



# *Our Lady of Assumption* CATHOLIC PARISH



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# Christmas – December 25th 2011

## Blessed Christmas



FR. BILL, FR. PAUL, FR. CHRIS, FR. JOHN, SR. LISE, AM-  
MILLA, KEVIN, ANA , AND TIM EXTEND TO ALL THE  
PARISHIONERS OF ASSUMPTION PARISH AND ALL OUR  
VISITORS THE JOY AND PEACE OF THIS MOST WON-  
DROUS SEASON OF GRACE.

### CHRISTMAS MEDITATIONS

Since Adam, being free to choose,  
Chose to imagine he was free  
To choose his own necessity,  
Lost in his freedom, Man pursues  
The shadow of his images:  
Today the Unknown seeks the known;  
What I am willed to ask, your own  
Will has to answer; child, it lies  
Within your power of choosing to  
Conceive the Child who chooses you.

--W. H. Auden



Christmas calls a community back to its origins by remembering Jesus' own beginnings as a human child, a prophet of God's reign, a judgment on the world and its projects. What the parish celebrates during this season is not primarily a birthday, but the beginning of a decisive new phase in the tempestuous history of God's hunger for human companions. The social concerns of the season are thus rooted in Jesus' proclamation of God's reign: the renunciation of patterns that oppress others (holding, climbing, commanding) and the formation of a new human community that voluntarily embraces those renunciations. It is an *adult* Christ that the community encounters during the Christmas cycle of Sundays and feasts: a Risen Lord who invites sinful people to become church. Christmas does not ask us to pretend we were back in Bethlehem, kneeling before a crib; it asks us to recognize that the wood of the crib became the wood of the cross.

--Nathan Mitchell



The central Christian fact is that God became human. Without this fact the Catholic enterprise would not make sense. I say this because it is only the assurance that we know God fully, clearly, and only, in the human fact of Jesus of Nazareth which makes it impossible to reject any aspect of creation as irrelevant to the Kingdom of God. Many great spiritual ways have lead towards the experience of God, and clearly they are true ways, they do lead to that ultimate reality. They often assert that material reality is full of signs of God, is the vast array of gifts of his providing, is a manifestation of his Being. but only the revelation of God in Christ asserts the being of God fully and accurately present in one unique human person, who is not simply a manifestation of God, BUT IS GOD !

--Rosemary Haughton

### New Years Mass Schedule

#### Assumption—New Years

New Years Eve: 5:00 pm  
New years Day: 8:00 am and 11:00 am  
No 7:30 pm mass (Chapel Closed)

#### Holy Name of Mary - New years Day

No masses

#### Holiday Staff/Office Hours

December 26/27th: Office closed  
December 30th: Office closed at noon  
January 2nd: Office closed  
January 3rd: Regular Hours Resume

## CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS

### **Winter Schedule of Activities Now Available**

Next semester's weekly activities are now available. Check out the website at [www.uwindsor.ca/catholic](http://www.uwindsor.ca/catholic) to see the full list of programming. It all begins January 10<sup>th</sup>, so stay tuned for more details!

~ Fr. Chris ~

**PILGRIMAGE:** 11 day Holy Land Pilgrimage in June with Fr. Riegel. Come and journey to the Land that Christ first announced the Kingdom of God. We will leave from Detroit and be accompanied by Dr. Osama Salman, a licensed Palestinian Catholic Guide, who is a close friend of Fr. Riegel. Learn more at the information meeting on Thursday, Jan. 12 at 7 pm in Holy Rosary Chapel. We will need a commitment and downpayment in February. Space is limited.

**POST-CHRISTMAS CLEAN-UP** ~ After a wonderful New Years and a joyous Christmas, the troubles of taking down the lights and putting away the traditional Christmas tree can be quite a stressful time. Why not have someone do it for you? From taking down the lights on the roof, to a simple undercoating of the Christmas tree, we do it all! Never hassle with the Christmas clean up ever again. Help support the students of Campus Ministry. Contact Nathan Houle at 519-566-0809 for quote and to book appointments begin January 6th and onward.

**Low Gluten Altar Breads:** a few parishioners have inquired about this. I have found that the Benedictine Sisters in the US make them (less than 0.01% gluten content) and are approved for use at Mass. These are now available at Assumption Church. For any wishing to receive these hosts the procedure is: after giving communion, the priest goes to the tabernacle to return the ciborium. Simply come up and follow the priest to the tabernacle and he will give you the consecrated low-gluten host. Then return to your seat.

~ Fr. Bill ~



## Masses For The Week

December 25<sup>th</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>

### Monday 8:00 a.m.

No Mass

### Tuesday 8:00 a.m.

Norman Belleperche (Family)  
Myrna King (Sico Family)  
Benedetto Liburdi (Filomena Liburdi & Family)

### Wednesday 8:00 a.m.

Relatives of Berny Lesperance (Berny Lesperance)  
Intentions of Filomena Liburdi (Antonia Laberi)  
Intentions of Robert Fortier (Family)

### Thursday 8:00 a.m.

Mark Bujaj (Pranvera)  
Lena Bujaj (Pranvera)  
Petrit Bujaj (Pranvera)

### 8:30 a.m. Mass at Holy Name of Mary

Fiore & Irene Quatlia (Daughter Dilia & Francesco Tesolin)  
Intentions of Costanza Marsella & Family)

### Friday 8:00 a.m.

Josephine Calibuso (Oscer & Noemi Legaspi)  
Mark Fortier (Son Robert Fortier)  
In Thanksgiving to the Holy Family

### Saturday 8:00 a.m.

Winston & Rosalind Eagen (Family)  
Deceased Members of Parara & Kurara Families (Family)  
Marc Fortier (Family)

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