



December 18, 2022 — FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT /A Quarta Domenica D'Avvento/A— 18 dicembre, 2022



From the Administrator's Desk...

I have a feeling that many of us, when reflecting on the events leading up to Jesus' birth, tend to picture them through Mary's eyes. This is due in large part to the fact that St. Luke, in his infancy narratives, tells the entire story from Mary's perspective. How interesting it is then, that on this Fourth Sunday of Advent, we read an account of the Annunciation from St. Matthew's Gospel, but this time from the perspective of St. Joseph.

St. Joseph is a bit of a mystery to us as Catholics. We know he existed, we know he was a carpenter, and we know that he was betrothed to Mary at the time that the angel appeared to her to announce the good news that she would give birth to the Son of God. We know that he was present at Jesus' birth, that he helped Jesus and Mary flee to Egypt to escape Herod's persecution, and that he helped them to settle in Nazareth after their return from Egypt. We also know that he was present when Jesus was found in the temple, speaking to the teachers of the law. We can also assume that he died some time before Jesus began his public ministry. Aside from this, not much is known about him.

Since St. Joseph does not speak a single word in the Gospels, his life is a classic example of the saying that actions speak louder than words. We learn about his righteousness through his willingness to continue to take Mary as his wife, even though she became pregnant under suspicious circumstances. St. Joseph's life gives us a wonderful example of what happens when we learn to place our complete trust in God. Placing our trust in God helps us to remain faithful, and it also helps us to faithfully live out the vocation that God has called us to.

St. Joseph's silence is a reminder to us of the importance of finding time for silence in our daily lives. Silence creates space in our hearts, which can allow us to better hear God speaking to us and calling us to be of service to others. Silence helps us to get outside of ourselves, and truly see the needs of those around us. It is not always easy to find silence in today's world. However, the more we work to create periods of silence, the more it will help us grow closer to God.

As we enter into this last week of the Advent season, I encourage you to spend some time in silence, preparing your heart to receive the newborn Christ Child at Christmas. May this experience of silence help you to truly enter into the peace of the Christmas season

Sincerely in Christ, Fr. Steven Huber, CSB

LAST DATE FOR 2022 DONATIONS

The last day you can drop off 2022 donations to the parish office is <u>December 23rd at noon</u>. The last day you can donate for the 2022 income tax receipt at Sunday Mass, by mail and online is <u>December 31st</u>.

PLEASE NOTE: The date of donation is the date the gift is actually received by the charity. When a charity receives a donation by mail, the Canada Revenue Agency considers the date of donation to be the date of the postmark on the envelope. An example of this is when a parishioner mails a donation in December to the Parish, but the Parish does not receive the donation until January with a January postmark. The donation would be posted to January, not December.

This also applies to December donations that are dropped off to the office in January.

Our Parish Offices will be close at noon on Friday, December 23rd and opens Tuesday, January 3rd.

The YOUNG ADULT PARISH SURVEY is still available on our websites so that all young adults can easily let us know the types of events and ministry groups they are interested in. We hope to plan future parish related events, activities and faith formation experiences based on the needs and wants of young adults. If you haven't completed the survey yet please do so, and invite your friends to do the same.

Are you an immigrant student who will be away from family over the holidays?" We know we are no replacement for family and close friends from your home, but we hope to offer an evening of fun, food, and friendship to celebrate the holiday season with you. You are invited to attend the International Student Holiday Dinner on Tues., Dec. 27th, at the Assumption Parish McEwan Campus Hall (on McEwan Ave. Just south of Wyandotte St.) Doors will open at 5:00pm for a shared time of fellowship and a complimentary festive meal (inclusive of dietary choices of vegan and halal).

The evening will wrap up early enough for you to do other things later on. In order for us to get an idea of what attendance will be like we ask you to sign-up on the forms provided at the church entrances, or email <u>jbeneteau@dol.ca</u> to sign up for yourself and the number in your party. Please join us for some holiday fun!"

"Please consider helping us prepare for, host and serve, and clean-up for the International Student Holiday Dinner on Dec. 27th. We will need volunteers to help set up the hall, meet and greet, serve the food, and help with clean-up. Consider this your gift to students who are far from family at this time of year. Please sign up on the volunteer signup sheet at the church entrances or email Jean Beneteau at <u>ibeneteau@dol.ca</u>.

Help us make the Christmas season just a little brighter!

For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians 2:10 NIV

New The 2023 Offertory Envelopes are now available for pick up at the main doors of each church building. <u>All</u> parishioners who currently have envelopes will be reassigned a new envelope number for 2023. Please

put your name and address on the first few envelopes you use in 2023.

Any questions, please call Sally at the Family of Parishes main office at 519-253-2493, ext. 221 or e-mail smcquaid@dol.ca.

Weekly Collection Report for Dec. 4th

Total

Assumption	
Regular	\$7,208.41
Restoration	\$2,934.32
Misc.	\$ 299.35
St. Peter's Sem.	\$ 200.00
Giving Tree	\$ 741.86
Young Adult Min.	\$ 289.00
Christmas Mem	
Book	\$ 405.00
Total	\$12,077.94



<u>St. Alphonsus</u>	
Regular	\$2,129.70
Building	\$ 510.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 210.00
Assessment	\$ 5.00
Truth & Rec.	\$ 30.00
Young Adult Min.	\$ 40.00
Total	\$ 2,924.70
<u>St. Angela</u>	
Regular	\$2,648.63
Building	\$6,490.00
Misc.	\$ 49.00
Giving Tree	\$ 395.00
Young Adult Min.	\$ 205.00

