. We want to have a joyful and harmonious holiday season with our families and friends. And all too often the reality of our all too human lives falls short of what we have hoped for. And then, just a week after Christmas, comes the New Year, and its associated resolutions, and all the risk of failure that comes with resolving to do better in the upcoming year. What is a faithful Christian to do?

Today’s readings give us some tips. We can draw comfort from the humility of John the Baptist, who denied being anything other than a voice crying in the wilderness. Who said he was not worthy of untying the sandal of the messiah. Being humble means, among other things, being free of excessively high expectations. Paul’s letter to the Thessalonians reminds us not to quench the spirit, but to hold fast to what is good, and to give thanks in all circumstances. A grateful, thankful heart is naturally resistant to despair.

Let us pray along with St. Paul that God may keep our spirit and soul and body safe and blameless as we look forward to the coming of the Lord Jesus. May we never hesitate to do good out of fear that it will not be good enough. And may we be resolute in our faith that the one who calls us is faithful, and that he will fulfill his promises to us.

—Fr. Jim Stenberg C.S.B.

## Reflection for the Week

Always be joyful; pray constantly (1 Thes. 5:16)

How do I rejoice during this season of Advent in embracing gratitude as a means of finding joy?



**THE RECTORY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22nd, 2017 AND WILL REOPEN TUESDAY, JANUARY 2nd, 2018**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HEALTHY AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**Christmas Mass Times At Assumption Parish-McEwan Campus**

**Christmas Eve**

**Christmas Carols at 4:30pm—Mass 5:00pm**

**Christmas Carols at 7:00pm—Mass 7:30pm & 10:00pm**

**Christmas Day—Mass 10:00am**

**New Year’s Eve—Mass 7:30pm**

**New Year’s Day—Mass 10:00am**

**For Advent Pondering: What gifts will offer our community during this Church year?**

**Acting with God’s power like John the Baptist: How are you meant to testify to the light?**

John the Baptist’s personal vocation was to preach repentance and to baptize with water, preparing people for the coming of the Messiah. Each of us, in our time, in our particular life circumstance, is also called to testify to the Messiah who has already come. What does that look like in today’s world? How does God want to reveal himself to others through you and the offering of your self to be an instrument of his grace? What specific gifts and charisms do you possess, that will bring peace, joy, hope, and cause positive outcomes for others? If you are baptized, you have such particular gifts. The task is to discern them, and invite God to act through them, so that you can be more intentional about using those gifts as his witness in the world. These gifts might include hospitality, mercy, generosity, encouragement, teaching, craftsmanship, and a variety of others spiritual charisms. Our parish and the greater community needs the gifts God chooses to offer the world through your open cooperation with the Spirit. As Christmas approaches let us ponder the gifts we might give throughout the year to build up the kingdom.

## ADVENT MISSION

**THANK YOU** to all who participated in the events of the Assumption Parish Advent Mission, especially those who served the parish community in various forms of ministry throughout. To all who took on liturgical roles at the masses, the musicians, the hospitality team, and those who participated in the Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration and the intergenerational event.

A very special thank you goes out to Fr. John Thomas Lane, SSS for presenting us with insights to ponder and digest through the Advent season in order to prepare us to receive Jesus in his Incarnation and to be his intentional disciples in the world.

May God’s grace transform our hearts as we prepare to welcome him there this Christmas!

## Offering Envelopes



**The 2018 Offertory Envelopes are now available for pick up at the entrance of the church.**

**ALL PARISHIONERS WHO CURRENTLY HAVE ENVELOPES WILL BE REASSIGNED A NEW ENVELOPE NUMBER.**

- **THE ENVELOPES ARE IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER, LOOK FOR YOUR NAME NOT YOUR OLD ENVELOPE NUMBER.**
- **PLEASE ENSURE YOU TAKE THE ENVELOPES WITH YOUR NAME ON THEN BOX.**
- **PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS ON THE FIRST FEW YOU USE IN 2018.**
- **DO NOT USE YOUR 2017 ENVELOPES - RECYCLE THEM!**
- **IF YOU DO NOT SEE YOUR ENVELOPES OR WOULD LIKE ENVELOPES PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE.**

## Week at a Glance

### **Monday, December 18th**

6:00pm Youth Program (McEwan Campus-Basement)

### **Tuesday, December 19th**

3:00pm YWAR Activist Art Workshops (McEwan Campus-Classroom)  
 7:00pm Latin Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)  
 7:00pm Cenacle of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Rosary Chapel)  
 7:00pm Bereavement Support Group (Rosary Hall)

### **Wednesday, December 20th**

### **Thursday, December 21st**

10:00am Card Games (McEwan Campus-Basement)  
 5:00pm Two Hearts Prayer Group (Rosary Chapel)  
 6:30pm Choir Practice with Sr. Lise (McEwan Campus-Church)  
 7:30pm Nar Anon (Rosary Hall)

