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**MAY THE SPIRIT OF GOD
LEAD YOU THROUGH
THE NEW YEAR**



WELCOME to the new MEMBERS and all VISITORS to our PARISH. Visit our website <https://www.assumptionparishottawa.ca>

PRAYER REQUESTS: Let us pray for good health and well-being of Charles Stanton, Claude Cloutier, Cora Guillermo, Glenda Hadloc, Lucienne Sabourin, Ryan Kane, Ben Malicdem, Lina Groulx, Edelaine Piol, Deacon Paul Beaudoin, Charles Hebert and Virgie Bautista.

MASS INTENTIONS: In the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall only *three* (3) intentions at each Mass are allowed. So please contact the parish office to reserve your preferred dates (*at least a week before*). Requests will be handled on a "first come first served basis". Thank you for *your understanding and cooperation*.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION
January, 2024
For the Gift of Diversity in the Church

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of
HOLY COMMUNION

January 6 at 4PM – Edgar Piol and Rizza Yabut with Yola Beloy; **January 7** at 9:30AM – John Anethua and Susan Teodoro with Helen Belda; 12:00 PM – Lani Agustin and Mary Miguel with Nick Murillo; 7:00PM – Nora Mercader and Francis Aldeguer with Manny Beloy.

REGISTRATION FOR CONFIRMATION AND FIRST RECONCILIATION/1ST COMMUNION (Confirmation Date is May 4, 2024) We are now accepting registration for reception of these Sacraments. For more information and registration, please contact the office by phone or email (Deadline-January 5/2024).

Mass Intentions for the Week

December 30, Saturday 9AM – **6th Day Within the Octave of the Nativity** (white) – †Holy Souls in Purgatory *by Nena Coronel*; 4PM - **SUNDAY LITURGY** – †Juliana & Francisco Dela Cuesta *by Manny & Yola Beloy*; †Alcala & Forro Families *by Nena Coronel*.

December 31 – **Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph** (white) 9:30AM – Frank Barrett (95th Birthday) by Noreen Roney; †Betty Barrett *by Frank Barrett*; †Serguia Yayong; †Felix Atienza 12:00 NOON – †Aurelio & Felomina dela Cruz *by Mila dela Cruz*; 7:00PM – Pro Populo

January 1, Monday 10AM – **Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God** (white) – Debbie Romain & Family (*health*) *by Mary Stanton*; †Pia Obero; †Macario Yayong

January 2, Tuesday 8AM – **Memorial, St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen** (white) – Cecilia & Gerry Buchanan & Family (*health*) *by Mary Stanton*

January 3, Wednesday 8AM – **The Most Holy Name of Jesus** (white) – Charles Stanton (*health*) *by Mary Stanton*

January 4, Thursday 8AM – **Ferial Day** (white) – †Jeannine Harrigan *by Frank Barrett*

January 5, Friday 8AM – **Ferial Day** (white) – †Norah McArthur

WEEK ENDING COLLECTION REPORT
December 16 & 17, 2023 - \$2,761.

PLEASE PICK-UP your 2024 COLLECTION ENVELOPES at the main entrance of the church. **For parishioners wanting to register, for income tax purposes, please contact the office by phone or email giving your name, address and phone number.** THANK YOU.

PLENARY INDULGENCE on the Occasion of the 8th Centenary of the CHRISTMAS as experienced by Saint Francis of Assisi

Who can gain this indulgence? All Catholics and those who are sick

When? From December 8, 2023, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to February 2, 2024, the Feast of the Presentation in the Temple of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Where? At the ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH (Vanier) and in any other churches pastorally managed by the Franciscan families throughout the world

How? For those who are ill or home-bound can equally benefit from the gift of the plenary indulgence, *by offering their sufferings to the Lord and carrying out practices of piety (kissing the Bible or the crucifix).* Those who are well needs to fulfill the usual conditions of: (1) a whole-hearted detachment from sin of any kind by going to sacramental CONFESSION, (2) participating actively at in a MASS, (3) PRAYING IN FRONT OF THE NATIVITY SCENES for the intentions of the Pope with the invocations: *Jesus, Mary and Joseph – have mercy on us AND St. Francis of Assisi – pray for us.*

CHRISTMAS SEASON

The season of CHRISTMAS celebrates the birth of the Lord Jesus and the ways he manifested **the presence of GOD in our midst.**

Last week, we highlighted **His presence manifested in the birth of Jesus** among us is the gift is the transformation of our lives which **we must respond to God's invitation** by opening our hearts to Him with gratitude and eagerness, following the example of Mary, our model in following God's plan.

We also saw testimonies of witnesses of Faith: (1) **St. Stephen** (Dec 26) He was “*a martyr in will and deed*” - *Acts of the Apostles 6:7*; (2) **St. John** the Evangelist (Dec 27) – gives witness to the joy and courage of those who have seen and lived with Jesus; **the Holy Innocents** (Dec 28) - they were “martyrs in deed, though not in will,” and their deaths are a reminder that suffering on behalf of a good cause is not always restricted to those who have a choice in the matter.

This weekend, we first celebrate the **Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph** (Dec 31). It continues its flight into Egypt and returns to Nazareth. The second is the **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God** (Jan. 1), when we focus on the role of Mary in the birth of Jesus Christ. She is the “Theotokos,” literally the God-bearer. She does not simply carry Jesus' human nature, nor is she a vessel for his divinity alone. Because Jesus' divine and human natures are united, she is truly the Mother of God.

Christmas Octave follows, this is when most people have time to rest from a busy year and spend time with their family. A fitting way to observe these days is to attend daily Mass and prayerfully reflect on the selection of Scripture readings: **Dec 26** – Acts of the Apostles 6:8-10, 7:54-59. **Dec 27** – First Letter of John 1:1-4 & Gospel according to John 20:2-8. **Dec 28** – First Letter of John 1:5-2:2 and Gospel according to Matthew 2:13-18. **Dec 31** – Ecclesiastes 3:2-6, 12-14. **Jan 1** – Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7 and Gospel according to Luke 2:16-21.



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