

# THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
<b>Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> &amp; Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> – Feast of the Holy Family</b>		
	Presider: Fr. Lindsay	
<b>5:00 pm</b>	#1 Richard MacPhail #2 Ian Moffat	Bill Roblin Ian Moffat Teresa Wong
	Presider: Fr. Lindsay	
<b>8:00 am</b>	#1 Mary Jean Thompson #2 Monica Mullane	Angela Beimers Terry Durham Teresa Wong
	Presider: Fr. Lindsay	
<b>10:30 am</b>	#1 Harrison Peiris #2 Chris Pereira	Albert Routhier Teresa Wong Ming Leung Catherine Leung
<b>Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> and Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> – The Solemnity of Mary</b>		
	Presider: Fr. Lindsay	
<b>5:00 pm</b>	#1 Michel Lavoie #2 Mary Jean Thompson	Bill Roblin Teresa Wong
	Presider: Fr. Lindsay	
<b>10:00 am</b>	#1 Harrison Peiris #2 Dee Simons	Teresa Wong Dan Beausoleil

*If you are unable to serve as scheduled,  
please ensure that you have found a replacement.*



### **Pastor's Christmas Message**

We have almost come to the end of another year and Christmas is upon us. It is a glorious time and yet can also be a difficult time; when we rejoice in faith but many also experience struggles. Yet, it always remains a season of divine favour – when we remember that Christmas celebrates God's condescending love: His choosing to become like one of us so that we could become like Him. And so, may the meaning of Christmas be deeper, its friendships truer, and its hopes brighter this year as it comes to you. On behalf of myself and the staff of St. John the Apostle Parish, I wish you and those you love a blessed Christmas.

*Father Lindsay*

### **Mass times for Christmas and New Year's**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
Sat. Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> 5:00 pm and Sun. Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am  
**No 8:00 am Mass**

**Christmas Eve**  
Sunday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 pm; 8:00 pm; 10:00 pm

**Christmas Day**  
Monday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> - 10:00 am

**Holy Family**  
Saturday, Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> - 5:00 pm  
Sunday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> - 8:00 am, 10:30 am

**Solemnity of Mary**  
Sunday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> - 5:00 pm  
Monday, Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> - 10:00

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Tuesdays :** Legion of Mary - 9:30 am Small Assembly Room  
**Wednesdays:** Euchre - 12.30 pm in Small Assembly Room  
Liturgy of the Word or Mass at Redwoods - 1:30 pm  
**Fridays:** Liturgy of the Word or Mass at West End Villa - 2:15 pm  
**Sundays:** Mass at Valley Stream Manor - 11:00 am  
**Mon. to Fri.** After School Group: 3 – 6 pm Small Assembly Room

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

***Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> – Feast of St. John the Apostle***

***Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> – Parish Memorial Mass***

***Jan 9<sup>th</sup> – Bereavement Luncheon***

***Jan 18<sup>th</sup> – Bible Study***

**Parish Memorial Mass** The Knights of Columbus and Catholic Women's League are organizing the annual Parish Memorial Mass for **Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm.**

This Mass is dedicated to all the deceased members from our parish who passed away **in 2017**, as well as parishioner family members who died during this past year. If you lost a family member in 2017 and would like them remembered at this special Mass, please contact the office, 829-1760, with the name of the deceased and the representative who will attend the Memorial Mass on their behalf.

### **Bereavement Luncheon, Speaker Ian**

**Henderson:** Ian works with Bereavement and Support Ottawa and is a grief educator and facilitator who has helped many through their grieving journey. He will be speaking at our parish Bereavement Group Luncheon on **Tuesday, Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am** in the Small Assembly Room (entrance back of parking lot). All are welcome. Bring your own lunch. Info: Mary Ellen (613-224-0030)

**Bible Study:** Our parish, in collaboration with Sisterhood, will be offering Jeff Cavin's "**Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible.**" It is open to men and women and runs for 8 weeks every Thursday from 7-9 p.m. in the Main Hall starting **Thursday, Jan. 18, 2018.** Cost is \$25 and includes student workbook, coffee and tea. Registration: Karen: 613-806-0377; [livesisterhood@gmail.com](mailto:livesisterhood@gmail.com); or with the parish office.



Children's Liturgy

**There will be no Children's Liturgy on December 24<sup>th</sup>.** We will recommence on December 31<sup>st</sup>. Merry Christmas!

