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Church Open – Sunday 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. & 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.; Monday to Saturday 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

PARISH CLERGY

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Christmas



the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people.

Luke 2:10



Christmas: The Nativity of the Lord
December 25, 2016

† - For the repose of the soul of the person(s) indicated

Saturday 24th December – Christmas Eve

4:30 PM Sunday Vigil Mass - Pro Populo - For Parishioners
7:30 PM † Barbara Watters by Kenny, Terry and Nancy

Sunday 25th December – Christmas Day

12:00 AM † Peter Lavell by Maureen and Michael Strimas
8:00 AM Personal intentions of Janet Holdaway and family
9:30 AM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory by Violet Santos
11:00 AM † Jake Dineen by Donalda Dineen and family
12:15 PM For the living and deceased members of the Larkin family
by Kevin
† Mr. and Mrs. Onuske by the Wachna family
† Segundo and Dy Yieng Seangio
by their daughters, Billie and Barbara
† Kevin Kane by his estate
In honour of the Holy Trinity, by Ross
In thanksgiving, by the Valentino family

Monday 26th December – Feast of St. Stephen

7:00 AM † Edouard Baril by Monique Simard
8:00 AM † Marilyn Rappatoni by E.S.
12:15 PM † John Ruddy by James and Marilyn Donohue and family

Tuesday 27th December – Feast of St. John the Apostle

7:00 AM † John Hardy by his wife
8:00 AM † Courtney Gibbs by the family
12:15 PM † Yveson P., Emma, Joliet and Elianne by a parishioner

Wednesday 28th December – Feast of the Holy Innocents

7:00 AM † Father Lomer Rooney by Carmel Fitzpatrick
8:00 AM † Paul Jacob by his sister, Rita
12:15 PM † Mrs. Winnifred Maleszko
by her loving daughter, Carol, and family
4:30 PM † Margaret Thomson

Thursday 29th December

7:00 AM One hundred twenty-second anniversary of
Fr. Aeneas McDonnell Dawson. Pastor 1855-1861
8:00 AM Special intentions of Rev. Frank Scott
by Elizabeth M. McCracken
12:15 PM † Betty Anne Leboldus-Dainty by the Leboldus family
4:30 PM † Ed MacKay by Jeannette Rheame

Friday 30th December – Feast of the Holy Family

7:00 AM † Edouard Baril by Monique Simard
8:00 AM † Joseph Steeves by Hanni
12:15 PM † Kevin Kane by his estate
† Joseph Szkolny and Mrs. Marceline Szkolny by their estate
† Brian Geraghty by his son, Lawrence
† John Marleau by Lawrence Geraghty
For the Holy Souls in Purgatory, by Lawrence Geraghty
† Patricia Horsey by Lawrence Geraghty
4:30 PM † Michael Desmond Culver by Hanni

Saturday 31st December

7:00 AM † Aimé and Gilbert Nadeau by Chantal Joly
8:00 AM † Modesta Luna by her family
2:00 PM Wedding of Amanda Boivin and Zach Hindriksen
4:30 PM Sunday Vigil Mass – Special intentions of Bruce and
Ann McCracken by Liz McCracken



Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
January 1, 2017

Sunday 1st January

8:00 AM Pro Populo – For Parishioners
9:30 AM † Margaret Sgariglia by Lori and Stewart Cook
11:00 AM Deceased members of the Esper and Bloch families
by Cecilia Bloch
12:15 PM † Kevin Kane by his estate
In honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary
† Mr. and Mrs. S.P. Fitzpatrick by Carmel Fitzpatrick
† Henriette Bolduc Leitner by Alex and Fiona
† Henriette Bolduc Leitner by Mary
Special intentions of Alex and Fiona by Mary

**Monday 2nd January – Memorial of St. Basil the Great and
St. Gregory Nazianzen**

7:00 AM † Edouard Baril by Monique Simard
8:00 AM Seventh anniversary of Patrick J. Murray by Alice, Patrick, Fiona,
Brian and Chris
12:15 PM † Jacques Rajabalee by his wife, Marie-Alix
Anniversary of Valentin Fernando by the children

Tuesday 3rd January

7:00 AM † Patricia Allen by Norah Paquin
8:00 AM † Anne Adams by the Amesse family
12:15 PM † Kevin Kane by his estate
4:30 PM Intentions of Ron Gendron by Joe Willbond

Wednesday 4th January

7:00 AM † Subash Patel by Norah Paquin
8:00 AM † Richard Quesnel by the Quesnel family
12:15 PM Special intention by a parishioner
4:30 PM † Henrietta Pound by the Pound family

Thursday 5th January

7:00 AM † Eric Vaillant by a parishioner
8:00 AM † Elsa Mora by her daughter
12:15 PM † Kevin Kane by his estate
4:30 PM † Sheldon O'Grady by his family and friends

Friday 6th January

7:00 AM † Suzanne Tessier by her cousin
8:00 AM In honour of the Holy Trinity
12:15 PM For the souls in Purgatory
† Pierre Belanger by Harold and Kathleen
† Brian Geraghty by his wife, Alyce
† Patricia Lynn Horsey by Alyce Geraghty
† Anne Geraghty by Alyce Geraghty
† Albert Golcher by his daughter, Norma

