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Oh Come
Let us Adore Him



**DECEMBER 24, 2023 - The NATIVITY of the LORD
NATIVITA di NOSTRO SIGNORE— 24 DECEMBRE, 2023**



From the Administrator's Desk...

Merry Christmas! Buon Natale! Joyeux Noël!

On behalf of the Clergy and Staff of the Windsor Heritage Catholic Family of Parishes, I want to extend to you all best wishes and blessings as we celebrate the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

The Christmas season is a season of light. We see lights all over the place: decorating homes, in shopping centres, and even in our Churches. All of these lights remind us of Christ, who is the light of the world, and who shines in the midst of the darkness. We have been reflecting on the coming of this light throughout the Advent season, as we lit the candles of the Advent wreath. And now, we hear the Christmas Readings speak eloquently to us of this light. Isaiah tells us that "The people who have walked in darkness have seen a great light." This light is the child who is called "Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace." St. John tells us that this light "shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

To me, this theme of light seems even more important this year, as we look at everything that is happening in our world. It seems that lately when we turn on the news, All we see is darkness. This darkness can make it hard to focus on the light. And yet, that is exactly what our faith calls us to do. Our faith asks us to focus on Christ, the Light of the World, and trust in his promise that in the fullness of time, we will see the fullness of the fruits of his victory over sin and death.

Christmas also reminds us of the importance of doing our part to reflect Christ's light, by working towards the vision of Peace on Earth expressed by the angels as they announced Christ's birth to the shepherds. The poet Howard Thurman gives us a beautiful reminder of how to live in this spirit, and reflect the Light of Christ. He Writes: "When the song of the angels is stilled, When the star in the sky is gone, When the kings and the princes are home, When the shepherds are back with their flocks, The work of Christmas begins: To find the lost, To heal the broken, To feed the hungry, To release the prisoner, To rebuild the nations, To bring peace among people, To make music in the heart."

May the Peace and the Spirit of Christmas be with each of you during this season, and may this peace reign in your hearts in the new year to come.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Steven Huber, CSB



The 2024 Offertory Envelopes are now available for pick up at the main doors of each church building. All parishioners who currently have envelopes have been re-assigned a new envelope number for 2024. Please put your name and address on the first few envelopes you use in 2024. If you do not see your envelopes, would like to begin to use envelopes, or there are changes to be made, please call Sally at the Family of Parishes main office at [519-253-2493](tel:519-253-2493), extension 221 or email at smcquaid@dol.ca.

LAST DATE FOR 2023 DONATIONS

The last day to drop off 2023 donations to the parish office is Friday, December 22nd by noon. The last day you can donate for the 2023 income tax receipt at Sunday Mass, by mail and online is Sunday, December 31st. **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 dropped off to the office in January.

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



The Family of Parishes Staff;

Rose Marie, Zeljka, Sally, Kevin, Laura, Sister Connie, Kim, Tim, Robert, Rossana, Melissa, Lynne, Jean, Deacon Paul, Deacon Gerard, Deacon Edward, Father Steven, Father Tony, Father Christian, Father Jim

***Our Parish offices will close at noon on
Friday, December 22nd and open Tuesday, January 2nd.***

Family and Youth Ministry News

WITH THANKS There is so much to be thankful to God for at this Christmas Season. The recent **WHCFOP CHRISTMAS PARTY** was a wonderful collaboration of many people. Nothing could have been accomplished without the support of the **MISSION CLUB** which is associated with Holy Name of Mary at the McEwan Road (Assumption) site. This group's mandate is to assist the poor in India with fundraising initiatives. They donned aprons, packed popcorn, and arranged crafts in the days leading up to the party. They oversaw the Kitchen and directed volunteers in clean up on the day of. The **MIS- SION CLUB** was a particular personal support here also. If you are looking to join a group that invests itself wholly in serving others, please consider them. Special thanks to the schools of the **WECD SB: ST. JAMES, IMMACULATE CONCEPTION and ASSUMP- TION HIGH SCHOOL** whose classes offered "artwork" for the party. The hall was festooned with **PAPER POINSETTIA'S floating from the ceiling (ST. JAMES), SNOWMAN ART surrounding the hall (IMMACULATE CONCEPTION) and FESTIVE ART (OIL PASTEL and MIXED MEDIA ART FROM ASSUMPTION HIGH SCHOOL).** **THIS COLLABORATIVE LINK BETWEEN SCHOOL-PARISH-AND COMMUNITY IS IMPORTANT TO THE FUTURE OF OUR FAITH! (Please check out the photos on FB and the website).** Well done teachers! (This year many teachers came out to volunteer as well. The students from these schools were elated to see you!) Special thanks to **MIKE TRAVO** for the Christmas Sing-a-long. **JENNA GOLDSACKS (St. Lucy) and TRISTAN WILEY (Family Ministry Leadership)** who were especially helpful overseeing many tasks throughout the event. **WE ARE GRATEFUL TO "ST. NICHOLAS"** for stopping by to visit with the families. **FEEDING WINDSOR** did a wonderful job feeding over 220 who were in attendance. Over 300 portions of "Grinch Mix" popcorn were generously donated by **WHAT'S POPPIN' POPCORN (Jeff and Crystal Gamble).** I am personally grateful to the Pastoral Leadership, Staff and volunteers of our "Heritage" of Family. Your constant support and "last -minute" attention to details and prayers has been invaluable. *May your Christmas be blessed. Lynne Tibor CPM CYM*

