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Fourth Sunday of Advent

"Blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled."

Introduction

During Advent, we have pondered on the message of Old Testament prophets foretelling the birth of the Messiah. Today, we are led to reflect upon Mary, Our Lady, as she prepared to become the mother of the Lord.

Today's Readings

First Reading: Micah 5:1-4

In Bethlehem, the prophet declares, the saviour will be born.

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

Christ came into the world to do God's will.

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Elizabeth declares Mary to be of all women "the most blessed".

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MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, 20 December

5:15 p.m. Nick Sears - Jason & Sandra Brown

Tuesday, 21 December

9:00 a.m. Mary Halligan - Dorothy & Kevin

Mulrooney

Wednesday, 22 December

9:00 a.m. Clair Kearns - Wilma Kearns

Thursday, 23 December

9:00 a.m. Robert Saulnier - Lou & Lucille Saulnier

Friday, 24 December

5:15 p.m. Ken Stewart - Kay Stewart

8:00 p.m. Joseph Sammon - The Family

Saturday, 25 December

9:00 a.m. People of the Parish

11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

Sunday, 26 December

9:00 a.m. Guiseppe Cecchini - Rolando Cecchini

11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

To join our online Mass each Sunday at 11:00 a.m, visit www.stjosephskingston.ca

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

You are asked to remember in prayer those recently deceased.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Please remember in your prayers the following: Becky Downey; Marcus Hacault; Cathy Camp; Nicole Dall; Father Vincent VanZutphen; Rita Carpenter; Carmen Davies; Patricia Rots; Betty McLean; Matt S., Ann West.

If there are members of your family or friends who are ill or recently died, and for whom you wish prayers, please contact Susan at the parish office at 613-547-5004.

OUR PARISH

2022 CHURCH ENVELOPES are available for pick-up in the Hall, or you many pick them up at the parish office, Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please keep the 6-foot social distancing protocol in mind, while lining up.

2021 DONATIONS St. Joseph's Parish Year-End occurs on 31 December; therefore, we ask that all 2021 donations be forwarded to the parish office by 31 December 2021. Donations received after this date will need to be recorded in 2022. If you wish to have your donation appear on your 2021 Tax Receipt, please ensure that the office has received it prior to 1 January. Thank you.

WEEKEND MASS RESERVATIONS Reservations are **required** for weekend Masses. Check our website to see if the Mass you would like to attend is full; this will be updated daily. Contact the parish office by telephone at 613-547-5004, or by email (st.josephs@cogeco.ca) **before Friday at noon** each weekend to reserve a seat.

REGISTERING FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES It is necessary to register for all Christmas Masses to ensure a seat. Registration will take place Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., by calling 613-547-5004 or emailing st.josephs@cogeco.ca. ALL SEATS MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE.

CHRISTMAS LITURGY SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve - 24 December 2021 - 5:15 p.m. - **FULL** Christmas Eve - Friday, 24 December 2021 - 8:00 p.m. Christmas Day - Saturday, 25 December 2021 - 9:00 a.m. Christmas Day - Saturday, 25 December 2021 - 11:00 a.m.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHOIR PRESENTS AN AFTERNOON

OF CAROLS Visit our website **www.stjosephskingston.ca** for an afternoon of carol singing by the St. Joseph's Choir, including Shirley Kelliher as the organist and director Theresa

Whalen Witjes. Our Choir is a small group of men and women who love music and the opportunity to sing. With Covid restrictions, they have not been able to participate in the Mass during the past several months. We hope that you and your family will enjoy this presentation.



WINTER CLOTHING COLLECTION BY KNIGHTS OF

<u>COLUMBUS</u> in support of St. Mary's Coat Drive began Monday, 15 November 2021, and continues until Friday, 31 December 2021. Coats, Jackets, socks, boots, plus other winter wear, are needed – all sizes, men, women & kids. For pickup or delivery arrangements, call Br. Dwight@613-544-6738. If no answer, leave a message. All articles will be delivered to St. Mary's for the January 2022 distribution. Thanks for your support. Knights in Action.

NEXT WEEK - 24 - 26 December 2021

Date	Lector	Ushers
Friday, 24 Dec. 5:15 p.m.	C. Jones	S. Harrigan, B. Krasna R. Lachance, M. Stevenson
Friday, 24 Dec. 8:00 p.m.	H. Couto	P. Scott, I. Stewart, D. Mazzolin
Saturday, 25 Dec. 9:00 a.m.	L. Carfa	M. Stevenson, F. Cuvelier P. Greenwood
Saturday, 25 Dec. 11:00 a.m.	B. McIver	L. Garrett, P. Greenwood, J. Ferreira, F. Asuncion, A. Garrett
Sunday, 26 Dec. 9:00 a.m.	M. McLaughlin	M. McDonald, R. Audet, F. Cuvelier, M. Stevenson, S. Harrigan
Sunday, 26 Dec, 11:00 a.m.	F. Levesque	L. Garrett, F. Asuncion, B. Krasna, J. McLaren, P. Greenwood

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BASKETS COLLECTIONS

Last weekend for donations for the Food Basket collection. If you with to donate, you are asked to place a monetary donation in an envelope labelled, "FOOD BASKET," along with your name, address and envelope number, if applicable. Donations are due by 20 December. This donation is in lieu of our Birds and Flowers collection. Thank you for continuing to support this much needed community project.

OUR COMMUNITY

ADVENT REFLECTIONS This Advent, the Archdiocese of Kingston will offer weekly virtual reflections on Advent scripture readings on Tuesday, 30 November, 7 December, 14 December, 21 December, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Each evening will include Advent music, Scripture readings, reflection by people involved in different ministries and small group discussions. Visit the Archdiocesan website and social media to access the Zoom link or for more information, www.romancatholic.kingston.on.ca/advent.

NEW LIFE SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS Are you, or someone you know, experiencing the trauma of a Separation and/or Divorce? We invite you to join our New Life Support Group Meetings, a Catholic Ministry for the Separated and Divorced. Meetings are held every other Tuesday evening, 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., alternating between in-person and Zoom. Due to pandemic restrictions, attendance at in-person meetings requires proof of vaccination. Pre-registration for in-person meetings is recommended to ensure there is enough room for social distancing. For more information, to register for in-person meetings, or obtain the Zoom link, email newlife@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca. The next meeting will be held by Zoom on 11 January with a session entitled, "3 Secrets of Resilient People."

BIRTHRIGHT: CELEBRATING FIFTY YEARS OF LOVING THEM BOTH Join us for an evening of celebration on Thursday, 5 May 2022, at Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall, featuring live music, a silent auction and our guest speaker, Abby Johnson. Tickets will go on sale in January 2022.



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