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Christmas



the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people.

Luke 2:10

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

MASSES

Saturday, 24th December - CHRISTMAS EVE

1:00 p.m. Confessions
5:00 p.m. Hubert & Laurette Cotnam by Wayne & Elaine McDermid
7:00 p.m. Intentions of the parishioners

Sunday, 25th December - CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 a.m. Mitzie Peterson by Christa & Andrew Lauzon

Tuesday, 27th December

8:00 a.m. Eugene Legault by Betty Piquette

Wednesday, 28th December

8:00 a.m. Souls in Purgatory by a parishioner

Thursday, 29th December

8:00 a.m. Drucille O'Neil by Cecile Simard

Friday, 30th December

8:00 a.m. Marybelle Waterman by the Haramis family

Saturday, 31st December

3:30-4:30 Confessions
5:00 p.m. Rollande Hartwick by husband Kenneth

Sunday, 1st January - SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

9:30 a.m. John Degan by the CWL of St. Francis de Sales
11:00 a.m. Intentions of the parishioners

LECTORS

31 Dec 5:00 p.m. Mike Morrisette
1 Jan 9:30 a.m. Yvon Labossiere
11:00 a.m. Susanne Casselman

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

31 Dec 5:00 p.m. Clarence & Kay Dubreuil
1 Jan 9:30 a.m. Paul & Sharon Gaudet
11:00 a.m. Lyyette Ladouceur & Jeanne Lalonde

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

31 Dec 5:00 p.m. Audrey Paquette & Trudy Cameron
1 Jan 9:30 a.m. Joanne & Ron Tyo
11:00 a.m. Kathy Willis & Lena Deneault

NOTICES

PASTOR'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

During this Christmas season, will hear wonderful stories of shepherds who were led to the stable by the songs of angels. We will hear of wise men who took the risk to follow a star that would lead them as well to discover the new born king. It is my hope and prayer that each one of us, during this Christmas season, may come to know the joy and peace that the angels announced that first Christmas Eve, and that each one of us who is still searching to be enlightened, may learn to rely upon the Christ who was announced that He is the Light of the World.

Please accept my best wishes and prayers for you and your families during these Holy Days.

FR. KEVIN



Archbishop Terrence Prendergast &
The Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall
invite you to a
NEW YEAR'S LEVEE
on 1 January 2017 - noon - 2:00 p.m.
at St. Columban's Parish Hall
(2nd level of the Agape Centre - stairs only)
All are welcome

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

On 6th December 2016 the CWL of St. Francis de Sales held our 1st Bring a Dish Pot Luck Supper, inviting all women of the parish, member or not. The evening was a success with approximately 40 in attendance. We had an amazing dinner, with an array of main courses to delicious desserts. Natalie Desrosiers provided music for our talented singers throughout the evening, a big thank you for making us all sound great. I wish to thank the Past Grand Knight Peter Desrosiers and the K of C Spiritual Convenor Peter Desrosiers (Jr.) For kitchen duties and of course a big thank you to all who attended and made this a wonderful evening.

Lucie Desrosiers
CWL President

ARCHBISHOP TERENCE PRENDERGAST'S
CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

The angel reassured the shepherds that the birth of Jesus, our Saviour, means "great joy for all the people." (Luke 2.10).

Canadians will celebrate with joy the Sesquicentennial of Confederation next year - 150 years of Canada! We rejoice at the foundations laid by our forebears - our clergy, religious, and lay people - who have built our wonderful Catholic legacy of churches, institutions and service.

We rejoice that, from earliest days, the Church of Alexandria-Cornwall has cared for the orphan, the widow, and the stranger. In joy, Christians see Christ in the marginalised, the captive, and the elderly. Pope Francis advocates joy, notably in his encyclical "The Joy of the Gospel" (Evangelii gaudium) and his exhortation "The Gladness of Love" (Amoris laetitia).

The pope calls us to renew our encounter with Jesus. Joy will then flow into our encounters with others at home, at work, and in society generally. We will be "missionary disciples" to the lost, suffering, and broken people in our diocese. Spontaneously, we rejoice at the sight of a newborn child. Each baby demonstrates God's creativity and goodness. How much more joyful is it to contemplate the birth of Jesus Christ! Through it, God shines the light of his love into the darkness of the world.

The true joy of Christmas is the gift of eternal life Jesus has given us through his Cross and Resurrection. We celebrate this miraculous event begun on a dark winter's night two thousand years ago.

Mary and Joseph experienced the joy and the challenges of family life with the birth of Jesus in humble circumstances. Love and wonderment met in this tiny child. Today, we also meet Christ in our family. In times joyful or difficult, he is brought to birth in our homes and hearts.

This Christmas, may the example and intercession of the Holy Family - Jesus, Mary and Joseph - enrich your family with the gifts of peace, mercy and joy!

Merry Christmas!
✠ Terrence Prendergast, S.J.
Apostolic Administrator

NOTICES

HELP WANTED! - ALTAR SERVERS

We are desperately in need of altar servers for our weekend masses, especially the 9:30 a.m. mass. Parishioners are encouraged to join this worthwhile ministry and make it part of your life's mission. Please contact the office at 613-932-0756 or Tannis at 613-932-8789.

WOMEN'S MORNING OF REFLECTION

Please join us on Saturday, 7th January from 9:30 until noon at the Charles-Emile Claude Centre on Chevrier Street (behind Nativity Co-cathedral) in Cornwall. The morning includes mass, a light breakfast, confession, a talk and the rosary. Joan Levy Earle will speak on Mary, Mother of God. A free will offering of \$5 is appreciated. For more information contact Marilyn at 613-537-2021.

K of C Council 8715 St. Joseph

BREAKFAST

Sunday, 22nd January 2017 - 9:00 a.m.-noon
in the St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Lancaster
Free will offering

ST. ANDREW'S PARISH - NEW YEAR FAITH INITIATIVE

This year's program will continue with the video series on Catholicism featuring Bishop Robert Barron. Each session will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Church vestry. The next sessions will take place on the following dates and are independent of each other. (Please note the change to Tuesday evenings).

Episode 5: Tuesday, 17th January

The Indispensable Men: Peter, Paul, and the Missionary Adventure

Episode 6: Tuesday, 24th January

A Body Both Suffering and Glorious: The Mystical Union of Christ and The Church

Episode 7: Tuesday, 31st January

Word Made Flesh, True Bread of Heaven: The Mystery of the Liturgy and the Eucharist

Episode 8: Tuesday, 7th February

A Vast Company of Witnesses: The Communion of Saints

Episode 9: Tuesday, 14th February

The Life of His Love: Prayer and the Life of the Spirit

Episode 10: Tuesday, 21st February

World Without End: The Last Things



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