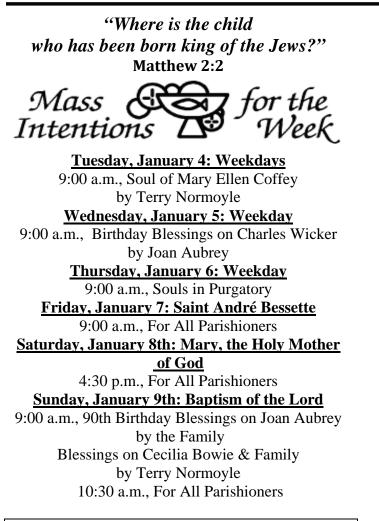
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> REV. FR. MARTIN NDYANABO, PASTOR REV. MR. FRED JARDINE, PERMANENT DEACON





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, Rosa Delascio, Tristan Denis Lynn Dobson, Margaret Doherty, Elza Feher, Johanne Gagnon, Jodi Graham, Raymond Joly Sr., Allan Kelly, Norina Lachance, Rick Lachance, Marlyn McAndrew, Monique, Gerald Normoyle, Greg Patacairk, Pat Redmond, Margaret Scissons, David Simpson, Mary Sullivan, 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: \$276.78

Thank you for supporting the work and ministry of St. Elizabeth Parish. Regular Sunday Collection, December 12, 19: \$2,713.70 Maintenance Fund: \$112.00 Poor Fund: \$580.00

Parish Events This Week

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."



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In the Parish



Fr. Martin's Christmas and New Year Message: A famous song says: 'Mary, did you know, that your baby boy is Lord of all creation? ... This sleeping child you're holding is the

great 'I am!'

"How could anyone have known? Who could have guessed it? That the Almighty, Eternal God would in his wisdom and mercy, quietly come into our world in the frailty of a baby! Born in the small town of Bethlehem in a distant corner of the Roman Empire, he would be named 'Jesus.' The name means, 'he will save,' save his people from their sins. He would be called 'Emmanuel' – it means, 'God is with us.'

We have just celebrated the birth of History, the birth of the Great "I am." The church in her wisdom has also placed Our Lady, the Great Mother of God in the centre of the salvation History and as such within the Christmastide. As we celebrate the New Year, we still reflect on both: our Lord Jesus Christ, still a young babe in the manger and also His Mother as the mother of God. We pray through her to her son when she insists to us "whatever he tells you, do it!"

Our Lady is needed now more than ever when we need a calming voice. We have gone through a lot of challenges with these uncertain times. The more we contemplate on these, the more we realize that our only assurance is in God with the intercession of Our Lady. We pray for unity, and we pray that we will come out of the pandemic even stronger than we started. And we must believe in the saving power of Jesus who reminds us not to be afraid. Do we need to be careful? Yes! Do we need to be afraid? No!

Allow me to congratulate you for having completed the year and to wish you the best in this New Year.

We pray that we may be renewed in Him who makes everything New. We hope for better health and for the end of the pandemic. As I have mentioned elsewhere, I will be away for my vacation at a time when we are uncertain what will happen the next day. But I believe that everything will be well. I thank all the volunteers and the staff who have been with us through all this time. On behalf of Deacon Fred and I, we wish to thank you immensely. We pray for all those who have lost their loved ones during the past year. We look forward to the future with optimism and hope.

This Christmas season celebrates Christ, the Savior, the Redeemer for anyone in any time, in any place, who would trust in his name. God became a human being so that we can know God on a human level. In every generation since, people have come to know — you and I can know; know the living Lord, know the eternal God through faith in Christ this Christmas. The gracious invitation to personally know the Lord, the Savior, is there for you and for me. Mary came to know it. God wants for you to know it as well.

Blessings in the New Year, Fr. Martin Ndyanabo

Envelopes: Envelopes for 2022 will be available for pick up in the coming weeks. If you are new to the church and would like a set of envelopes please call the parish office at 613.725.2242. St. Elizabeth church also has the option of setting up a Preauthorized Debit plan that can be initiated by the parish office.

2022 Faith Calendars: 2022 Faith Calendars will be available between Christmas and New Year's. The cost of the calendars are \$5.00 each.

<u>Fr. Martin Away:</u> Fr. Martin will be away from until February 14th. He will be travelling to Uganda for a much needed holiday and to spend time with his family. Please keep Fr. Martin in your prayers as travelling in these times can be very difficult.

In the Archdiocese

Start the new year with Alpha at St. Maurice Parish: Alpha online starts Jan. 13, 2022, 8:00 p.m. Click here for more details and to register (link: https://www.stmauriceparish.com/news/alpha-isstarting-up-in-january). Everyone is welcome!



