

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE

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Feast of the Holy Family



Pastor's Christmas Message

"Today a light will shine upon us, for the Lord is born for us; and he will be called Wondrous God, Prince of peace, Father of future ages: and his reign will be without end." Is 9.1,5: Lk 1.33

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, I felicitate with all of you as we celebrate one of the greatest mysteries in our faith and life, the mystery of the Nativity. It is a celebration of God's love for us. A celebration of God's unwavering commitment to the good of mankind. We thank him for his love and commitment.

This is a season to remember all our brothers and sisters that are struggling with poverty, addiction, ill-health and many other things. Let us try as much as we can to also make their Christmas a memorable one.

Finally dear friends, let us try as much as possible this holy season to remind ourselves that Christ is the reason for the season. Let us keep Christ in Christmas. Let us not lose sight of God's love for us. Let us challenge ourselves to reach out to others in love. As we share the gifts of love and appreciation to each other, let us extend it to those who are not expecting them from us. Let us try and surprise some people, let us put a smile on the face of some who are not expecting it.

May God bless each of us and journey with us as we live in his love, Amen!

Merry Christmas to all of you!

Father Emeka

Mass Times for New Years

No pre-registration required

Solemnity of Mary

Friday, Dec. 31st -- 5:00pm
(no 9am Mass on Dec. 31st)
Saturday, Jan. 1st -- 10:00am
(no 5pm Mass on Jan. 1st)

The Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday, Jan. 2nd -- 8:00am and 10:30am

DATES TO REMEMBER

JANUARY 6TH – PARISH MEMORIAL MASS

Parish Memorial Mass The Knights of Columbus and Catholic Women's League are organizing the annual Parish Memorial Mass for **Thursday, January 6th, 2022**, at 7:00 pm. This Mass is dedicated to all the deceased members from our parish who passed away in **2021**, as well as parishioner family members who died during this past year. If you lost a family member in 2021 and would like them remembered at this special Mass, please contact the office, 829-1760, with the name of the deceased. **Deadline to add names is December 31st.**

There will not be in-person attendance due to restricted seating capacity in the Church and to comply with public health requirements. Candles will be lit on behalf of the deceased by members of the Knights of Columbus and Catholic Women's League. The candle can be picked up from the parish office any time after January 10th. The Mass will be live-streamed and will also be available for viewing on our website after the ceremony.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE CHRISTMAS AUCTION



The Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Women's League would like to thank all the parishioners and friends of St. John the Apostle Church who donated and purchased the wonderful variety of items that were offered for sale online.

With your help and generosity, we were able to raise approximately \$4,000.00. The funds will be split equally between the Catholic Women's League and the Knights of Columbus. The Knights will be donating their share to the Miriam Centre and the Ottawa Mission, and the Catholic Women's League will be donating their share to the Shepherds of Good Hope and the Youville Centre.

We sincerely thank you for all you have done to assist those in need. You have helped to make someone's Christmas much happier and brighter!!

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND THANK YOU from all of our members, Blessings,

Audrey Wojcik Jack Belletrutti



CHRISTMAS TRIVIA

What Christmas carol does the Peanuts gang sing at the end of "A Charlie Brown Christmas?"

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

How many total gifts are given in the song The 12 days of Christmas?

364

What does the word Noel mean in Latin?

Birth

What do kids in Sweden leave for Santa?

Coffee

Which country started the tradition of putting up a Christmas tree?

Germany

How do you say Merry Christmas in Hawaiian?

Mele Kalikimaka



Thank you ❤️

Sharing our Christmas is the name of our Christmas Assistance program. Funds raised are used to help families in need at Christmas. Through your generosity, **\$11,020.80** was raised this year! The funds will be split between the Pinecrest-Queensway Community Food Bank and Health Centre and The Caring and Sharing Christmas Exchange program. Thank you again for your incredible generosity. God bless all of you!



Children's Liturgy



Children's Liturgy will resume when it is safe to do so. In the meantime, you can get weekly copies of the Children's bulletin with fun activities on it on the Resources page of our website

www.stjohntheapostleparish.com.

Merry Christmas from the Children's Liturgy Ladies!

Mass Intentions

Sat. Dec. 25th – 10:30am

†Stanley Harrison by the family

†Raoul Nzisabira by the family

For the health of Rita Hogan by Daniel and Divina Hogan

Sun. Dec. 26th – 8:00am

†Justin and Florence Dervin by Carl and Lynn Dervin

†Gregory Michael Kiez by the family

Sun. Dec. 26th – 10:30am

For the intentions of our parishioners.

Tues. Dec. 28th – 9:00am

†Sadie Stephen by Darielle Lacoste

Fri. Dec. 31st – 5:00pm

For the benefit of the Sterling children by

Joanne Parenteau

In Thanksgiving by Joselaine Plonquet

Sat. Jan. 1st – 10:00am

†Eleanor Dineen by the family

†Alejandro Vinluan by Susan Vinluan

Benefit of Polly and Al Metcalfe by Joanne Parenteau

Sun. Jan. 2nd – 8:00am

†John Alexander Burnett by Jamie Burnett

Intentions of Father Emeka by Joanne Parenteau

Sun. Jan. 2nd – 10:30am

For the intentions of our parishioners.

† indicates deceased

COLLECTIONS REPORT

COLLECTIONS	2021	2020	-DOWN BY \$
AUGUST	\$20,036.00	\$29,545.86	
SEPTEMBER	\$18,935.00	\$19,628.60	
OCTOBER	\$20,671.49	\$25,312.04	
NOVEMBER	\$22,541.22	\$29,848.36	
Total	\$82,183.71	\$104,334.86	-\$22,151
JAN TO NOV	\$235,853.00	\$251,282.00	-\$15,429
MRTG/BLDG FUND	\$43,571	\$53,031	-\$9,460
PRO LIFE	\$1,788.00	\$3,085.00	-\$1,297.00
SOCIAL OUTREACH	\$5,095.00	\$5,645.00	-\$550.00
PARISH SOCIAL MISSION	\$959.00	\$2,782.00	-\$1,823.00
TOTAL	\$7,842.00	\$11,512.00	-\$3,670.00
DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS			
Dioc & Missionary	\$1,140.00	\$2,067.00	-\$927.00
Develop & Peace	\$0.00	\$190.00	-\$190.00
Holy Land	\$3,645.00	\$1,882.00	\$1,763.00
Vocations	\$927.00	\$772.00	\$155.00
Pastoral Works	\$1,762.00	\$617.00	\$1,145.00
Needs Cdn Church	\$1,070.00	\$1,670.00	-\$600.00
Evangelization	\$992.00	\$1,155.00	-\$163.00
Catholic Missions	\$864.00	\$1,020.00	-\$156.00
TOTAL	\$10,400.00	\$9,373.00	\$1,027.00

Thank you for your generosity and ongoing support.

The Parish Office is closed and will re-open Tuesday, Jan. 4th at 9am



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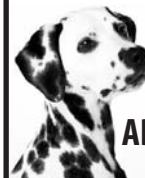
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