**The Parish office will close on Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:30 pm and re-open, January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00am.**



## Name that Christmas Carol

### Clues:

1. Bleached Yule
2. Righteous Darkness
3. Arrival Time 2400hrs – Weather Cloudless
4. Loyal followers advance
5. Array the Corridors
6. Far off in a feeder
7. Bantam male percussionist
8. The quadruped with the vermillion proboscis
9. Nocturnal noiselessness
10. Delight for this planet
11. Give Attention to the melodious celestial beings
12. Query regarding identity of descendant
13. Monarchial Triad
14. Jolly man en route to borough
15. The dozen festive 24 hour intervals

See Answers below

**Counters needed:** There is a need for more volunteer counters. Counters are responsible for the counting of the weekend collections. The commitment is on a rotating basis and would be about once a month. If you are interested, please contact our bookkeeper, Pearl Beausoleil at 613-829-4908 or [finance.sjap@magma.ca](mailto:finance.sjap@magma.ca)

**Clothing for St. Vincent de Paul:** When deciding what to do with clothing you no longer wear please remember our **drop-off bin at the rear of the church parking lot**. Clothing donations to charities like St. Vincent's, Ottawa Neighbourhood Services, and the Salvation Army are down due to competition from other drop-off bin operators. Be aware that donation bins are not well regulated and many drop boxes around the city are operated by for-profit companies and even organized crime.

### Notice for Parents – Re: Sacraments

Parents of children in the Public School System and children who are homeschooled are asked to please call the parish office to register for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion. 613- 829-1760

**CCO National “Rise Up” Conference for young adults** (aged 18-35) will be held in Ottawa at the Westin Hotel from **Thurs. Dec 28 to Monday, Jan. 1**. Includes many dynamic speakers and a New Year's Eve Banquet & Bash. Info. 613-736-1999 or [riseup@cco.ca](mailto:riseup@cco.ca)

**The Compassionate Community Care (CCC) helpline,** 1-855-675-8749 is a national service for people who are seeking advice, help and support regarding euthanasia and assisted suicide prevention, and/or end-of-life treatment issues or concerns.

## Mass Intentions

**Sat. Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> – 5:00 pm**

†Stu Armstrong by Don and Terry Armstrong  
†Marie Quinn by the Kerslake family  
†Thomas Anzai by Carol & Oliver; Sonia & Gordon; Fred; John; Ann

**Sun. Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 am**

For the intentions of our parishioners.

**Sun. Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 am Valley Stream**

†Catherine May by Douglas and Ray Reid

**Sun. Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 pm**

†Peter Slogar by Teresa Wong  
†Loma and Edward Mousseau by the Mousseau family  
†Quentin Darr by the Darr family

**Sun. Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 pm**

†Ian Stevenz Carino by his Mom and Dad  
For the benefit of family and friends by Joanne Parenteau

**Sun. Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 pm**

Intentions of the Hogan family by Divina and Daniel Hogan

**Mon. Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 am**

†Edwin Kennedy by Barbara and family  
†Margaret Yurack by the Yurack family

**Wed. Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 am**

Blessings on John Shen by Teresa Wong

**Sat. Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 pm**

†Norman Martin by his wife Tina and family  
†Eleanor Dineen by the Watters family

**Sun. Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> – 8:00 am**

†Thomas Anzai by Ted & Sadie, Paul & Lenora, Gerry & Rosemary, Bob & Mary Lou, Irene  
†Janet Van Duzer by Ted & Sadie Stephen  
†Margaret Yurack by Gerry & Rosemary, Joe & Lillian, Steve & Bev, John, Teresa

**Sun. Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> – 10:30 am**

†James Shields by Georgette Shields  
†Thomas Anzai by Bob & Liliane, Mike & Joan, Mike & Karen, Alem & Tsegenet, Nilo & Heidi  
†Edwin Kennedy by Barbara and family

**Sun. Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> – 11:00 am Valley Stream**

†Hilary Reid by Douglas and Ray Reid

**Sun. Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> – 5:00 pm**

For the Intentions of our parishioners

**Mon. Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> – 10:00 am**

†Eleanor Dineen by the family  
†Dawson and Randall families by Betty Randall  
For the Yee family by Divina and Daniel Hogan

† indicates deceased

Please remember the sick and their families who journey with them. Prayers and sympathy for those who have passed away.

### Name that Christmas Carol, Answers:

1. White Christmas 2. O Holy Night 3. It came upon a midnight clear
4. O Come all ye faithful 5. Deck the halls 6. Away in a manger
7. Little Drummer Boy 8. Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer 9. Silent Night
10. Joy to the World 11. Hark! the herald angels sing 12. What Child is this
13. We Three Kings 14. Santa Claus is coming to town
15. The twelve days of Christmas





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