

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST-GANANOQUE ST. PHILOMENA - HOWE ISLAND Roman Catholic Church

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DECEMBER 23, 2018 – 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday, December 22 5:00 pm Intentions of Y. Harper
Sunday, December 23 10:30 pm Special Intentions



DECEMBER 25, 2018 – THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

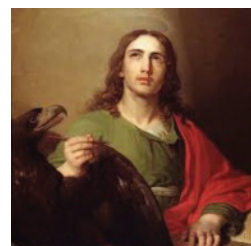
Monday, Dec. 24 **Christmas Eve 5:00 pm** For the people of the parish
Monday, Dec. 24 **Christmas Eve 10:00 pm** For the people of the parish
Tuesday, Dec. 25 **Christmas Day 10:00 am** For the people of the parish

Wednesday, December 26 9:00 am † Alfred Rose



THURSDAY, DEC. 27 - FEAST OF SAINT JOHN, EVANGELIST & APOSTLE

Thurs., Dec. 27 9:00 am For parishioners of St. John the Evangelist Parish
Friday., Dec. 28 9:00 am † The Holy Innocents, Martyrs



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Saturday, December 29 5:00 pm Christine Keyes Ross
Sunday, December 30 10:30 pm Ruth Pritchard



NEW YEAR - SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

This is a Holy Day of Obligation

Monday, December 31 5:00 pm Kay Goddard
Tuesday, January 1 10:00 am For the people of the parish



ST. PHILOMENA:

Sunday, December 23 8:30 am † David Hogan
Monday, December 24 **Christmas Eve 7:30 pm** For the people of the parish

Monday, Dec. 31 **Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God**
7:30 pm For the people of the parish

Parish Secretary/Bookkeeper Position at St. John the Evangelist Church/St. Philomena Church

Please visit: keys.ca/jobboard/listing.php?id=2742 for all the details. *Thank you for your interest in this position.*

May the Lord grant healing and strength to all of our family & friends who are sick & support to their caregivers.

We pray for Paul O'Neill, Jason Portieous, Ken Stewart, parishioners, family and friends.

For family & friends who have died recently and for our loved ones whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Please remember family and friends who have entered into eternal life. May the Lord Grant Them Eternal Rest.

My Dear Parish Family:

We once again have the blessing of celebrating the birth of Jesus, our Saviour. We see this child, who humbly became one of us while still remaining the Son of God. The Divine Light, which entered this world burns brightly within each of our hearts.



Jesus did this because of his love for each and every one of us. It is our mission in this world to share that love with others, particularly those who are in most need of it.

We all have much to be thankful for and during this most special time everyone can thank our Lord for all he has given to us.

I would like to wish all of you a blessed Christmas as we joyfully celebrate the birth of Jesus, our Lord and Redeemer.

Yours in Jesus through Mary,

Fr. Dale

5 Christmas Day Traditions

Reflect on the Christmas Story.

Christmas Season is a busy time and it's easy for us to get lost in holiday shopping sprees and preparations for parties and forget what the occasion truly means. Christmas is all about the magnificent gift that God sent for humankind which is His own son, Jesus Christ.

Ask the family to help you in setting up a Nativity scene in your living room or if you have bigger ornaments and sculptures you can set it up in the lawn so others can see the display.

Consider giving Christian devotional books to friends and family to help them grow in their spiritual journey. These books often come with a journal section where they can write their reflections.

The Church is a congregation of Christ's family and what better way to celebrate Christmas than with our spiritual family?

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Sing Out Loud during the Christmas Season

You are invited to join your voice to our choirs this Christmas: Come early and join in the singing 15-20 minutes before the 5 pm and 10 pm Mass on Christmas Eve. On Christmas Day, join the Choir (in pew or come up to choir loft) to sing during the Christmas Day Mass at 10 am.



Blessing of Expectant Parent(s)

If you are an expectant parent(s) and would like to receive a blessing, please approach Father Dale before or after Mass or you may contact the parish office. Image: mybrokenfiat



Saturday, Dec. 29 at 5pm

Gifts: Collectors

Lector: Maureen Deir

Greeters: Ron & Annela

Holy Communion: A. Cliffe

Sunday, Dec. 30 at 10:30 am

Greeters: Jansen Family

Lector: Wilma Turcotte

Gifts: Collectors

Holy Communion: B. Egan

Mon., December 31 at 5 pm

Greeters: S. & L. O'Meara

Gifts: Collectors

Lector: Cheryl Gavin

Holy Communion: John Gavin

Tuesday, January 1 at 10 am

Greeters: Don Mills and
Christine Milks

Lector: Joy O'Neill

Gifts: Collectors

Holy Communion:
M. Jacobsen

ST. PHILOMENA

Sun. Dec. 30 Regular 8:30 am

Reader: Marg

Holy Communion: Marilyn

Mon. Dec. 31 New Year's Eve

Reader: Kim

Holy Communion: Dianne

COLLECTION - as the bulletin needed to be printed early due to holidays, the collection totals will be printed in the next bulletin.

PLEASE NOTE: Two Pre-Authorized Withdrawals this month: Dec. 17th for Regular Offerings & Dec. 27th for Christmas. Remember to pick up your Offertory Box which includes special collections.

Feast Holy Innocents Friday, December 28, 2018, there will be Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral at 7:00 p.m. On this particular day of the Christmas Season, when we remember the Holy Innocents - the babies who were killed by Herod seeking the Christ Child - we will gather to pray for our own "innocents", the thousands of victims of abortion. Please join us. For further information contact Campaign Life Coalition at 613-389-4472 or Gerry Brosso at 613-382-1084.



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