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**MAY THE SPIRIT OF GOD
LEAD YOU THROUGH
THE NEW YEAR**

DECEMBER 31, 2023 - THE HOLY FAMILY of JESUS, MARY and JOSEPH SACRA FAMIGLIA di GESU — 31 DECEMBRE, 2023

From the Administrator's Desk...

In the week following our celebration of Christmas, the Church celebrates two important feasts: the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, and the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.

Both of these Feasts teach us important lessons about our faith. As we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, we recognize the importance of Christian families. The Family is known as the Domestic Church, where the majority of instruction in the ways of the Faith is meant to take place. The Holy Family is meant to be a model for us all, and to teach us the importance of family life in the home.

Although we do not know much about the life of the Holy Family, apart from a couple of accounts in Luke's Gospel, we do know that their life was fairly ordinary relative to the standards of the day. They faced their share of difficulties, some of which are recorded in Scripture. Pope Francis reminds us that "In families, there are difficulties, but these difficulties are overcome with love. Hate doesn't overcome any difficulty. Division of hearts doesn't overcome any difficulty. Only love is capable of overcoming difficulties." This love can reign supreme, even when the circumstances of one's family life are not ideal, or when one is faced with the reality of broken relationships and broken families. Love can pull the pieces together, and help the members of the family to find healing in the midst of heartache.

The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, recognizes that Jesus is both fully human and fully divine. It is a response to a false belief in the early Church that Mary was only the mother of Jesus' humanity, not of his Divinity. The Council of Ephesus, which was convened in 431, rejected this teaching, and gave Mary the title of "Theotokos", a Greek word meaning "God-bearer". It is from this word that we derive the title "Mother of God".

Mary is known as the God-bearer because she gave birth to Jesus, the Son of God. Each of us are also called to be God-bearers, and to bring Jesus to those that we encounter in our daily lives. As we celebrate the World Day for Peace on January 1, we recognize that it is the Peace of Christ that the world desperately needs to receive, if we are going to bring an end to the violence and destruction that is tearing our world apart. How can you bear God into situations of division and discord, and help to bring peace where there is strife?

On behalf of our Family of Parishes staff, I want to wish you all a Happy and Blessed New year. May God's blessings be yours in 2024!

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Steven Huber, CSB

*May the Holy Family Bless you and yours
throughout the year ahead*



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

Family and Youth Ministry News

THANK YOU - MUSIC AND THE MANGER: It is always special when our Family of Parishes comes together each weekend for Mass. It is equally so when we gather to celebrate Advent and Christmas as a community. Thank you to the **7:30 pm Mass Choir** for donating their time and voices to make **Music and the Manger: Advent Christmas Caroling** in church a success! We are very blessed to have such great musicians and voices to lead us. Thanks to all those who came forward to help out. (The hot chocolate and cookies were great!).

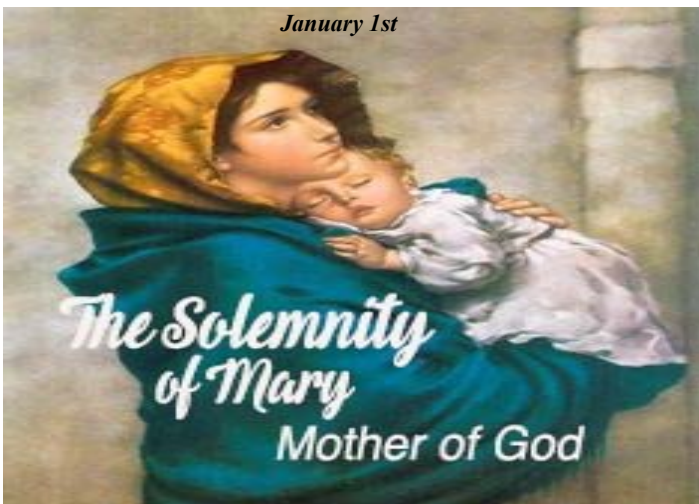
FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION 2024: Look for more information regarding these Sacraments in the New Year. Online registration will start the last week of January 2024. If you have any questions, contact Lynne Tibor at lti-tibor@dol.ca.

A BLESSED AND HAPPY NEW YEAR! *"If you... know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!" Matthew 7:11.* After the gift giving is done and the big meal packed away, take time to pray as a family and reflect on all that God has given you. Think of ways as family you can bring Jesus closer to your hearts in the New Year.

A very Happy and Blessed New Year!