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Mass Intentions—Assumption

- *Monday December 19th 8:00 am* † For the repose of the soul of Donald Badour
- by Margaret Badour
- In Thanksgiving by Gloria Ymana † For the repose of the soul of Patricia Zuech by Carol Gaspar

- *Tuesday December 20th 8:00 am* † For the repose of the soul of Annunziata Niro by Ersilia Cervi † Dan Barron by family
- [†] For the souls in purgatory by Sheila and Teresa

- *Wednesday December 21st 8:00 am* † For the repose of the soul of Father Daniel Chui, CSB-8th anniversary by Diane Aversa
- [†] For the repose of the soul of Blaise Mayea
- by Marguerite White
- [†] For the repose of the soul of Mark Nykazza by Vita DiMaria
- [†] For the repose of the soul of Jason Nadon by Dave Stobbs
- [†] For the repose of the souls of Kathleen and Robert Sr. Stobbs by Dave Stobbs
- † For the repose of the soul of Mario Prez by Anna Valoppi and William and Lisa and families

- *Thursday December 22nd 8:00 am* † For the repose of the soul of Donato De Rubeis
- by John and Lisa & family
- [†] Joseph Gordon Dufresne by Dufresne family
- [†] For the repose of the souls of Raffaela and Gaetano Martini by Elizabeth DeRubeis
- † For the repose of the soul of Danny Minotti
- by his mother, Nina
- [†] For the repose of the souls of Alexandre Schiller and William Comartin by Rose Marie Ruston
- [†] For the repose of the souls of Laura Cuzzocrea and Josh Macri by Angela and Leo Cuzzocrea

Friday December 23rd - 8:00 am

† Lucile Caron by family

- [†] For the repose of the soul of Donato De Rubeis
- by John De Rubeis and Lisa Kaskas & families
- † Dora Marie Doig by Lisa Doig
- [†] For the repose of the soul of John Lanno
- by Mr. & Mrs. Orazio Iacobelli
- † For the repose of the soul of Joseph Tauro by Gretta Noronha
- [†] For the repose of the soul of Carmen Hoba by Pam Elliott

Saturday December 24th 5:00pm—Christmas Eve

For all parishioners

<u> 7:30 pm - Christmas Eve</u> For all parishioners

Sunday December 25th **12:00 am - Midnight Mass** For all parishioners

10:00 am - Christmas Day For all parishioners

Sanctuary Light Memorial



<u>For the week of December 18th - Rosary Chapel</u> For the repose of the soul of Terence Elliott

<u>For the week of December 18th - Assumption Church</u> For the intentions of Rhonda Martin

Mass Intentions—St. Angela Merici

- *Monday December 19th 7:00 pm* † Onorio Iacobelli by family and friends
- Santina Falsetta by Ray Potvin All deceased of the Di Filippo, Carlini and Saurini families
- † Giovanna Canzoneri by Domenico Lupic † P.M. Lukose by Simmy Jomon & family Giovanna Canzoneri by Domenico Lapico

<u>Tuesday December 20th - 7:00 pm</u> † Frank Sementilli by family

- Maggiorino Paniccia by Carla and Joe
 Teresa Biasutto, Marcellino and Rachelle Fiori,
- Annibale and Giustina Biasutto by family
- † † Domenica Cristofari by Elena Zompanti Francesco Masciotra by wife and family
- [†] In honour of S. Lucia by Joe and Josie Gagliano † Salvatore Bonanno by wife Francesca & family

- <u>Wednesday December 21st 7:00 pm</u> † Angela Gentili by figlia Anna e famiglia
- Maria Vicenza Di Capua by Fulvio e Clementina Silvestri Natalina Querin by Joe and Carla

- Angela Ocitini by Igna Anna e Ian
 Maria Vicenza Di Capua by Fulvio
 Natalina Querin by Joe and Carla
 Franco Moro by moglie e famiglia
 Antonia Ferrera by Doro e Maria V
 Nicola DiGioia by Josephine Carlin † Antonia Ferrera by Doro e Maria Vitella
 † Nicola DiGioia by Josephine Carlini
 † Ulderico Vennettilli by wife and family

- *Thursday December 22nd 7:00 pm* † Luigi Albano by zia Teresa Piccolo † Olimpio Ferrera by Elvira Ferrera e famiglia

- † Salvatore Gualtieri by moglie, figli e famiglia
 † Vincenzo Liburdi by moglie e figli
 † defunti famiglie Cristofanili e Liburdi by Vincenza
 † Natale e Filomena D'Agostini by famiglia
 † Feliceto, e Fausta De Nardi by zia e cognata

<u>Saturday December 24th - 4:30 pm</u> Christmas Eve

11:30 pm - Christmas Eve

<u>Sunday December 25th - Christmas Day</u> <u>9:30 am— Buon Natale</u>

<u> 11:30 am – Merry Christmas</u> For all parishioners

Mass Intentions—St. Alphonsus

Wednesday December 21st - 12:00 pm

- [†] For the repose of the soul of Maliah Touma by Anna Sisti
- For the souls in purgatory by Frances Friemann
 For the repose of the soul of Remigio Estrada
- by Tony and Nanette Serrano

Thursday December 22nd - 12:00 pm

- In Thanksgiving for Noel Ymana by Gloria Ymana † For the repose of the soul of Amara Daoud
- by Daoud family
- † For the souls in purgatory by Frances Friemann

Friday December 23rd - 12:00 pm † Alex Rocha by The Rocha family

- † For the souls in purgatory by Frances Friemann
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Sunday December 25th - 12:00 pm - Christmas Day

2:00 pm - Daniel Comboni Christmas Mass

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