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## Fourth Sunday of Advent—December 23rd, 2018



### From the Deacons Desk...

Last year, I had an opportunity to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. While travelling around in our nice, air-conditioned bus, I couldn't help but take notice of the geography of the land in which Jesus lived. Much of the land is desert, and when we were there, it was hot! In our nice air-conditioned bus, we could travel from Jerusalem to Galilee in about three hours. In our Gospel for the Fourth Sunday of Advent, however, Mary would not have had those luxuries!

That's part of what makes Mary's resolve to travel to visit her cousin Elizabeth "in haste" so remarkable. This journey was not one that could be taken lightly. The trip probably would have taken two or three days, either on foot, or riding on the back of a donkey- not an easy task for a young girl who has just found out she is pregnant with the Savior of the World!

And yet, Mary's willingness to go to her cousin in her hour of need speaks to the importance of relationships in our daily lives. It reminds us that "no person is an island," and that in order to truly grow and flourish, we need to support and care for others, and also allow others to support and care for us.

To do this requires an investment of our time and resources. We are called to give freely to others, so that we can receive freely in return. Our challenge, as we have mentioned throughout this Advent season, is to remember that we can't have meaningful relationships with every single person that crosses our path. We are called to discern, with God's help, which relationships to invest in and cultivate. Ideally, these relationships will bring us joy, just as Mary's greeting to Elizabeth caused her great Joy!

It is also important to cultivate our relationship with Jesus as well. Especially at this time of year, our hearts can often be like the Town of Bethlehem: There is no room for Jesus at the Inn! My hope is that as we remember and celebrate the Birth of Christ in history this Christmas, we can all take some time to invite Jesus to dwell in our hearts, and to invest in our relationship with him, so that we may grow in holiness, and be prepared to meet him when he comes in glory.

On behalf of the entire Parish Staff, Merry Christmas! May you be abundantly blessed by the Lord, who comes to dwell among us.

-Deacon Steven Huber, CSB

### Reflection for the Week

When Mary visited Elizabeth, it was a holy encounter. Mary's faith is the root of the blessing.

Amid the preparations of these days, do you allow yourself to feel blessed by the coming of the Lord? Do you see the Lord in the midst of your guests?

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Or you can fill out a Pre-Authorized Form located at the front entrance of the church on your right hand side.

Please complete the form along with a "void" cheque and put it in the offertory basket during the collection.

Remember to register for the **International Students Holiday Dinner on Sunday December 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm in the Parish 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](mailto:jbeneteau@dol.ca).**

**If you would like to attend this event see the posters, Website or Facebook page for the required on-line (or phone) registration information.** We must know how many to expect to prepare accordingly. This dinner will be catered by a local business. 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!**

### Catholic Life Group over 35

Monday, January 7th, 2019

from 6:30-8:00pm in Rosary Hall All adults are welcome!

May the celebration of  
the birth of Jesus bring  
peace, joy, love and the  
light of God's glory  
into every aspect of  
your life.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

Tim

The Assumption Parish Staff

Kevin

Deacon Steven

Jolly

MEREDITH

Felika

J. Maurice

Deacon Paul

melissa

## Week at a Glance

### Monday, December 24th-CHRISTMAS EVE DAY

5:00pm Christmas Eve Children's Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)  
7:30pm Christmas Eve Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)  
10:00pm Christmas Eve Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)

### Tuesday, December 25th-CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00am Christmas Day Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)  
12:30pm Sisters in Sobriety Meeting (McEwan Campus-Rooney Lounge)  
2:00pm Christmas Day Latin Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)

### Wednesday, December 26th

### Thursday, December 27th

10:00am Card Games (McEwan Campus-Rooney Lounge)  
5:00pm Two Hearts Prayer Hour (Rosary Chapel)  
6:30pm Choir Practice (McEwan Campus-Church)  
7:30pm Nar-Anon Meeting (Rosary Hall)

