

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE

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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

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
Feast of the Solemnity of Mary Dec. 31/Jan. 1, 2017		
5:00 pm	Presider: Fr. Lindsay	
	#1 Glenn Horner #2 Mary Jean Thompson	• Bill Roblin
8:00 am.	Presider: Fr. Lindsay	
	#1 Irene Bonner #2 Michel Lavoie	• Angela Beimers
10:30 am.	Presider: Fr. Lindsay	
	#1 Harrison Peiris #2 Dan Beausoleil	• Albert Routhier • Fran Herman • John Schembri

If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please ensure that you have found a replacement.



Pastor's Christmas Message

The Child born in a stable and laid in a manger is love incarnate; the Lord of the universe who humbled Himself to become one of us in order to save us. Such a profound mystery needs to be approached in reverence and prayerful silence. May this holy season of Christmas find a manger in your heart for the Christ-Child. On behalf of Deacon Greg Vaughn, Deacon Fred Jardine, the office staff and myself I wish you a happy and holy Christmas.

Fr. Lindsay Harrison

Electrical Contracts: information on two contracts that have just been awarded are available at both entrances of the church.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

The parish needs more Eucharistic Ministers for our 5 pm. Mass. If you are able to help us out with this very important ministry, please contact Ming Leung at **(613) 721-3834**.

Sunday Missals for 2017 – There are still a few missals available in the parish office for the new liturgical year. Cost \$5.00

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesdays: Legion of Mary - 9:30am Mass in Small Assembly Room
Wednesdays: Euchre - 12:30 pm in Small Assembly Room
 Liturgy of the Word or Mass at Redwoods - 2:00 pm
 RCIA – 7 pm. Board Room
Fridays: Liturgy of the Word or Mass at West End Villa - 2:15 pm
Sundays: Children's Liturgy - at 10:30 am Mass
 Mass at Valley Stream Manor - 11:00 am
Mon. to Fri. After School Group - 3 – 6 pm. in SAR

Dates to Remember

Memorial Mass – Jan. 5th, 2017 7 pm.
Enrollment Sunday – First Communion
Jan. 7th & 8th

ANNUAL PARISH MEMORIAL MASS

The Knights of Columbus and Catholic Women's League are organizing the annual Parish Memorial Mass on **Thursday, January 5th, 2017 at 7 pm.** Please forward names of family members who have passed away in 2016 that you wish remembered at this Mass to the parish office, along with the name of the representative who will attend on their behalf.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

There will be no Children's Liturgy on **December 24th, 25th and January 1st.** It will resume again on **Sunday, January 8th.** Thank you.

Notice for Parents – Re: Sacraments

Parents of children in the Public School System and children who are homeschooled are asked to please call the parish office to register for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion. **(613) 829-1760.**

NEW ENVELOPE HOLDERS

If you are a new envelope holder for the upcoming year of 2017, welcome to the parish! Please fill out your name and address on your envelopes for the first few weeks to help us out with recording your contributions. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS

Closed from **Monday Dec. 26th to Thurs. Dec. 29th.** Will reopen on **Monday, January 2nd.**

Christmas Reflection

Brothers and sisters, true love is a reflection of the Savior's love. In December of each year, we call it the Christmas Spirit. You can hear it, you can see it and you can feel it! Merry Christmas!



CHRISTMAS
Mass Schedule

Christmas Mass Schedule

Dec. 24th 5 pm, 8 pm., 10 pm.

Dec. 25th 10.30 am.

Dec. 31st 5 pm

**Jan. 1st 8:00 am.
10:30 am.**

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

If your child will be 4 or 5 years old by December 31, 2017, then it's time to register for the high quality kindergarten program at all Ottawa Catholic School Board elementary schools. Our 2017 Kindergarten Registration event is January 16-20 at your local Catholic elementary school. You can also register anytime throughout the year. We welcome all! All schools offer rich French programming within a caring, innovative and faith-filled environment, representing an excellent choice for your child as they begin their school years. "Kindergarten – where dreams take off" Info: ocsb.ca/kindergarten.

SJA 50th Anniversary Corner

Parish Photo Directory – A reminder that photo directories are free only for those families who participated in the photo sessions. Should you wish to purchase a copy (\$18.00 each), please contact Pearl Beausoleil (613) 762-1062, finance.sjap@magma.ca to see whether arrangements can be made.

Photo Directory Committee - A special thank you to the 50th Anniversary Photo Directory Committee which organized, coordinated, wrote, photographed, formatted, edited, and distributed the photo directories. Through your tireless efforts, we have beautifully captured the life of our Parish – past and present. Thanks also to the 150 families and to the many groups and ministries for participating in the photographs to celebrate 50 years of faith. God bless you all!

Mass Intentions

Sat., Dec. 24, 5:00 pm.

† Peter Slogar by Teresa Wong

† Mr. Quentin Darr by the Darr/Dorzek family

Sat. Dec. 24, 8:00 pm.

Blessings on John Shen by Teresa Wong

Sat. Dec. 24, 10:00 pm.

Blessings on John Conroy by Parishioners of SJA

The 50th of Anniversary of SJA by Jacqueline Henderson

Sun., Dec. 25, 10.30 pm.

Blessings on Fr. Raphael Shen, S.J. by Teresa Wong

† Mario La Riccia by Teresa Wong

Blessings on Kathy Lemenchick by Teresa Wong

Tues. Dec. 27, 9:00 am.

Blessings on John Shen by Teresa Wong

Thurs. Dec. 29, 9:00 am.

† Jeanette Toueg by her son Pierre

Sat., Dec. 31, 5:00 pm.

† Norman Martin by his wife Tina

Sun. Jan. 1, 8:00 am.

For the intentions of our Parishioners

Sun. Jan. 1, 10.30 am.

Blessings on Fr. Walter Vogels by Dominic & Teresa

† Brian Wilson by Betty Patterson & family

† Deceased members of Dawson/Randall families.

† indicates deceased

Please remember the sick and their families who journey with them. Prayers and sympathy for those who have passed away.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

We welcome donations to offset the cost of flowers to decorate the church. Envelopes are available at both entrances.

COLLECTIONS Dec. 11 th , 2016		
	2016	2015
Dec. 11th, 2016		
Regular	\$ 6,320.60	\$ 6,037.50
Bldg/Mrtg	\$ 920.00	\$ 538.00
Up by \$665.10	\$ 7,240.60	\$ 6,575.50

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