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prepare the way...



Fourth Sunday of Advent—December 22nd, 2019



From the Pastor's Desk...

We've almost made it! We're about to celebrate our first Christmas back in Assumption church since 2013. It has been such a journey! When I first arrived here almost five years ago, if anyone would have told me that we would be back in the church before 2020, I would have thought, "yeah, *RIGHT!*" They're living in a dream world." I knew that one of my tasks as pastor was to help the parish realize that our permanent home was Holy Name of Mary. Then we had some moments of hope for returning to Assumption, but they were dashed. Later, with Paul Mullins' study of the previous fundraising efforts, new hope was born. At one point we thought we'd be at over \$10 million in funding by last Christmas, but that fell through. Then the miracle happened and we returned on September 8. Then because of delays we had no heat when it got cold, and I questioned whether we should have returned at all. At times I've felt like I was on a roller coaster.

I think of this as I read our gospel passage this weekend. The Jewish people knew the prophecy of Isaiah. In Jesus' day, they were awaiting a messiah, the *anointed one* of God, who would free Israel from the Roman occupation and let them live in peace. Yet it hadn't happened. And then Joseph learned that his betrothed, his dear young Mary whom he loved so much, was *pregnant!* And he knew the child wasn't his. Think of it! Then an angel appears to him in a dream and tells him that the child was conceived by the Holy Spirit—yeah, *RIGHT!!* It may seem so obvious to us, with some 2000 years of collective memory, but think of how it must have seemed to Joseph. And the angel even tells him what to name the child: Jesus, meaning *God saves*. This salvation is so much more than what they were expecting. Instead of throwing off the tyranny of the Romans, leaving them vulnerable to some other future empire, Jesus offers freedom from sin, and the ability to live in interior freedom no matter what the political situation might be. The Messiah God sends is so much more than they expected.

As parish, God is bringing us so much more than we could have hoped for. You and I are stepping up and making restoration of our beloved church happen, little by little. I am learning yet again that God's ways are not our ways. Roof tile by roof tile, star by star, brick by brick, we are all becoming more invested in our future.

J. Maurice

Reflection for the Week

Birth comes in many forms.
We can birth ideas, dreams, choices and the
willingness to respond to God's invitation.
Jesus, thank you for every sign that you will give me today.

ROSARY CHAPEL CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

December 24th & 25th—CLOSED—NO MASSES
December 26th, 27th, and 31st—8:00am—MASS ONLY

January 1st—CLOSED—NO MASS
Chapel will reopen with regular hours on January 2nd, 2020

NO 12:10pm Masses
The 12:10pm Masses will resume on Tuesday, January 7th, 2020

Remember to register for the International Students Holiday Dinner on Friday December 27th at 5:00pm. This will be held at 711 McEwan Ave in the hall downstairs

If you would like to help with set up and décor, serving food, cleaning up, or advance planning, please contact Jean Beneteau at jbeneteau@dol.ca. If you would like to attend this event see the posters, Website or Facebook page for the required on-line registration information.

We must know how many to expect to prepare accordingly. This dinner will be catered. However if you would like to contribute an ethnic dish or dessert you are most welcome to do so. Please be sure to include an ingredients card with your dish so people can be mindful of allergies and dietary restrictions.

All international students living in our vicinity are welcome to attend!

Listen to the homilies online www.assumptionparish.ca

<https://www.facebook.com/assumptionparishwindsor>

*May the joy and peace
of this Christmas Season
be with you all through
the New Year.*



*Wishing you a season of
blessings from Heaven
above.*

The Assumption Parish Staff

Week at a Glance

Monday, December 23rd

Tuesday, December 24th-CHRISTMAS EVE

5:00pm Mass (Assumption Church)
7:30pm Mass (Assumption Church)

Wednesday, December 25th-CHRISTMAS DAY

12:00am Mass (Assumption Church)
10:00am Mass (Assumption Church)
2:00pm Latin Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)

Thursday, December 26th

3:00pm Two Hearts Prayer Hour (Rosary Chapel)
6:30pm Choir Practice (Assumption Church)
7:30pm Nar-Anon Meeting (Rosary Hall)

