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# December 22, 2019 – 4th Sunday of Advent

"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home." (Matthew 1:24)

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

## Diocesan Theme for Pastoral Year 2019-2020: Christ is Everything for Us!

"Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life". (John 6.68)



# <u>Please pray for the sick</u> of our parish:

Cecilia Hastings, Ronald Choy, Sheila Kelly, Marie Vautour, Nana, Joanne Larose, Mary Ruest, Frances Grandbois, Sheila O'Grady, Miriam, Brian Gallant, Peggy Gallant, Patricia Beach, Philip Beaudoin, Rose Sampson, David Brunette, Leo DeLaplante Peter Garvey and Yval Gaudreau.

# **VIGIL LIGHT INTENTION For the Week of Dec. 22**<sup>nd</sup>

The vigil light in front of the Blessed Sacrament is reserved for:

~ the deceased parents of Angie ~

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS FOR 2019	
Annual Budget	\$200,000.00
Date	December 8
<b>Total Collection YTD</b>	\$170,331.10
% Collected YTD	86%
% Year Elapsed	95%

# 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent - December 22, 2019



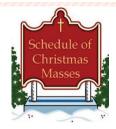
That many will answer the call to serve Christ as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, just as Joseph did as the Angel commanded, we pray to the Lord.

### **COMBINED PARISH BULLETIN**

**Please note**: the parish will be publishing a combined bulletin for **Dec. 29**<sup>th</sup> and **Jan. 5**<sup>th</sup>. Regular weekly publication of the bulletin resumes Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>.

## PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The parish secretary will be on vacation from **Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>** to **Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>**. The parish office will be closed during this time. Regular office hours will resume on Monday, Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>.



#### CHRISTMAS EVE: Tuesday, DEC. 24TH

4:30 p.m.\* (please see note below)

9:00 p.m. (Christmas Carols at 8:30 p.m. with the Senior Choir)

#### CHRISTMAS DAY: Wednesday, Dec. 25th

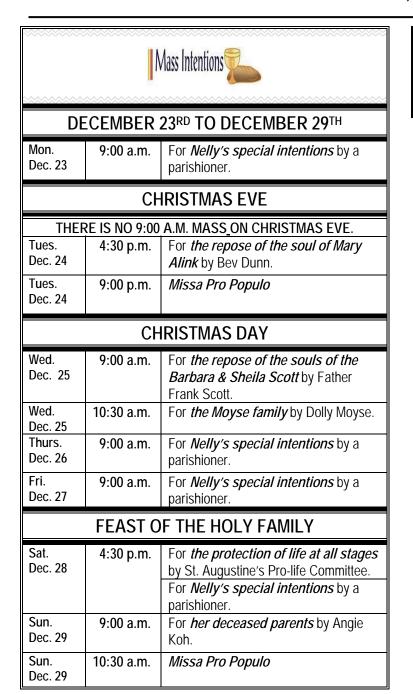
9:00 a.m. and \*10:30 a.m. (please see note below)

\*Note: Children are asked to wear their favorite character of the Christmas season for a special procession with the children at the start of mass (both at 4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve and at 10:30 a.m. Christmas Day).

# SOLEMNITY OF MARY (VIGIL): Tuesday, Dec. 31st

.30 p.iii.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY: Wednesday, Jan. 1st 10:30 a.m.



## **2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES**

Available for pick-up in the Church.

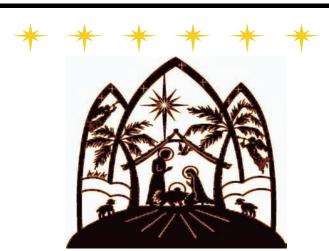
CURRENT ENVELOPE USERS: Envelope packages are in alphabetical order. In order to avoid confusion, <u>please do not use any leftover (unused) envelopes from 2019 or from previous years in 2020.</u>

<u>NEW ENVELOPE USERS</u>: Unlabeled envelope packages are also available for anyone who would like to start using parish envelopes in 2020.

BOTH CURRENT AND NEW ENVELOPE USERS: must include your full name, address and telephone number on the first few envelopes you use in 2020.

### ARCHBISHOP'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 2019

The Archbishop's Christmas message for 2019 may be viewed on the diocesan website at: <a href="https://www.caatholicottawa.ca">www.caatholicottawa.ca</a>. Copies are also available at Church entrances.



## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

As we gather for our festive meal with friends and family, do our last-minute shopping, or decorate our tree, let us not forget the special centerpiece of Christmas, the Christmas creche. This was popularized and made a reality by my patron, St. Francis of Assisi in the year of 1223. Pope Francis issued an apostolic letter on December 1<sup>st</sup>, on the meaning and importance of nativity scenes, calling for this "wonderful sign" to be more widely displayed in family homes and public places throughout the world.

"The enchanting image of the Christmas crèche, so dear to the Christian people, never ceases to arouse amazement and wonder. The depiction of Jesus' birth is itself a simple and joyful proclamation of the mystery of the Incarnation of the Son of God"

"With this letter, I wish to encourage the beautiful family tradition of preparing the nativity scene in the days before Christmas, but also the custom of setting it up in the workplace, in schools, hospitals, prisons and town squares," he said.

May you and yours be renewed by the true meaning of Christmas; a Blessing to your home and hearts!

Father Frank Scott





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