4:30 PM Intentions of Melba Mendoza

Saturday 7th January – Memorial of St. Andre Bessette

7:00 AM Parishioners and Benefactors, living and deceased
8:00 AM † Mary Anne Adams by Catherine and Richard
4:30 PM Sunday Vigil Mass – † Barbara Watters by Moe, Angela and
family

Sunday 8th January – Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 AM Intentions of Bianca F. Lafonfaine by the family
9:30 AM Pro Populo – For Parishioners
11:00 AM † Thomas Lahey by Wilda Phillips
12:15 PM † Agnes and Charles Bergeron by Liz McCracken
† Marie Joseph Montano by Cecilia Bloch
In thanksgiving for relatives and friends and for their intentions
† Mr. and Mrs. William Fitzpatrick by Carmel Fitzpatrick
Twenty-third anniversary of George Holder
by his daughter, Sandra
† Garvin Lawrence by Aunt Sandra
9:00 PM † Marie Machavern by Scott Rufolo and Greg Huyer

**Meditations on Holy Mass
Christmas Day (Year A)**

First reading: Isaiah 52.7-10

All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Second reading: Hebrews 1.1-6 CCC 65, 65*, 102*, 241, 320

In these last days God has spoken to us by the Son.

Gospel: John 1.1-5,9-14 CCC 241, 291, 530, 526*

The Word became flesh and lived among us.

In the *first reading*, the sacred author reveals that the promised redemption from slavery to sin is made available to all peoples. This looks to the *Gospel*, in which St. John proclaims that "to all who received" the promised redeemer "he gave power to become children of God". In the *second reading*, the sacred writer declares the divinity of Christ: "Let all God's Angels worship him."

Before Mass: Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those he favours, alleluia. (*Lauds*)

After Mass: Christ the Lord is born today; today, the Saviour has appeared. Earth echoes songs of angel choirs, archangels' joyful praise. Today on earth his friends exult: Glory to God in the highest, alleluia. (*Vespers*)

**Meditations on Holy Mass
Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Year A)**

First reading: Numbers 6.22-27

They shall put my name on the children of Israel, and I will bless them.

Second reading: Galatians 4.4-7 CCC 422, 683, 693, 793

God sent his Son, born of a woman.

Gospel: Luke 2.16-21 CCC 724*, 2599*, 527*

They found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. After eight days he was named Jesus.

In the *first reading*, the sacred author reveals that, in Christ, we become adopted children of God and God's name is on us. This looks to the *Gospel*, in which St. Luke presents the naming of Mary's child as Jesus, a name that means our Saviour. In the *second reading*, St. Paul links the birth of God the Son in human flesh to our kinship, through Jesus, to God the Father. This kinship is the foundation of our freedom from sin and death.

Before Mass: Marvelous is the mystery proclaimed today: man's nature is made new as God becomes man; he remains what he was and becomes what he was not. Yet each nature stays distinct and for ever undivided. (*Lauds*)

After Mass: Blessed is the womb that bore you, O Christ, and the breast that nursed you, Lord and Saviour of the world, alleluia. (*Vespers*)

Parish News

Office: Closed December 26 & 27, January 2
Closed at noon Friday, December 30

Saint Patrick's Basilica Christian Meditation Prayer Group: Meetings are held every Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the Scavi. More information: Jack Murta at 613-341-7628.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Bruce McCracken, Father Peter Cody, Patrick Kealey-McCarthy and Elizabeth Heenan

From the Archdiocese

Please note that diocesan news is available on the diocesan website, CatholicOttawa.ca

Diocesan Theme for the 2016-2017 Pastoral Year

The family: home of love, mercy and joy.
"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace..."
(Galatians 5.22)

Message from the Rector

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

On behalf of Fr. Rick, the other members of the parish clergy and our staff, I extend to all of our parishioners – and to our visitors who will be joining us in the celebrations of this Christmas season – our best wishes for joyous celebrations of the Lord's Birth and every blessing through the New Year 2017. The Christmas season begins with the liturgies of the Eve of the Nativity of our Lord, continues with the observation of the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, on New Year's Day, followed by the Epiphany on January 8. The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which will be observed this year on the Monday, January 9, closes the Christmas season.

For our Christmas reflection, I offer a text from the Sermon on the Birth of the Lord by Pope Saint Leo the Great: "Dearly beloved, today our saviour is born; let us rejoice! Sadness should have no place on the birthday of life. The fear of death has been swallowed up; life brings us joy with the promise of eternal happiness.... Christian, remember your dignity, and now that you share in God's own nature, do not return by sin to your former base condition. Bear in mind who is your head and of whose body you are a member. Do not forget that you have been rescued from the power of darkness and brought into the light of God's kingdom."

- Fr. Kevin



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The Bookstore will be closed for the Christmas holidays, and will reopen for regular business hours on **Wednesday, January 4th, 2017**. We wish you and your families a very Merry and Blessed Christmas, and look forward to serving you in the New Year.

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