Lynne Tibor

January 1st



*Collections for the weeks of November 26, and December 3, 2023
This report includes both online and collection basket donations*

<i>Assumption</i>	<i>November 26</i>		<i>December 3</i>
Regular	\$ 3,841.58	Regular	\$ 10,114.33
Restoration	17,267.75	Restoration	34,574.89
Misc.	3,403.75	Misc.	2,621.00
Total	\$ 24,513.08	Total	\$ 47,310.22
<i>St. Alphonsus</i>	<i>November 26</i>		<i>December 3</i>
Regular	\$ 2,285.67	Regular	\$ 4,621.42
Building	10.00	Building	285.00
Misc.	772.30	Misc.	1,436.75
Total	\$ 3,067.97	Total	\$ 6,343.17
<i>St. Angela</i>	<i>November 26</i>		<i>December 3</i>
Regular	\$ 3,439.77	Regular	\$ 2,808.80
Building	18.00	Building	645.00
Misc.	2,964.00	Misc.	1,155.00
Total	\$ 6,421.77	Total	\$ 4,608.80

Thank you

Mass Intentions - Assumption

Monday, January 1st - 10:00 am Mary, the Holy Mother of God
No intentions

Tuesday, January 2nd - 10:00 am

† Ken Stewart by family
† Denis Gilbert Dupuis by Michael Sargent & Lorette Dupuis
† Jerry and Shirley Van Lare by Carol Gaspar
† Antonio and Maria Perrotta by family
Special intention for Ernest Comartin by Rose Marie Ruston

Wednesday, January 3rd - 8:00 am

† Eusebio Muana by Cora Vinluan
† Edgar Maravilla by Andrea Muana
† Rodolfo Vinluan by Andrea Muana
† Julie Palcong by Andrea Muana
Special intentions for Emiliana Ines by Andrea Muana
† Deceased members of the Muana and Sico Families
by Andrea Muana

Thursday January 4th - 8:00 am

† Pjitr Elezovic by Deda Elezovic and family
† Florinda De Los Santos by Maravilla family
† Donna Smith by Helen Janisse

Friday January 5th - 8:00 am

† Gerald Van Lare by Carol Gaspar
† Remo Incitti and Cynthia Incitti by family

Sunday, January 7th

9:00 am - 11:00 am - 7:30 pm - for all parishioners



Sanctuary Light Memorial

For the week of December 31st - Rosary Chapel

+Olga Oviedo 3rd anniversary by Rose and Oscar

For the week of December 31st – Assumption Church

+Marietta and Tony Mifsud by family



The grounds at Assumption Church have had festive lighting throughout the Advent and Christmas seasons for the past 12 years thanks to an anonymous donor. Assumption Parish and the West Windsor community express our gratitude to this kind benefactor who fully funds and supports the lighting each year.

Take a drive by and enjoy the beautiful lighting!



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 reassigned 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.



The Catholic Women's League of St. Angela would like to thank Maurizio Guglietta and Dakota Integrated Systems LLC for their donations. The donations were used to purchase the lovely poinsettias to decorate the Church at Christmas. Thank you for your generous donations and may God Bless.

Lucy Truant president

Mass Intentions - St. Angela Merici

Monday January 1st - 9:30 am - New Year's Mass

† Giovanni Battista Monte by Claudia
† Alberto La Sala by family
† Tino Fabbro by Lia Costenaro
† Antonietta Froio-Greco by daughter Rosa Prestia and family
† Frank and Tony Geraci by Mother and family
† Raffaele e Domenico Iafrate by Pappini family

Tuesday January 2nd - 7:00 pm

† Rose and Frank Nicoletti by mom, dad, sister and family
† Guido and Teresa Cirino by Ralph Cimino
† Vito Galifi by Vito Graziano
† Italo Francia by Mario and Rita Di Ponio
† For the intentions for all priests and sisters by Anna Ferraro Desantis
† Domenica Mandarino by family

Wednesday January 3rd - 7:00 pm

† Alessandro Carriero by moglie Maria Carriero e famiglia
† Onorio e Antonia Colucci by nuora e famiglia
† Tony Geraci by D. Lapico
† Carolina Ferri in Lecce by Vittorio Lecce e famiglia
† Anthony Mariotti by Piazza family
† Flora Ghione by Maria Muglia

Thursday January 4th - 7:00 pm

† Antonio D'Agostini by moglie e famiglia
† Nicola DiSalvo by Salvatore Palazzolo
† Joseph Toniolo by Trevisani nel Mondo
† Beniamino Danti by moglie e famiglia
† Anna Savoni by famiglia Didone
† Franco Monticciolo by moglie e famiglia

Saturday, January 6th - 4:30 pm

Per tutti i parrochiani

Sunday, January 7th

9:30 am - Per tutti i parrochiani

11:30 am - For all parishioners

Mass Intentions—St. Alphonsus

Monday, January 1st - 12:00 pm - New Year's Mass

2:00 pm Daniel Comboni New Year's Mass

Wednesday, January 3rd - 12:00 pm

† Carmen Mitra by Gloria Ymana
† Nicanor Arca by Gloria Ymana
† Lydia Bueno by family

Thursday, January 4th - 12:00pm

† Paul Morrissey by Reaume family

Friday, January 5th - 12:00pm

A special intention by Gloria Romero-Lehe

Saturday, January 6th - 5:00 pm

For all parishioners

Sunday, January 7th - 12:00 pm and 5:00 pm

For all parishioners

† Remember the former things, those of long ago;

I am God, and there is no other;

I am God, and there is none like me.

I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come.

I say: My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.

Isaiah 46:9-10 NIV



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