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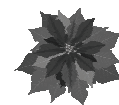
Marilyn Morrison – *Bereavement Ministry*



*Feast of the Holy Family*



## December 25 & 27, 2015



### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



**M**erry Christmas!!! Even though the commercial world is moving on from Christmas to the next spending opportunity (Valentine's Day?), in the Church world, we are just beginning our Christmas celebration. In fact, until January 1, we are in the Octave of Christmas, which is all one day liturgically—even though we celebrate various feasts in this time as well.

This weekend the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Holy Family. We recognize that when God chose to come into this world as one of us, he did not come in isolation. Jesus did not just “appear” as an adult. Instead, he was born (as we celebrate at Christmas) into a *family*. He was the child of Mary, and Joseph raised Jesus as his very own Son. We know he had cousins.

A few weeks ago I attended our annual family reunion; every year the descendants of my grandparents get together on the first Saturday of December. As I looked around on those who were there, I was impressed by the variety. We Restivos are a pretty dysfunctional family! The family hosting this year was incomplete: one of my cousins doesn't speak to his brother, so he and his family stayed away. I have divorced cousins, gay cousins, those who are deeply committed in faith and involved in their parishes, and others who haven't darkened the door of a church in years. There are single parents. We are a multi-racial family.

So, how do we measure up to the Holy Family? At the risk of sounding really scandalous, I think we do a pretty good job. Although I am convinced that Jesus' relationship to both Mary and Joseph was amazingly close, I know there were difficult moments. Mary makes it pretty clear that when the 12-year-old Jesus stays behind in the temple, she is quite upset! Joseph seems to disappear from the scene early on. And, only having one child in that culture would have been shameful to a woman, yet that is what our faith tells us about Mary. In other words, when God chose to come into this world, to become part of human history as one of us, *he actually became one of us!* He did not live in a perfect bubble, where he never got dirty or sick or tired or anything else. The crucifixion was not his first experience at pain or difficulty.

This weekend's second reading, from the First Letter of John, sums it up quite nicely: somehow, through Jesus being born in the flesh, *we ourselves have become children of God*. People didn't always recognize that in Jesus. They don't recognize it in us. Yet, John says, “...that is what we are”! May we always remember that, and recognize it in others.

*In. Maurice*

**THE OFFICE WILL REOPEN ON  
JANUARY 4, 2016 AT 9:00AM  
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**

### Liturgy Corner

The liturgical season of Christmastime is short in duration, but very rich in important feasts! It recalls the Nativity of Jesus Christ and his manifestation to the peoples of the world. It begins with the Christmas Eve Mass, includes the Solemnity of the Epiphany when Jesus was manifested to the Magi, and concludes with the Feast of the Lord's Baptism. The traditional “12 days of Christmas” are from the celebration of his birth to the Epiphany.

On Christmas we read in the gospel about Jesus' manifestation to the people of Israel. It was not to the rich and powerful but to shepherds that Jesus was first revealed, those who most people avoided because their occupation left them smelly and living at the edge of that society. Who fits that description in our society?

Other feasts: December 26 is the feast day of St. Stephen, the first martyr. Amidst the joy of Christmas we must not forget those who shed their blood for the gospel.

December 28 is the Feast of the Holy Innocents, those children who were slaughtered by King Herod when, out of fear of losing his power, he sought to destroy a perceived threat to it.

—Kevin Mannara C.S.B.

#### The 2016 Envelopes have arrived!

**You can pick them up at the back of the church.  
All parishioners who currently have envelopes have been  
assigned a new envelope number.**

- **PLEASE ENSURE YOU TAKE THE ENVELOPES WITH YOUR NAME ON THEM**
- **PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS ON THE FIRST FEW YOU USE IN 2016**
- **AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2015 PLEASE RECYCLE ANY OLD ENVELOPES AND DO NOT USE IN 2016**

#### ROSARY CHAPEL CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE



December 24th and 25th - Closed  
December 28th to 30th - 8am to 8pm  
December 31st - Mass at 8am, then  
closed



There is no **12:10pm or 5pm** Mass the weeks of  
December 21st and 28th  
12:10 and 5pm Mass resumes the week of January 4th 2016

Hour of Power is cancelled over Christmas and will resume on  
Thursday, January 7th, 2016.



