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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

5:00 pm For Children of St. Louis - Christmas Eve Mass
7:30 pm Vietnamese Mass
12:00 am For People of St. Louis - Midnight Mass

Tuesday, December 25 – Christmas Day

9:30 am For Benefactors and Volunteers of St. Louis
11:30 am † David Malleck – Leone Malleck
1:00 pm Vietnamese Mass

Wednesday, December 26 – St. Stephen, The First Martyr

No Masses

Thursday, December 27 – St. John, Apostle

9:00 am † John Foster – Family

Friday, December 28 – Holy Innocents, Martyrs

9:00 am † Eugene Matys, C.R.

Saturday, December 29

Sunday liturgy – The Holy Family

5:00 pm † Albert Ruetz – Catherine Ruetz

Sunday, December 30 – The Holy Family

9:30 am † William O'Connell – Marilyn Foster and
Family

† Rose Ehrlich – Parish Family

† Doreen Hurley – Harold Hurley

† Audrey King – Mike Boehmer

11:30 am People of St. Louis

4:00 pm Vietnamese Mass

Ministry Schedule

Christmas Eve

5:00 pm

Readers 1: Debbie Delattre, 2: Kathy Mulhall C: Stephen Mulhall
Eucharistic Ministers: Annette Hulme, Frank Hulme

Midnight

Readers 1: Cecilia Beechey, 2: James Skidmore C:
Eucharistic Ministers: Anne Marie Webster, Anna Malton

Christmas Day

9:30 pm

Readers 1: Cecilia Beechey, 2: Ed Ruppe C: Mary Smith
Eucharistic Ministers: John Carey

11:30 pm

Readers 1: Christopher Bishop, 2: Tom Bishop C:
Eucharistic Ministers:

Holy Family

5:00 pm

Readers 1: Sharon Carey, 2: Elise Stanley C: Jim Walsh
Eucharistic Ministers: Shirley Ellert, Grant Ertel

9:30 am

Readers 1: Betty Gross, 2: Ed Ruppe C: Terry Collins
Eucharistic Ministers: Cecilia Beechey, Marilyn Foster

11:30 am

Readers 1: Graeme Beaton, 2: Gord Beaton C: Carolyn Beaton
Eucharistic Ministers: Aurora DiPasquale.

Christmas Day

The day we have been waiting for has finally arrived. Like the shepherds long ago, we hear an amazing story, told in a most amazing way by angels – a whole lot of angels! And they're singing, giving glory to God.

Of course, they are singing: They're announcing the birth of the Saviour! You have to do that in a grand style. To this day, it's almost impossible to celebrate Christmas without music and song.

Here's the best part. When the shepherds went to Bethlehem to check things out, they found the child exactly like the angels told them. The good news they heard was true. And that's the best part for us today too. The good news of our Saviour is true.

So enjoy the day: the gifts, the special sights and sounds, the tasty treats. Most of all, rejoice that the Lord has come. Merry Christmas!



Christmas Message

Let us always remember that this Christmas season is a very holy time of the year, filled with family togetherness and traditions, gift giving, heartfelt sharing, and in the deepest sense a time of prayer and reflection.

Christmas is solely about God fulfilling His promises, saving His people, coming to us as a human person by becoming one of us.

With all the details that surround Christmas it is very easy to miss its true meaning. Remember Christmas is all about Jesus and if Jesus is not in our Christmas preparations then Christmas is nothing more than another "happy holiday".

Christmas' real meaning is very simple and profound and Luke's Gospel reminds us of the message Mary received from the angel "Fear not, you have found favour with God". St. Joseph also received a similar message in a dream. "Fear not, take Mary as your wife into your home".

Let us all share this message of Christmas with everyone we meet during this holy season by wishing each other a very Merry Christmas and a holy, happy and prosperous New Year 2013, a year filled with Peace and Joy, always remembering that the true message of Christmas is Peace and Good Will for all God's people.

*Merry Christmas
from the entire staff of St. Louis parish.*

Our thanks...

The Christmas Season is a special time of gratitude to God and to each other and we would like to extend our great thanks and appreciation to:

all our music directors, choirs and soloists, readers, commentators, Eucharistic Ministers, altar servers, ushers, children liturgy volunteers and babysitters and all volunteers who throughout the year enrich our liturgies and parish life,

all volunteers who decorated our church for Christmas celebrations under the Deacon's watchful eye.

Donna Blake and her family for generous donation of Christmas flowers

Cecilia Beechey and her helpers for visiting the elderly and homebound throughout the year and in December with the special Christmas greetings and flowers from our parish,

all volunteers who are active in every ministry and have blessed our parish

and to our dedicated and caring parish staff.

Father Chris and Deacon Phil

Attention users of envelope numbers 270 and 549 (for calendar year 2012) please contact the office before the end of the year. Thank you.

St. Louis Parish Offertory Envelopes

The 2013 envelopes are ready for you to pick up at the back of the church.

The new numbers will only become active as of January 1st, 2013. Please use your old numbers/envelopes for the remainder of December.

Parishioners who do not use Sunday envelopes and would like to have them, please pick up a package of envelopes at the back of the church. Please make sure that you put your name and address on the first few envelopes.

If you would like to make a donation that will be credited for this calendar year, please do so until Dec 31, 2012.

Christian Life Program – 11 week long course to renew our understanding of God's call to us as Christians as well as to revitalize parish community life. Open to all Christian adults. At the same time children's program for ages 12 and under is offered.

St. John's Church (85 Strange Street) Thursdays at 7 pm from January 31st, to April 18th 2013. No fee.

Contact Len or Marie Solomon 519-744-5198 to register.

(This Catholic family life renewal ministry is recognized by the Vatican Pontifical Council.)

CHCH-TV, Hamilton, will broadcast Christmas Midnight Mass live from the Cathedral of Christ the King on December 24 starting with Carols at 11:30 p.m. The Mass will be celebrated by His Excellency, the Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, O.M.I., D.D., Bishop of Hamilton. The Mass will be repeated on CHTV Channel 11 on Christmas Day at 8:00 a.m.

Holiday Office Hours:

December 24: office closed

December 25: office closed

December 26: office closed

December 27: 9:00 am - noon and 1:00 – 4:00 pm

December 28: 9:00 am - noon

December 31: office closed

January 1: office closed

January 2: regular hours resume

There will be no Children's Liturgy, or children's programs during the Christmas Season. Regular programs will resume on January 6th, 2013.

CWL membership fees (\$20) for 2013 are now due. Thank you.

St. Louis Catholic Women's League first meeting in 2013 will be on Wednesday January 2nd. Guest speaker: Pat Partington "The New Evangelization in this Year of Faith" (members and non members always welcome).

Gloria In Excelsis Deo



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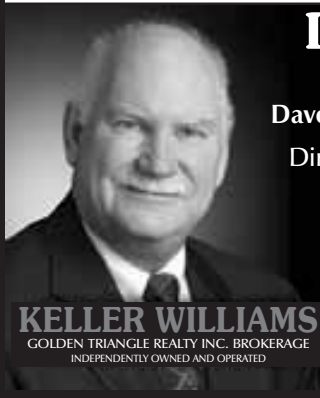
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