

St. Elizabeth Roman Catholic Church

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FR. DARYOLD WINKLER, PASTOR

prepare the way...



ADVENT

“And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry. “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.”

Luke 1:41



Mass for the Intentions Week

Tuesday, Dec. 22: Weekday

9:00 a.m., Soul of Pasquale Zito by the Family

Wednesday, Dec. 23: Saint John of Kanty

9:00 a.m., Blessings on Sisters for Christian Community by Sr. Alice Johnson

Thursday, Dec. 24: Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m., Soul of Ronald McAndrew by the McAndrew Family

7:00 p.m. Blessings on Sisters Ethel & Olga Rakai by Glennys & Gladys

Friday, Dec. 25: Christmas Day

10:30 a.m., For All Parishioners

Saturday, Dec. 26: Vigil Mass

4:30 p.m., Souls of Bruno Bergeron & Robert Larose by Michael & Ada Kolesar
Souls of Francis & Zeta Dowdall by the Dowdall Family

Sunday, Dec. 27: Holy Family

9:00 a.m., Soul of Evelyn Madore by the Estate
10:30 a.m., For Pastors of St. Elizabeth Past & Present by Terry Normoyle
Healing for Gerald Ryan by Jimmy Ryan

Sick in Our Parish

We pray for all those who have died, and for all those who mourn them.

We pray for the sick of our Parish and for all those who care for them, especially for:

Gerald Borutski, Gerti Chapman, Juliette Clarisse, John Corston, Tony Dean, Natalie D'Souza, Jim Farrell, Elza Feher, Ildiko Fejes, Francis Fleury, Jodi Graham, Raymond Joly Sr., Norina Lachance, Ted Lachance, Donna Naughton, Greg Patacairk, Andrée McKenzie, Jean-Marie Meilleur, Katie Nolan, Stella Normoyle, Margaret O'Doherty, Myra Anne Powell, Emily Rozsa, Pat Redmond, Gerald Ryan, Terrell Shisheesh, Gwen Toop, Dylan White, Susan White, Sylvia Zito

Church Parking Lot Safety

Recently we have had two accidents in the church parking lot within a three-week time frame. Since our parking lot becomes very crowded during mass and other events, and because of slippery weather conditions, please be patient and cautious to prevent damage to vehicles. If you damage a vehicle, please take the time to notify the owner of the vehicle.

Ministers of the Liturgy

Dec.24 7:00 p.m.

Commentator Gail Donaldson

Lector Mike Redmond

Ciborium Lourdes Villena

Dec. 25 10:30 a.m.

Commentator Marlene Pignat

Lector Paul Pignat

Ciborium Bruce Riopelle

Dec.26 4:30 p.m.

Commentator Micheline Lane

Lector Janet Scrim

Ciborium Lourdes Villena

Dec. 27 9:00 a.m.

Commentator Sheila Fleury

Lector Lidia Zito

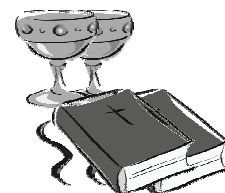
Ciborium Cecilia Bowie

Dec. 27 10:30 a.m.

Commentator Charlene O'Reilly

Lector Lyanne Fuller

Ciborium Herminia da Coste



St. Elizabeth Parish Altar Servers:

4:30 p.m. Victor Dell'acqua, Caterina Dell'acqua,

Reilly Lafreniere, Micheline Lane

9:00 a.m. Emmanuel

10:30 a.m. Joseph Uwayezu,

Rodrigue Uwumukiza, Imena Ame,

Brad Bomandeke, Omo Eke, Krishia

De Carvalho, Jenny Bibiane.



Canadian Tire Money Count: \$ 187.70

Thank you for supporting the work and ministry of St. Elizabeth Parish.

Sunday General Collection Dec. 13: \$ 3,204.20

Total Offerings for Maintenance Fund: \$ 20.00

Total Offerings for Poor Fund: \$ 719.00

Parish Events This Week

Sunday: Christmas Get Together, 2:00 p.m.

In Our Parish

Christmas Season Schedule

Christmas Eve Masses

- * 4:00 p.m. (with Kateri Native Ministry)
- * 7:00 p.m., Family Mass
- * 10:00 p.m., Hungarian Community

Christmas Day Mass

- * 10:30 a.m., Family Mass
- * 12:00 p.m., Hungarian Community

Dec. 29 No Daily Mass

Dec. 30: No Daily Mass

New Year's Masses

- Dec. 31:** Eve of the Solemnity of Mary,
4:30 p.m.
- Jan. 1, 2015:** Solemnity of Mary Mass,
10:30 a.m.
- 12:00 p.m.** Hungarian Community



St. Elizabeth Christmas Get Together for Families:

All are welcome to join in the fun on Sunday, December 27 from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Admission is \$5

and includes: Musical Entertainment, Bean Supper and Children's Show with Tyler Kealey at 3:00 p.m. Cash Bar. Don't miss this opportunity to get together with family, friends and fellow parishioners.

New 2016 Envelopes Available for Pickup: The new envelopes for regular contributors to the parish are available for pickup. They are located at the back of the church. If you would like to start using envelopes please call the parish office at 613.725.2242.

Thank you to the Ladies Auxiliary & Knights of Columbus: We thank The Ladies Auxiliary for their Christmas Bazaar which was a huge success this year. Thank you Ladies for all your hard work for the parish. Following the Christmas Bazaar was the Knights Turkey Dinner which was very well attended. A good time was had by all. Thank you to all the Knights and their wives who set up the hall for this enjoyable dinner.



Archbishop's Christmas Message 2015:

“When the goodness and loving-kindness of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy” (Titus 3.4-5). These words

from the Christmas Mass at Dawn tell us that Jesus' Nativity was an act of God's merciful love. How appropriate in this Jubilee Year of Mercy!

Mercy is “the bridge that connects God and humanity, opening our hearts to the hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness.” Pope Francis wrote this in his document instituting the Year of Mercy (*Misericordiae Vultus*, The Face of Mercy).

The Pope is asking two things of us in this year. First, make a good personal confession. Second, perform works of mercy.

The corporal works of mercy are feeding the hungry; giving drink to the thirsty; clothing the naked; sheltering the homeless; visiting the sick and imprisoned; and burying the dead. The spiritual works of mercy are instructing the ignorant; counselling the doubtful; admonishing sinners; bearing wrongs patiently; forgiving offences willingly; comforting the afflicted; and praying for the living and the dead.

In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we experience the loving and forgiving mercy of God. This graced encounter brings inner healing, peace, and joy. Once we have tasted God's mercy, we want to share that gift with others.

Pope Francis has allowed each diocese to designate a Door of Mercy. Ours is in Notre Dame Cathedral.

I encourage you to make a pilgrimage through this special door during the Year of Mercy. When you do, reflect not only on God's mercy for yourself, but also on ways you can be charitable to those around you.

Ask for God's help to receive His mercy. He will gently show you where you need forgiveness, comfort, and hope.

Then, be merciful to others. Ask for the grace to be free of anger, resentment, and hard-heartedness. Ask for the grace to be kind and to forgive. Who is close to you? Be kind to them. Who has hurt you? Forgive them. Who is unlovable? Love them and release them to God's blessing.

As we gaze upon Jesus in the manger this Christmas, let us realize the truth the Holy Father has been stressing - that “Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's Mercy.” May Mary, Mother of Mercy, draw us close to her Son and the gifts of merciful love he wishes to give us.

Terrence Prendergast, S.J.
Archbishop of Ottawa



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