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CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

Jesus is the Invisible God who became visible to us. He is God with us: Emmanuel. "The Word became flesh and lived among us", as saint John says in his gospel (1:14) We are told in St. Luke's gospel that Jesus "was wrapped in swaddling clothes". This wrapping Jesus the gospel speaks of reminds me of our responsibility as Christians: Jesus, the gift God the Father gives us, has to be unwrapped if we want to see the Invisible God who became a little baby in our world. And then we will sing: "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors." The Invisible God is lying in your life and mine in the life of your close relatives, in the life of your neighbours, in the life of Refugees. He is a little baby whose silence and love speak louder than all our human words. May you enjoy a wonderful, Merry Christmas. Peace be upon each of you, let happiness shine all round you.



Fr. Kerry and Staff.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

We pray for our loved ones who have died, especially Tom Dedo.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND SHUT-IN

We pray for those who seek God's healing, especially Arnold Wren, Fr. Doug Morris, Fr. Moses Nwosu, Fr. John Affleck, Linda (Mahusky) Hull, Dorothy Kosowskie, Georges Blanchette, Robert Berube, Barbara Helferty, Betty Sammon, Luke Holmes, Catherine Kuehl, Betty Tracey, Leona Barr, Gwen Deslaurier, Rose Neighbor, Audrey Tibbles, Audrey Hawley, and Joan Prince.

WORKBOOK FOR LECTORS: DECEMBER 11th.

Once again this year we will have the Workbook for Lectors available in the sacristy for those who proclaim God's Word. It contains a commentary on the readings, a pronunciation guide for difficult words and suggestions on how to proclaim effectively. Come a little early and use this resource.

SUNDAY OFFERING: Dec. 11th - \$4,168.35

RENFREW KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

serves a **FREE CHRISTMAS DINNER** in the Knights of Columbus Hall from **11 am to 2 pm on Christmas Day**. Free Transportation is provided on request to and from the Hall and free Delivery and Take out of Dinners is also provided. Prior to Christmas Day, please call Don at 613-433-9298 or Brian at 613-432-0887 for Dinner requests and info. On Christmas Day only, please call the Knights Hall at 613-432-6121.

PLEASE NOTE: The next bulletin published will be for Sunday, January 8, 2017.

Please retain this bulletin for Mass times for the next two weeks. The bulletin may be accessed online at <http://sfxrenfrew.wordpress.com/>.

STAMPS: We ask you to please save your used stamps from Christmas cards for Holy Cross sister's missions. Thank you.

PLAY IT AGAIN SAM! - the parish has an extra older piano in its possession. If you can move it, it is yours. Contact the office if interested.

POTLUCK SUPPER: Sunday January 8th

The parishioners of both Renfrew parishes are cordially invited to join in a **Pot Luck Dinner on the Feast of the Epiphany, Sunday 8 January, 2017 starting at 4:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall**. This will be an opportunity for the parishioners of both parishes to come together to give thanks for the safe arrival of Baraa, Ammar, Wiaam and Elian, which we have prayed and worked for over the past year. Please bring a dish to share and a friend!



LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

MON. Dec. 26 NO PARISH LITURGY (Mass at OLF - 11:30 a.m.)
 TUES. Dec. 27 NO PARISH LITURGY (Mass at OLF - 8:15 a.m.)
 WED. Dec. 28
 8:00 a.m. Don Letts - Sheila & Family
 THUR. Dec. 29
 8:00 a.m. Justin Bujold - Seanna Bujold & Robert Bujold
 FRI. Dec. 30
 8:00 a.m. John O'Brien - Jean & Family
 SAT. Dec. 31 MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD
 4:30 p.m. Intentions of the Parishioners - Fr. Brennan
 SUN. Jan. 1 MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD
 10:30 a.m. Georgina Mahusky
 - Godson, Lawrence Mahusky
 Sandra James - Allan & Janice O'Dacre

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

MON. Jan. 2 NO PARISH LITURGY (Mass at OLF - 8:15 a.m.)
 TUES. Jan. 3 NO PARISH LITURGY (Mass at OLF - 8:15 a.m.)
 WED. Jan. 4 NO PARISH LITURGY (Mass at OLF - 8:15 a.m.)
 THUR. Jan. 5 NO PARISH LITURGY (Mass at OLF - 8:15 a.m.)
 FRI. Jan. 6
 8:00 a.m. Deceased Relatives - P. & J. Spilchen
 8:30 a.m. HOLY HOUR
 SAT. Jan. 7
 4:30 p.m. Walter & Agnes Narezny
 - Sandy & Calerence Massine
 Gene Cadotte - Wife, Teresa
 SUN. Jan. 8
 10:30 a.m. Intentions of the Parishioners - Fr. Brennan

*Every time a hand reaches out
 to help another....
 that is Christmas.*



*Every time someone puts
 conflict aside and strives
 for understanding...
 that is Christmas.*

*Every time people forget their
 differences and realize
 their love for each other...
 that is Christmas*



*May this Christmas bring our
 world closer to a spirit of caring,
 closer to the blessing of peace.*

LITURGICAL ROLES

Epiphany of the Lord - January 8th 2017
SATURDAY EVENING MASS - 4:30 p.m.
 MINISTERS OF THE WORD - J. Freemark; J. Lemay
 MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY - S. & R. Mears;
 W. & M. Remus
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - S. Dregas; S. Harper;
 G. Blanchette; D. Mantil
 SERVERS - S. & L. Brown
SUNDAY MORNING MASS - 10:30 a.m.
 MINISTERS OF THE WORD - T. Keller; J. Perry
 MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY - L. & S. Hall;
 D. & C. Varrin
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - S. O'Neil; D. Lennox;
 D. Varrin; D. Yantha, N. Smith
 SERVERS - N. & S. Lesk; S. Holmes
 CANTOR - T.B.A.
 CHILDREN'S LITURGY - C. Manwell; A. Cameron

**New Year's
 Liturgical Ministers as assigned**

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER C.W.L. NEWS:

The CWL Membership drive is over, but it's not too late for the ladies of the parish to join or renew. We continue to accept new or renewed membership payments by cheque payable to St. Francis Xavier CWL, or cash that can be dropped into the collection basket at the Saturday and Sunday masses. CWL application forms for new members are in pre-addressed envelopes at the church entrances and the blue CWL membership renewal envelopes as well as the direct deposit options are gratefully accepted. For more information call the membership chair - Debbie Macdonald at 613-432-5768 or email at debbiemacdonald12@gmail.com. Come out and join our meetings that are held the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the Parish Hall at 7pm.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Please note that the Parish Office will be closed from noon on December 23rd until January 3rd.

"O Come Let Us Adore Him"

POTLUCK SUPPER: Saturday January 14th



The Parish Council would like to invite you to a potluck supper after the 4:30 p.m. Mass. It's a great opportunity to gather as a community and celebrate winter! Come one, come all!

The kitchen will be open at 3:30 p.m. with the oven on warm. Any questions please contact Nancy Connors @ 613-432-3207.

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