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Priest Chaplains to St. Anthony: Fr. Barnabas Kiss OFM & Fr. Angelus Ligeti OFM



No public masses will be celebrated during Grey Zone	
	
Tuesday, December 22 9 am @ SJV	Sharon Maheux- The Rowdie Red Hats Tom & Winny Leene- Cornelia Leene Cathy Borovic- husband John Mike & Barbara Borovic- son, John Deceased Members of the Szczepanski Family- son-in-law, John Antonia Biales- Helen & Frank Biales
Deacon Joseph Manzara	
Wednesday, December 23 9 am @ OLOA	Mary Ellen Secord- Mom, Dad & Family Don Kearns 1st Anniversary- wife, Bonita Bob & Jean Hind- The Hind Family George Pickering 1st Anniversary- Wife Margaret & Family Giacomo Trotti- Christine & Joe Novieli Salvatore Scalia- His wife Angela & Family
Fr. Michael Ryan	
Thursday, December 24 Fr. Steven Huber C.S.B.	Christmas Eve Intentions of the Parishioners
Friday, December 25 Pope Francis	Nativity of the Lord- Christmas Day Intentions of the Parishioners
Saturday, December 26 <i>Feast of St. Stephen</i> Fr. Seejo John	Intentions of the Parishioners
Sunday, December 27 Feast of the Holy Family Mrs. Julie Gouw Pastoral Minister	Intentions of the Parishioners

OFFERTORY DONATIONS: year end is here and with the banks and office being closed over Christmas with stat holidays it is important to have all 2020 donations received by Sunday, December 27. They can also be dropped off to the parish office prior to that -just call ahead and we will meet you at the door OR put in the slot at the rectory door at SJV. Thank you.

We also have e-transfer atonement@dol.ca or stjohnnviannney@dol.ca. We can't have it for the other two parishes at this time. Pre-authorized debits are also an option. Contact the office for information on how to get started.

EVANGELIZATION and FAITH FORMATION:

You can go to formed.org or just go to our parish website: eastwindsorcatholic.dol.ca and click the FORMED box on our home page and that will link you directly and then follow the instructions.

There are a variety of good Advent programmes available at the moment to help aid our spiritual formation as well as some Christmas programmes.

Take a moment during our time in the Grey Zone to browse and learn a little more about our faith.



PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,

Spouse of the Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted his only Son;

in you Mary placed her trust;

with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,

show yourself a father

and guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,

and defend us from every evil. Amen



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There is a Time for Everything under Heaven...

Let us all pray for all those who are in need of healing, at home, nursing homes or in hospital, and all those who care for them. Let us pray also for our deceased parishioners and family members who have died:

Albert Ducharme, Ceelia Apper

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May the Risen Lord bring peace and comfort to those who mourn.

From the Pastor's Desk....

As we celebrate this 4th Sunday of Advent and prepare for Christmas, this weekend's Gospel tells us the story of the Angel Gabriel bringing to Mary the news that she is to be the mother of the Messiah. We hear so often in scripture the words "Do not be afraid!" Mary welcomes the news of the Angel with trust and confidence. She prepares to welcome the Saviour and is a role model for the rest of us.



When life can be so disconcerting and there is so much uncertainty, we, like Mary are to trust in God's promise. While the public celebration of Christmas is cancelled this year, nothing can take away the joy that comes when we, as people of faith, open our hearts to receive once again the news of the Saviour's Birth. Jesus is Emmanuel, God with us!

May these last Advent days be filled with a trust and confidence like Mary had as she prepared to welcome the Lord.

May our Family of Parishes be blessed this Christmas Season. Fr. Daniel and I will continue to celebrate mass daily during the shut down (28 days at least), remembering in prayer all of our families. The last few months have been a challenge for everyone. We have tried very hard to offer a calm, welcoming and positive presence for all of you as you came to worship (thank you), sometimes with fear, disappointment or even at times frustration. We have tried our best to be for all of you a sign of hope. Fr. Daniel, Rachelle, Maria and myself have drawn strength and joy from the brief encounters with people at the doors of the church each day. I am extremely grateful to them and our entire parish staff who have worked incredibly hard and with dedication to serve our parish communities. We have also benefitted from the generous service of our ushers and cleaning crews who for over 25 weeks faithfully showed up to keep us safe. We owe all of them a deep debt of gratitude.

We are truly blessed as a people of faith. Each day we are shown many signs of love, encouragement and kindness. Thank you for your prayers for us. We appreciate it.



On behalf of the team: Fr. Rob, Fr. Daniel, Fr. Barnabas, Fr. Angelus, Rachelle, Maria, Betty Ann, Mary, Pauline, Robin, Kay, Mike, Gerry and Gary we wish all of you a very blessed and holy Christmas. May God's peace and joy be with all of you.

MANY THANKS



Thanks to all for their wonderful support of the Giving Tree Gift Card programme this year as well as the donations to the St. Vincent de Paul Societies. Thanks also to the schools who conducted food drives with the students even in the midst of challenging situations. To all of you we offer our sincere thanks for enabling us to reach out and meet the needs of so many families this Christmas as well as ensuring our shelves are stocked for the new year.

HELPFUL HINTS TO CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS AT HOME



Gather in a small family group, as a couple or alone around the manger on Christmas Day and pray in thanks for the gift of Jesus. Do it each day.

Watch the Pope celebrate mass on Christmas Eve: usually on Salt and Light or EWTN; also some other stations will carry it.

Watch daily mass online or a weekend mass from Salt and Light, or EWTN or a local parish that has live streaming capability. The Diocese webpage has links: dol.ca

Prayerfully enter into the joy of the Christmas Season which includes the Feast of the Holy Family and the Solemnities of Mary the Mother of God (Jan. 1st) and Epiphany.

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