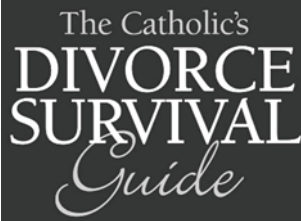
HAPPY NEW YEAR

### New Year's Eve Mass

5:00pm

### New Year's Day Mass

10:00am



**Divorced?** The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide 12-week group begins a new session on Wednesday, January 27, 2016 @ 7 pm in Rosary Hall (basement of Rosary Chapel) at the Huron Church campus of Our Lady of Assumption Church. Cost of registration is \$20 and includes a "Personal Survival Guide".

This Christian program is based on the teachings of the Catholic Church and open to anyone who needs comfort, counsel and clarity after divorce (or separation).

To register call Rose Marie Ruston – 519-967-1782 or email: [assumption@cogeco.net](mailto:assumption@cogeco.net)

## Church Humour

*Out of the mouths of babes* A small boy told a Sunday school teacher: "When you die, God takes care of you like your parents did when you were alive — only God doesn't yell at you all the time."



### Bereavement Support Group

Our Lord assured us that those who mourn are blessed and they shall be comforted. This Christ centered faith sharing bereavement group will begin on a bi-weekly basis starting Tuesday evening, January 8, 2016 from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in Rosary Hall.

In the time we spend together, we will walk with you on your journey, offering support, comfort and sharing in this new chapter of your life.

This is an opportunity to talk about your loss, to express your grief, ask questions, and to walk alongside you through life's most difficult experiences.

**Facilitator:** Marilyn Morrison, Bereavement Ministry

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact Marilyn at 519-253-2761.

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, December 28th

8:00am †Carlo DalBello by his Wife & Family  
†Helen Janisse by her Family  
†Alex Stefani by his Family  
†Fred & Margaret Pearce by the Family

### Tuesday, December 29th

8:00am †Fr. Daniel Chui by the Koren Family  
†Fiorie, Irene & Quaglia Families by Daughter Dilia & Family  
†Maria DeRubeis by Annino & Gerardo DeRubeis & Families

### Wednesday, December 30th

8:00am

### Thursday, December 31st-New Years Eve Day

CHAPEL WILL BE CLOSED AFTER THE 8:00AM MASS

### Friday, January 1st, 2016-New Years Day

CHAPEL WILL BE CLOSED-NO MASS TODAY

### Saturday, January 2nd

5:00pm For the Intentions of the Assumption Parishioners

### Sunday, January 3rd

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

## Week at a Glance

### Monday, December 28th

### Tuesday, December 29th

7:00pm Cenacle of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Rosary Chapel)

### Wednesday, December 30th

### Thursday, December 31st

5:00pm New Years Eve Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)

### Friday, January 1st 2016

10:00am New Years Day Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)

### Saturday, January 2nd

8:30am SVDP-Meeting/Home Visits (McEwan Campus-Hall)  
3:45pm Confessions (McEwan Campus-Church)  
5:00pm Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)

### Sunday, January 3rd

9:00am Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)  
11:00am Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)  
7:30pm Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)



Do you have an etching or a clear photograph of Blessed Sacrament or St. Patrick Church?

If so, please contact Kevin Mannara at [kmannaracsb@gmail.com](mailto:kmannaracsb@gmail.com) or call him at the parish office.



### Looking for a Keyboard Player

For Sunday Mornings.

If you are interested please contact Sr. Lise Jolie at 519-253-2493

### CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in January 2016 and supports the bulletin service.

Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call 1-800-268-2537

## Sunday Collection

### Sunday December 13, 2015

Regular	\$6,055.58
Miscellaneous	\$ 271.00
Total	\$6,326.58
Giving Tree	\$2,260.00





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