Friday, December 27th

9:00am SVDP Forgotten Harvest Produce (McEwan Campus)
3:00pm Divine Mercy Hour (Rosary Chapel)
5:00pm International Student Holiday (McEwan Campus-Basement)
6:00pm Choir Practice (Assumption Church)
6:30pm Confessions (Rosary Chapel)
7:00pm Apostolate of Fatima Mass & Rosary (Rosary Chapel)

Saturday, December 28th

9:00am SVDP-Meeting/Home Visits (McEwan Campus-Basement)
3:45pm Confessions (Rosary Chapel)
5:00pm Mass (Assumption Church)
7:00pm All Are Welcome-AA Meeting (Rosary Hall)

Sunday, December 29th

9:00am Mass (Assumption Church)
11:00am Mass (Assumption Church)
11:00am L'il Saints Program (Rosary Chapel)
7:30pm Mass (Assumption Church)
7:30pm L'il Saints Program (Rosary Chapel)



Confirmation Congratulations!!

Amanda Atroun, Cole Cuzzocrea, Caitlin Halim,
Sarah Krahn, Elisa Mezzapelle, Ryan Nguyen,
Isabella Ruccolo, Michael Sokolik, Agatha
Tesolin, Xavier Volkhardt, and Skylar Warren.

May the Holy Spirit lead you to fulfill your place in the mission of Christ as you continue on the road of discipleship.



**THE RECTORY OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED ON
MONDAY, DECEMBER 23RD, 2019
AND REOPEN
THURSDAY, JANUARY 2ND, 2020.
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A
HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR!**

Did you know we have Pre-authorized Payment plans available on our website? Go to www.assumption.dol.ca and click on

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Fill out a Pre-Authorized Form located at the front entrance of the church on your left hand side.
Please complete the form along with a "void" cheque and put it in the offertory basket during the collection.

THANK YOU for your continued support!

Sunday Collection

December 15th

NOT AVAILABLE DUE TO PUBLICATION DEADLINE
WILL BE AVAILABLE IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN



Mass Intentions

Monday, December 23rd

8:00am †Terence Elliott by his Mom & Family
†Gerardo & Gerarda Tullio by their Family
†Rosemary Limarzi 10th Anniversary by her Family
†Fr. Daniel Chui CSB 5th Anniversary by Diane Aversa

Tuesday, December 24th-CHRISTMAS EVE

8:00am **NO MASS OR ADORATION**

Wednesday, December 25th-CHRISTMAS DAY

8:00am **NO MASS OR ADORATION**

Thursday, December 26th-BOXING DAY

8:00am †Carol Cantagallo by her husband Domenic
†Margaret Sheyan Thornton by her Parents
For the Intentions of Ben Forshaw on his birthday by Sheila & Teresa
NO ADORATION AFTER MASS

Friday, December 27th

8:00am †Helen Janisse 13th Anniversary by her Family
†Benedetto Crolla by the Family
†Fiore, Irene & Quaglia Family by daughter Dilia & Family
NO ADORATION AFTER MASS

Saturday, December 28th—Assumption Church

5:00pm For the Intentions of the Assumption Parish Parishioners

Sunday, December 29th—Assumption Church

9:00am For the intentions of the Assumption Parish Parishioners
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7:30pm For the intentions of the Assumption Parish Parishioners

Sanctuary Light Memorial

For the week of December 22nd-Rosary Chapel

†Dora Doig by Loretta & Ermete D'Agnillo

Assumption Church

†Terence Elliott by his Mom & Family



Christmas Mass Schedule



Assumption Church

CHRISTMAS EVE

5:00 pm

7:30 pm

12:00 Midnight

CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 am

NEW YEARS EVE

5:00 pm

NEW YEARS DAY

10:00 am

St. Alphonsus Church

CHRISTMAS EVE

5:00 pm

9:00 pm

CHRISTMAS DAY

12:00 noon

2:00 pm—St. Daniel Comboni African Mass

NEW YEARS EVE

5:00 pm

NEW YEARS DAY

11:00 am

2:00 pm—St. Daniel Comboni African Mass

5:30 pm

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