### **Friday, December 22nd**

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 23rd**

9:00am SVDP-Meeting/Home Visits (McEwan Campus-Basement)  
 3:45pm Confessions (McEwan Campus-Church)  
 5:00pm Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)  
 7:00pm New AA Meeting-All Are Welcome (Rosary Hall)

### **Sunday, December 24th-Advent & CHRISTMAS EVE**

9:00am Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)  
 11:00am Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)  
 4:30pm Christmas Carols (McEwan Campus-Church)  
 5:00pm Christmas Eve Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)  
 7:00pm Christmas Carols (McEwan Campus-Church)  
 7:30pm Christmas Eve Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)  
 10:00pm Christmas Eve Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)

## ROSARY CHAPEL CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

**December 24th, 25th and 26th - CLOSED**  
**December 27th to 30th - 8am to 8pm -Adoration**  
**Daily Mass - 8:00am ONLY**

**NO 12:10pm or 5:00pm Masses**

**The 12:10pm & 5:00pm Masses will resume on**  
**Tuesday January 9, 2018**



## Donation Receipt Deadline



If you wish to make a donation with a receipt dated in 2017, please be aware of the following deadlines:

- December 21 for in-person donations at the parish office;
- December 25 for donations made via the collection basket;
- December 31 for online donations at [assumption.dol.ca](http://assumption.dol.ca).

**Thank you for your continued generosity!**

## Sunday Collection



SUNDAY COLLECTIONS WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED IN THE BULLETIN FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR, DUE TO PUBLICATION DEADLINES. THEY WILL BE PUT IN THE BULLETIN IN 2018.

There will be a practice on Wednesday, December, 20th at 6:30pm for all children involved in the Christmas Eve musical presentation & Mass.

## Mass Intentions

### **Monday, December 18th**

8:00am †Dan Barron by wife Dorene Barron  
 †Benedetto Crolla by Annunziata Niro  
 †Maria & Alessandro Parisotto by the Family

### **Tuesday, December 19th**

8:00am †Domenica Nardone by Mersedea & Giovanni Di Manno  
 †For the Souls in Purgatory by Mary Ha  
 †Fr. Daniel Chui C.S.B. by Mary Shiner

12:10pm †Francesco Baldassarre by Marisa Baldassarre  
 For the Living & Deceased Relatives of the Laberi, Buzzeo, & Soggi Families by Antonia Laberi  
 For the Intentions of Antonia Laberi & Family

### **Wednesday, December 20th**

8:00am †Ebenezer Abbew by Eunice Dambatta  
 †Lucy DiLuca by her Parents, Benny & Sindia  
 †Mr. & Mrs. William Simpson by Theresa & Sheila

5:00pm †For the Souls in Purgatory/FOSS  
 †Fely Estrella by Helen Villas  
 For the Intentions of Lou Ann Greenham by Colleen Paré

### **Thursday, December 21st**

8:00am †Fr. Daniel Chui C.S.B. 3rd yr. by the Assumption Parish Staff  
 †Domenica Nardone by Donato & Angelina Vitarelli

12:10pm †Gina & Loreto Malizia by Filomena Liburdi  
 †Camillo & Nicholas Laberi by Antonia Laberi & Family

### **Friday, December 22nd**

8:00am †Janet (Netta) Lazarus by daughter Patricia Lazarus  
 †Salvatore & Maria Iacono by Tony & Bridget Russo  
 †Filippo Russo by his Wife & Family

### **Saturday, December 23rd—McEwan Campus**

5:00pm For the Intentions of the Assumption Parish Parishioners

### **Sunday, December 24th—McEwan Campus-Advent & CHRISTMAS EVE**

9:00am For the intentions of the Assumption Parish Parishioners  
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 5:00pm For the intentions of the Assumption Parish Parishioners  
 7:30pm For the intentions of the Assumption Parish Parishioners  
 10:00pm For the intentions of the Assumption Parish Parishioners

## Sanctuary Light Memorial

**For the week of December 17th**

**Rosary Chapel**

For the Intentions of Fran Georgeff

**McEwan Campus-Church**

†Domenica Nardone by J. Benedot

## We Welcomed into the Church

**On Sunday December 10th, 2017**

**Emma Pamela Linda Sharon Riberdy**

*Child of Blaine and Stephanie*

**Knox Gregory Serge Labelle**

*Child of Kaden and Kailee*

**Madison Bonnie Shelley**

*Child of Nicholas and Michele*



The Li'l Saints program will be held on Sunday December 24th at the 11:00am mass.

Please note that there will be a two week break and the program will resume on Sunday January 14th, 2018 at 11:00am mass.



Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing  
*1 Thessalonians 5:16-17*

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