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# The Nativity of the Lord

But the Angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see -- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Christ, the Lord." Matthew 1:22



<u>Tuesday, December 27: Saint John</u> 9:00 a.m., No Daily Mass <u>Wednesday, December 28: The Holy Innocents</u> 9:00 a.m., No Daily Mass <u>Thursday, December 29: Saint Thomas Becket</u> 9:00 a.m., No Daily Mass <u>Friday, December 30: The Holy Family of Jesus,</u> <u>Mary and Joseph</u> 9:00 a.m., No Daily Mass <u>Saturday, December 31: Eve of the</u> <u>Solemnity of Mary</u> 4:30 p.m., For All Parishioners <u>Sunday, January 1: Mary, Holy Mother of God</u> 10:00 a.m., For All Parishioners

## Sick in Our Parish

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: Ashleen, Tereza Adam, Elina Anker, Mike Borosch, Sarah Bowie, Gerti Chapman, Emiliana Cabuga, Howard Campbell, Jeff Carroll, Rosa Delascio, Tristan Denis, Lynn Dobson, Margaret Doherty, Pat Dooley, Johanne Gagnon, Jane, Raymond Joly Sr., Allan Kelly, Norina Lachance, Rick Lachance, Marlyn McAndrew, Monique, Gerald Normoyle, Greg Patacairk, Pat Redmond, Margaret Scissons, David Simpson, Bob Tait, Lamomba Tito, Johanna Tobin, Susan White, Jan Wright, Sylvia Zito



**Christmas Season Schedule** 

Dec. 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 - No Daily Mass Dec. 31: 4:30 p.m., Eve of the Solemnity of Mary Jan. 1, 2023: 10:00 a.m., Solemnity of Mary Mass Jan. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6th- No Daily Mass

### <u>St. Elizabeth Parish Altar Servers</u>



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

Stephanie Chukwu

Canadian Tire Money Count:\$20.80

Thank you for supporting St. Elizabeth Parish.

#### **Parish Events This Week**

**Thursday:** Seniors Gathering, 12:00 p.m. **Sunday:** Live stream of mass at 10:30 a.m.

#### **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 Archdiocese



Archbishop's Christmas Message 2022:

Dear faithful of the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall,

The season of Christmas is once again upon us. How we decide to welcome it and celebrate it is of utter importance. Many in our world today live under the many pressures of society, of work and family obligations and, of course, of personal challenges. The "busyness" of our lives can easily overwhelm us and steer us off course. So, in what space will you be when Christmas arrives?

Obviously, we remain attentive to upcoming events if they mean something for us. If they are of little importance, or if they are likely not going to change anything in my life, chances are I will let them pass by without notice. We therefore need to ask ourselves if celebrating Christmas really matters or not. Another question relates to the understanding we have of Christmas. What is Christmas really all about? In order to cut through all the glitter and traditions around Christmas, it is essential to seek understanding by going back to the source.

Holy Scriptures, during the Christmas liturgies, relate to us the day Jesus was born in Bethlehem. His birth is presented to us as a gift from God to humanity. Let us hear once again the message of the angel: "good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord" (Luke 2:10-11). The celebration of the nativity of the Saviour is therefore an invitation for us to welcome in our personal lives a divine gift that has lifechanging consequences.

Opening our hearts to Jesus the Christ is allowing ourselves to enter into the Light where healing Love and lasting Peace reign. It is about dying to earthly things and choosing Eternal Life. It is giving ourselves a chance to experience profound Joy and Hope. It is our way of answering God's call and giving the best of ourselves in accomplishing his will.

This gift, received in faith, transforms human lives. This is why it has such a huge impact. This is why Christmas takes on meaning and is truly celebrated. In welcoming the Gift, we become the Gift to others around us. The more we share the Gift of Christ, the more our world resembles the Kingdom of God.

It is therefore my prayer that you may all celebrate Christmas this year with great expectation.

Christmas blessings to you all!

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H Marcel Damphousse Archbishop of Ottawa-Cornwall

## In the Parish



Sunday Missals for the Pew: New Sunday missals for the parish pews have arrived for Advent, 2022/2023. Donations can be made by individuals, families or in memory of a loved one. The front cover of the missal will bear the name of the donor.

**2023 Church Envelopes:** Are ready for pick up at the entrance doors of the church. If you are new to the church and would like to have a set of envelopes, please call the parish office at 613.725.2242. The church also has the option of doing a Pre-Authorized Payment plan which can be initiated by the parish office.

**<u>2023 Faith Calendars:</u>** 2023 Faith Calendars are available at the entrance doors of the church. The cost of the calendars are \$5.00 each.



**Seniors Gathering:** Looking for an afternoon out, then join the Seniors card group for an afternoon of non-competitive Euchre, other card games, fun and socializing . A light snack

is served and we meet every **Thursday from 12:00 -4:00 p.m**. in the Church basement.

**Ladies Auxiliary Coffee Sunday/Bake Sale:** There will be no bake sale in January. The Ladies are taking a much deserved rest after a very successful Christmas Bazaar and Cookie and Square sale.

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