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Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word." Luke 1:38 Mass for the Week Intentions Tuesday, December 22: Weekday 9:00 a.m., Soul of Pasquale Zito by Lidia Zito Wednesday, December 23: Saint John of Kanty 9:00 a.m., Christmas Blessings on Sr. Olga Rakai by Glennys & Gladys Thursday, December 24 : Christmas Eve Mass 4:30 p.m. Blessings on Sr. Alice Johnson by the Normoyle Family Healing for Baby Miles by Terry Normoyle 7:00 p.m. Soul of Fr. Charles Jaggwe by Don & Chris Graham In Thanksgiving by Janette Sevilleja Friday, December 25: Nativity of the Lord 9:00 a.m., Blessings on Gerald & Stella Normoyle by the Normoyle Family Healing for Baby Miles by Terry Normoyle 10:30 a.m. For All Parishioners Saturday, December 26: Saturday Vigil 4:30 p.m., For All Parishioners Sunday, December 27: 4th Holy Family of Jesus Mary & Joseph 9:00 a.m., In Thanksgiving for the Conversion & Healing for Erla, Elma Lind & Baby Amato 10:30 a.m., Soul of Liliane Lalonde by Katherine & Gerry Rayner

# Síck ín Our Parísh

We pray for all those who have died, and all those who mourn them. We pray for the sick of our Parish and for all those who care for them, especially for: Tereza Adam, Elina Anker, Sarah Bowie, Gerti Chapman, Emiliana Cabuga, Jeff Carroll. Tony Dean, Rosa Delascio, Tristan Denis, Lynn Dobson, Margaret Doherty, Elza Feher, Eileen Frattini, Johanne Gagnon, Jodi Graham, Raymond Joly Sr., Gordon Kane, Allan Kelly, Norina Lachance, Rick Lachance, Marlyn McAndrew, Baby Miles, Gerald Normoyle, Stella Normoyle, Greg Patacairk, Myra Anne Powell, Emily Rozsa, Pat Redmond, Margaret Scissons, David Simpson, Mary Sullivan, Flo Sully, Bob Tait, Lamomba Tito, Susan White, Sylvia Zito

### St. Elizabeth Parish Altar Servers



4:30 p.m. Paul Obinna, Treasure Agazuma, Emmanuel Agazuma
9:00 a.m. Bridgid Oghenetano, Claire Omamuzo, Odilia Ogbondu
10:30 a.m. Joseph Uwayezu, Rodrigue Uwumukiza, Jyuan Almario, Mary Chukwu, Imena Ame, Emmanuella Chukwu, Stephanie Chukwu

Canadian Tire Money Count: \$271.08

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

### <u>Parish Events This Week</u>

Check Facebook for live feed of weekday and weekend masses.

#### **Bequests and Wills**

In your kindness, please remember St. Elizabeth Parish in your bequests and wills. If anyone wishes to make such a bequest in their will, the following clause may be included or added to a will or added by codicil: "*I* give, devise and bequeath the sum of \$.... to St. Elizabeth Church, Ottawa, to be used in the administration of the pastoral activities of the parish."

Sign Up For Pre-Authorized Debit: We are now able to offer our parishioners the chance to sign up for pre-authorized debit payments to donate during these difficult times for individual churches. If you would like to know more about this service please contact the parish office.



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## In the Parish



Fr. Martin's Christmas <u>Reflection:</u> "O marvelous exchange! Humanity's Creator has become a human being, born of the Virgin. We have been made sharers in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share our

*humanity*." (Christmas Antiphon I) My dear brothers and sisters:

We celebrate the gifts of the Christmas season: JOY, HOPE, and LOVE. JOY that we rejoice in the Lord, prayerful HOPE in Christ's promises, and LOVE that we love God above all things and our neighbour as ourselves. It is during this time that we have an opportunity to shine the light of Christ's birth into the gloom of our world and be sharers of His divine love with our family and friends. This is our hope and belief that even at this uncertain moment in the history of the world and the Church that we can reach out and be touched by the Lord who invites us into His marvelous light.

God came to us because he wanted to join us on the road, to listen to our story, and to help us realize that we are not walking in circles but moving towards the house of peace and joy. This is the great mystery of Christmas that continues to give us comfort and consolation: we are not alone on our journey.

The challenge is to let God be who He wants to be. Christmas is the renewed invitation not to be afraid and let Him – whose love is greater than our own hearts and minds can comprehend – be our companion.

This Christmas is markedly different from any other in recent memory. But this is not new to Jesus Christ, the Son of God who was born in abject poverty. He was born in a manger that was meant for the animals; made to flee His own home as a child. He knows what we are going through and what we learn from His example is, all situations come to an end. It is our hope that all this will end, and life will even get better.

Deacon Fred and I are grateful to you for the support you have constantly given us in our humble attempt to serve you. Despite the limitations brought by the pandemic, we have constantly tried to keep in touch using physical and virtual means and we promise that we shall continue to do the best we can. We appreciate the "St. Elizabeth" spirit which is a spirit of love, hospitality and joy.

May this "marvelous exchange" be at the center of our Christmas celebrations and be continually reflected in our living throughout the coming year. Merry Christmas!!

#### Fr. Martin Ndyanabo



Attendance at St. Elizabeth's for Christmas Masses during Covid-19: Attendance at the masses is on a first come first served basis and includes our Christmas and New Year's celebrations. Come early to secure a seat!

## In the Archdiocese

**Christmas Eve Mass with Archbishop Damphousse:** In this time of darkness, we need some hope. Come join Archbishop Damphousse as he celebrates the coming of the Light into the world, for a celebration of Christ's birth. The Mass will be celebrated at 7 p.m. on Christmas eve (December 24<sup>th</sup>) and will be televised on Rogers Cable. You can also view it on at www.rogerstv.com/Ottawa and www.archoc.ca. A French Mass will be televised at 5 p.m. www.tvrogers.com/Ottawa.

