

# MASS SCHEDULE

#### Friday, 24th December - CHRISTMAS EVE

- 5:00 p.m. The Maloney-Brooks families by Janice & John Maloney
- 7:00 p.m. Hubert, Laurette, Ronnie Cotnam & Blanche & Lawrence McDermid by Wayne & Elaine McDermid

## Saturday, 25th December - CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 a.m. Intentions of the parishioners

#### Sunday, 26th December - HOLY FAMILY

9:30 a.m. George & Georgette Brand by the Brand family 11:00 a.m. Stephanie Lyver by Shawn, Meagan & Kyle Lyver

#### Monday, 27th December

For the intentions of Fr. Kevin by Mike & Marlene Morrissette

#### Wednesday, 29th December

Kim McLeod by Theresa Bowman

## Thursday, 30th December

8:00 a.m. Gilles Gagnier by Willa & Earl Elder

## Friday, 31st December - NEW YEAR'S EVE

5:00 p.m. Maurice Lamarche by Jeanne Lamarche

## Saturday, 1st January - MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

10:00 a.m. For the intentions of the parishioners

#### Sunday, 2nd January - EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

9:30 a.m. Stephanie Lyver by Jack & Lucie Briscoe 11:00 a.m. Alex Spink by Alex & Elaine McPhail

## **REQUIESCAT IN PACE**

For the repose of the soul of MARION TOBIN, sister of Ken Hodgson. May the Lord Jesus welcome her into His kingdom of light and peace.

## NOTICES

ALL PERSONS ENTERING OR REMAINING IN THESE PREMISES MUST WEAR A MASK THAT SECURELY COVERS THE NOSE, MOUTH AND CHIN AS REQUIRED BY THE DIRECTIVE ISSUED UNDER THE PROVINCE'S EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND CIVIL PROTECTION ACT.

## ARCHBISHOP'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Dear brothers and sisters,

*"Today true peace has come down to us from heaven."* (Entrance Antiphon, Mass during the Night)

What a comforting word for a world in disarray! Thank you, God our Father, for the gift of your Son that we celebrate this Christmas. Amid our worries, our concerns, our fears that paralyze and divide us, we welcome during this Holy Night, true peace, the Prince of Peace as announced by the Prophet Isaiah.

Joseph and Mary are the first to benefit from the peaceful grace, the balm of peace that their newborn child brings them. During the long journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem, unable to find shelter in the inn, surprised and disappointed to be in a stable to give birth to a child, and surrounded by unknown shepherds, these are many reasons for them to have a troubled heart; but on the contrary peace reigns. Emmanuel, God-with-us, is very present, incarnated in their history and in our history to reveal Love to us. Let us pray, then, for the true Peace that comes from heaven, so that it may be deeply rooted in the reality of our daily lives.

The angels are truly right to announce that a Savior has been born to us. The joy is great for all humanity. On this Christmas Day, let us make room for Jesus the Christ so that He can be born into our personal and community lives. Transformed and renewed by his Word and the gift of his Life, let us become missionary disciples happy to witness to our faith. Let us be generous in our acts of charity and mercy towards the less fortunate, so that by these actions, we also sow joy and be peacemakers for the people around us.

## NOTICES

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FILM - ST. JOSEPH: OUR SPIRITUAL FATHER

(Now available online at no cost to help maintain and nurture devotions to St. Joseph).

A providential renewal has come upon the Church with respect to understanding and praying to St. Joseph. To help the faithful in continuing their devotion to St. Joseph, the Knights of Columbus is offering its newest film, St. Joseph: Our Spiritual Father, for all to watch - at no cost. Since its launch, the film has received raving reviews and is rich in inspiring testimonials, including these powerful words from Most Rev. James Wall, Bishop of Gallup, New Mexico, *"If you have a devotion to St. Joseph, strengthen that devotion. If you don't, you should have one,"* and these from Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly, *"The example of St. Joseph teaches us that we really find ourselves when we live for others."* Visit: <u>www.kofc.org/stjoseph</u> to watch the film or learn more. Know someone who could benefit from joining the Order? Visit or share <u>www.kofc.org/joinus\_for</u> details.

## **INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

Do you have a spare room? Become a host for an international student. International students are arriving in Cornwall late January, fully vaccinated with a negative covid test for 5-12 months of studying, and we need to match them with hosts now. Hosts are compensated generously. Please contact Skyler Chretian at: cornwall2@mlihomestay.com\_or 6130662-3766 or visit: www.mlihomestay.ca\_

#### **CONGRATS & THANK YOU**

Pro-Life Cornwall would like to thank all those who supported life by buying raffle tickets in our draw for a 1/4 beef and freezer. We would like to congratulate Harold Smith of St. Andrew's West who had the winning ticket. We would like to thank the Hagen family who generously donated the beef for the draw. The proceeds of the raffle help to continue fighting for life from conception to natural death. Stay tuned for our next event.

# PASTOR'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE

Most of the world will be celebrating the beginning of the New Year. Here at St. Francis, we join with the world not only in wishing you a Happy New Year, but in praying that this New Year of 2022 might bring us some restoration of normalcy so that once again we may be able to enjoy our family, our friends and our community.

Today, however, the Church celebrates the Feast of Mary the Mother of God. It is a time for us to realize the importance that Mary played not only in the life of Christ, but in the Church in the generations that followed His resurrection. On the cross, Jesus commended Mary to the Church in the person of St. John the Apostle. As members of the Church, we are asked to embrace Mary as our mother as well. We remember that the very first miracle that Jesus performed was at the wedding feast of Cana and that miracle took place at the request of Mary, his mother. We should never hesitate, therefore, to ask Mary to intercede for our needs and to trust that, as a loving mother, she would be willing to intercede for us.