***Due to publishing deadlines, there will be NO
collection information in this bulletin***

Mass Intentions - Assumption

Monday, December 25th

12:00 am - Christmas Midnight Mass

10:00 am - Christmas Day Mass

Tuesday, December 26th - 10:00 am (Chapel closed after mass)

Special Intentions for Fr. Maurice Restivo on his 37th year of Ordination by Pat Marino

Wednesday, December 27th - 8:00 am

- † For the repose of the soul of Madeleine Alexander by Leonard Alexander and family
- † Antonio Colarossi by Maria and Tony Bertuccio
- † Denis Noronha by Greta Noronha
- † Olga Oviedo-3rd anniversary by Rose and Oscar
- † Leela Doig by Lisa Marie Doig and Michael Jozwik
- † Roger Moncion by Edward and Ellen Curnutte

Thursday December 28th - 8:00 am—Chapel closes at 9:30am

- † Ollie O'Shea by Margaret, Helen & Irene
- † Caroline Jumel by Karen Ibrahim
- † Marylou Spickett by a parishioner
- † Lisa Kosciak by a parishioner
- † Jerry and Shirley Van Lare by Carol Gaspar
- † Ernesto Cabagay by Evelyn Zorzit

Friday December 29th - 8:00 am

- † For the repose of the soul of Tom Menard by Janet Menard
- † For the repose of the soul of Elio DeCarolis by DeCarolis family
- † Fiore, Irene and the Quaglia family by daughter Dilia Tesolin and family
- † Gerald Van Lare by Carol Gaspar
- † Teresita Villegas by Evelyn Zorzit
- Special intention for Nonie Aguilon by Maravilla family

Sunday, December 31st - Feast of the Holy Family

9:00 am & 11:00 am - no intentions

Sunday, December 31st - New Year's Eve Mass

7:30 pm - no intentions

Sanctuary Light Memorial



For the week of December 24th - Rosary Chapel

Terence Elliott by Pam Elliott

For the week of December 24th – Assumption Church

Blessings for our Priests and Religious by Pam Elliott

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6 NIV

The Catholic Women's League of St. Angela would like to thank all the persons who attended their Mass in honour of the Immaculate Conception and dinner on Tuesday, December 5th. It was because of the generosity of these lovely women that an SUV full of food and clothing was donated to Street Help. This truly was in compliance with our League Prayer, "that we may fulfill your great law of charity. Teach us to share with others at home...the good things you have given us." Thank you again.

Lucy Truant president

Mass Intentions - St. Angela Merici

Monday December 25th - Christmas Day Mass

9:30 am - (Bilingual)

Tuesday December 26th - 7:00 pm

- † Luigi and Gilda Saroli by Rosemary Nawalany and family
- † Adolfo and Teresa Nawalany by Paul Nawalany and family
- † Tony Spadafora by Frank and Flora Apollonia
- † Giuseppe Sperduti by wife and family
- † Guido and Teresa Cirino by Ralph Cimino
- † Antonietta Cappucci by Christine Riberdy

Wednesday December 27th - 7:00 pm

- † Dora D'Agostini by famiglia
- † Gaetano, Rosina e Emilia De Rose by famiglia
- † Raffaele e Assunta D'Agostini by figlia Maria e famiglia
- † Marino DiPonio by moglie Teresa e famiglia
- † Domenic D'Amore by famiglia
- † Dorothy D'Amore by famiglia

Thursday December 28th - 7:00 pm

- † Nicola DiGioia by moglie Giovanna e famiglia
- † Francesco Piccolo by Andy e Diane Colasanti
- † Ada Piccolo by Edmondo e Dalia Iacobelli
- † Rosario Guzzetti by figlio Michele
- † Augusta Monte by Claudia
- † Salvatore e Anna Cerullo by figlie e famiglie

Saturday, December 30th - 4:30 pm - Per tutti i parrochiani

Sunday, December 31st - Feast of the Holy Family

9:30 am - Per tutti i parrochiani

11:30 am - For all parishioners

Mass Intentions—St. Alphonsus

Monday, December 25th

12:00 pm - Christmas Mass

2:00 pm Daniel Comboni Christmas Mass

Wednesday, December 27th - 12:00 pm

- † Natalina Querin by Joe and Carla Querin
- † Ognibene Querin by Joe and Carla Querin
- † Marcela Custosa Tampo by Marcela Lapuz
- † Alejandro Lapuz by Marcela Lapuz

Thursday, December 28th - 12:00pm

† No intentions for this Mass

Friday, December 29th - 12:00pm

- For Deceased and Living Member of the Bueno family by Elizabeth Bueno
- A special intention by Gloria Romero-Lehe
- † Laila Touma-4th anniversary by family

Saturday, December 30th - 5:00 pm

For all parishioners

Sunday, December 31st - Feast of the Holy Family

12:00 pm - For all parishioners

Sunday, December 31st - New Year's Eve Mass

5:30 pm



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