### Friday, December 28th

9:00am SVDP Forgotten Harvest Produce (McEwan Campus)  
3:00pm Divine Mercy Hour (Rosary Chapel)  
6:30pm Confession (Rosary Chapel)  
7:00pm Apostolate of Fatima Mass & Rosary (Rosary Chapel)  
7:30pm Sisters in Sobriety Meeting (McEwan Campus-Rooney Lounge)

### Saturday, December 29th

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

### Sunday, December 30th

9:00am Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)  
11:00am Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)  
5:30pm International Christmas Dinner (McEwan Campus-Basement)  
7:30pm Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)

L'il Saints & God's Mighty Minions Sunday School will resume on January 13, 2019

## ROSARY CHAPEL CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

December 24th & 25th-CLOSED-No MASSES

December 26th, 27th, & 28th-8:00am Mass ONLY

NO 12:10pm Masses

The 12:10pm Masses will resume on Thursday January 3rd, 2019



Congratulations to all the children who received their First Sacrament of Reconciliation this week. We are happy for you and will continue to pray for you as you prepare to receive your First Eucharist in the Spring.



**THE RECTORY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21st, 2018  
AND REOPEN  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2nd, 2019.  
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A  
HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR!**

## Sunday Collection

### December 9th, 2018

|               |                    |
|---------------|--------------------|
| Regular       | \$ 6,949.12        |
| Miscellaneous | \$ 2,602.40        |
| Giving Tree   | \$ 4,865.00        |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>\$14,416.52</b> |



## Mass Intentions

### Monday, December 24th-CHRISTMAS EVE DAY

8:00am NO MASS OR ADORATION

### Tuesday, December 25th-CHRISTMAS DAY

8:00am NO MASS OR ADORATION

### Wednesday, December 26th-BOXING DAY

8:00am †Carol Cantagallo by Frank & Carolyn  
†Carlo DalBello by his Wife & Family  
†Natalino & Addolorata Sabatini by Mario & Maria Franchi  
**NO ADORATION AFTER MASS**

### Thursday, December 27th

8:00am †Benedetto Crolla by his Family  
†For the Deceased Relatives of Berny Lesperance by Berny  
For the Healing Intentions of Fely Villas by Gloria Ymana  
**NO ADORATION AFTER MASS**

### Friday, December 28th

8:00am †Tony Macri by Roberto & Lisa  
†Helen Janisse 12th Anniversary by the Family  
†Fiore, Irene & the Quaglia Family by daughter Dilia & Family  
**NO ADORATION AFTER MASS**

### Saturday, December 29th-McEwan Campus

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

### Sunday, December 30th-McEwan Campus

9:00am For the intentions of the Assumption Parish Parishioners  
11:00am For the intentions of the Assumption Parish Parishioners  
7:30pm For the intentions of the Assumption Parish Parishioners

## Sanctuary Light Memorial

### For the week of December 23rd

#### Rosary Chapel

†Nancy Ruffolo by Sam & Lina DeRose

#### Assumption Church-McEwan Campus

†For the Deceased Members of the Tuillio & Norcia Families

## Offering Envelopes



The 2019 Offertory Envelopes are located at the front entrance of the church. Please pick yours up today!

**ALL PARISHIONERS WHO CURRENTLY HAVE ENVELOPES WILL BE REASSIGNED A NEW ENVELOPE NUMBER.**

- THE ENVELOPES ARE IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER, LOOK FOR YOUR NAME NOT YOUR OLD ENVELOPE NUMBER.
- PLEASE ENSURE YOU TAKE THE ENVELOPES WITH YOUR NAME ON THE BOX.
- PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS ON THE FIRST FEW ENVELOPES YOU USE IN 2019 THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT
- DO NOT USE YOUR 2018 ENVELOPES - RECYCLE THEM!
- IF YOU DO NOT SEE YOUR ENVELOPES OR WOULD LIKE ENVELOPES PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE.



## From the Assumption Parish Mission Club Christmas Bazaar

We have not been able to contact two people who have won the Raffle Prizes at our Christmas Bazaar. Would Rose Garant & Jodi Dowhan please call 519-254-5732 to arrange for pick up of your prizes. Thank you!



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