

St. Elizabeth Roman Catholic Church

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REV. FR. MARTIN NDYANABO, PASTOR

REV. MR. FRED JARDINE, PERMANENT DEACON



*Father, You revealed Your Son to the nations
by the guidance of a star. Lead us to
Your Glory in Heaven by the Light of Faith.*

"The shepherds went with haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger."

Luke 2.16

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, January 2: Saint Basil the Great

Saint Gregory Nazianzen

9:00 a.m., No Daily Mass

Wednesday, January 3: The Most Holy Name

of Jesus

9:00 a.m., No Daily Mass

Thursday, January 4: Weekday

9:00 a.m., No Daily Mass

Friday, January 5: Weekday

9:00 a.m., No Daily Mass

Saturday, January 6: Solemnity

4:30 p.m., Soul of Michael Synek by Helen Synek

Soul of Jean Murdock by Brenda & Dick Drolet

Sunday, January 7: Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 a.m., Blessings on Gerald Normoyle
by the Family

For All Parishioners

10:30 a.m., Soul of James Wright by Jan Wright

Soul of Ted Lachance by Gene Lachance

Sick in Our Parish

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

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

Ashleen Anunobi, Tereza Adam, Elina Anker,

Gerti Chapman, Emiliana Cabuga,

Howard Campbell, Jeff Carroll, Rosa Delascio,

Tristan Denis, Lynn Dobson, Margaret Doherty,

Pat Dooley, Johanne Gagnon, Brian Galacio, Jane,

Raymond Joly Sr., Allan Kelly, Rick Lachance,

Marlyn McAndrew, Monique,

Gerald Normoyle, Greg Patacairk,

Pat Redmond, David Simpson, Bob Tait,

Lamomba Tito, Johanna Tobin, Susan White,

Jan Wright, Sylvia Zito

St. Elizabeth Parish Altar Servers



4:30 p.m. Paul Obinna,

Treasure Agazuma, Emmanuel Agazuma

9:00 a.m. Brigid Ogbundu,

Claire Ogbundu, Odilia Ogbundu

10:30 a.m. Joseph Uwayezu,

Rodrigue Uwumukiza, Jyuan Almario,

Mary Chukwu, Imena Ame,

Emmanuella Chukwu, Stephanie Chukwu

Canadian Tire Money Count: \$7.20

Thank you for supporting St. Elizabeth Parish.

Regular Sunday Collection: Dec. 10, 17:

\$2,352.35

Maintenance Fund: \$50.00

Poor Fund: \$291.00

Parish Events This Week

Thursday: Seniors Euchre Social, 12:00 p.m.

Sunday: Live stream of mass at 10:30 a.m.

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.

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."*

Ladies Auxiliary Bake Sale coming in February:

There will not be a Bake Sale/Coffee Sunday in January. The next bake sale will be **Sunday, February 4, 2024.**



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In the Parish



Christmas Season Schedule

Dec. 30, 31, - Regular Sunday Schedule
New Year's Masses

Dec. 31 4:30 p.m., Eve of the Solemnity of Mary

Jan. 1, 2024: 10:30 a.m., Mary,
 the Holy Mother of God

Tuesday, Jan. 2, 3, 4, 5, 2024 - No Daily Mass

St. Elizabeth 2024 Church Envelopes: 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.

2024 Faith Calendars: 2024 Faith Calendars are available at the entrance doors of the church. The cost of the calendars are \$5.00 each.

Fr. Martin Vacation: Fr. Martin will be away from the parish but Fr. Matthew Livingstone and Fr. Joseph Lustig will be replacing him while he is away. We wish him well and a safe trip home!

Archbishop's Christmas Message



Archbishop Marcel Dampousse:

"The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all." Titus 2:11

(Extract from second Reading for Christmas Mass during the Night)

In the year 2023, Christmas marks the eight hundredth anniversary of a very special event. In the small Italian village of Greccio, St. Francis of Assisi found a grotto and, on the night of December 24, 1223, he and the villagers created the first living nativity scene. Every year since then, the custom of installing a crib in our churches and chapels, in our

streets, in our homes, in our squares, in our neighborhoods, has been perpetuated. For St. Francis and for us, this goes far beyond folklore. It's about making visible and living the fact that on this holiest of nights, the Son of God enters our world to bring forth the light of his Father.

Christmas celebrates the fulfillment of God's promise, announced by the prophets, to His people, whom He has always loved. Out of concern for our salvation, our happiness and our eternity, God has intervened in a unique and singular way in our time and space. The All-Powerful God, Creator of Heaven and Earth, decided to enter our world in a humble and unexpected way. Conceived of the Holy Spirit in the virginal womb of Mary, God became incarnate, and came among us as a newborn child. This non-threatening entry into our world will allow Him to reveal himself as a loving and compassionate person, eager to set us free and help us partake in the fullness of his life. It is this very same child that will be known by many as Jesus Christ, Son of God, Lord and Savior who will lay down his life on the cross and rise from the dead.

"The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all." This is how Saint Paul announces to Titus the good news of the arrival of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the long-awaited hope of a people who have walked in darkness; of sinners awaiting their redemption; of a people called to become a holy nation. Jesus "gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds." (Titus 2:14)

In wishing you a Merry Christmas, I pray that you may truly experience a divine encounter and savor the joy of being loved and saved. This is God the Father's gift to you in His Son, for He wants your salvation and needs you to build His Kingdom. This is the Mission to which we have been sent! As children of God and missionary disciples of Christ, let us take to heart our calling and bring Jesus to everyone wherever they are.

Merry Christmas!

Marcel Dampousse

✠ Marcel Dampousse
 Archbishop of Ottawa-Cornwall



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