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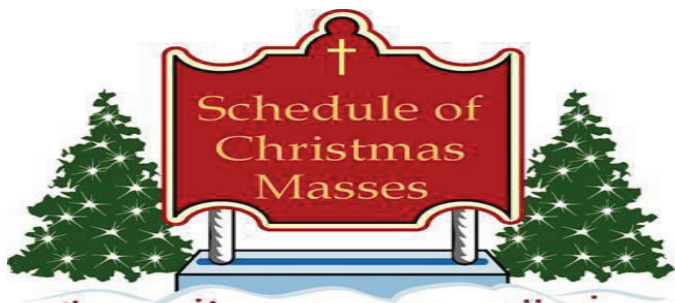




SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

During Advent, the Church calls all her children to return to their Father’s house with repentant and contrite hearts by approaching the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. The Liturgy repeats the cry of John the Baptist, “Repent, for the Kingdom of God is near”. Amidst all our Christmas preparations the most important preparation takes place in our own heart to welcome Christ the Saviour. Let us heed the Church’s invitation to seek and find God’s forgiveness by making a good confession. Special times for Confessions the week before Christmas are as follows:

Tuesday 21 December 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday 22 December 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Thursday 23 December 9:45 - 11:00 a.m.



Christmas Eve ~ Friday, December 24
7:00 p.m. ~ 12:00 Midnight
Christmas Day ~ Saturday, December 25
10:00 a.m. ~ 12:00 noon

Feast of the Holy Family ~ Sunday, December 26
10:00 a.m. ~ 12:00 noon

Mary ~ The Holy Mother of God
Friday, December 31 ~ 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, January 1 ~ 10:00 a.m. ~ 12:00 noon

Epiphany ~ Sunday, January 2
10:00 a.m. ~ 12:00 noon

Please note: Christmas and 1 January are Holydays of Obligation in Canada. The Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m. is cancelled on 25 December and January 1

PLEASE SIGN UP!

Altar servers, eucharistic ministers and ushers are asked to volunteer for the Christmas and New Year’s liturgies. Ushers, please sign-up in the Ushers’ Room, others in the Sacristy.

CHRISTMAS NOVENA

Novena prayers in preparation for Christmas will be recited before the weekday Masses until 24 December.

2022 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Offertory Envelopes for Year 2022 are available in the vestibule for everyone who used envelopes this past year. We encourage everyone to use Offertory envelopes as they are the fairest way of contributing to the support of our parish. As well, you will receive an Income Tax Receipt at year end. If you would like to start using Offertory envelopes in 2022, please call Jean in the parish office and she will get a box ready for you. We thank all parishioners for your continued generosity to the upkeep of our Church.



FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

On the Sunday after Christmas the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, and we pray that God will bless all families with His peace and love. Our faith urges us to defend the stability of the family, the true meaning of marriage and the sanctity of human life at every stage which the family must nourish. A special blessing will be given to families at all the Masses today.



CHRISTMAS SEASON

Christmas which is the shortest of the Church's seasons, is liturgically rich and especially meaningful and beloved to the Christian people. It celebrates the birth of the Lord Jesus our Saviour and the ways He manifested the presence of God among us. For the Church, only the Easter celebration of the Lord's death and rising is more important.

Christmas and its Octave centre on the great truth and mystery of the Incarnation ~ that God loves us and sent His only begotten Son in the flesh to redeem us so that we might believe in Him and have eternal life. Epiphany celebrates Christ's manifestation to the world, represented by the wise men from afar. Jesus is announced as the Saviour of all people.

The Christmas season and cycle ends with the Feast of the Lord's Baptism which continues the theme of Christ's manifestation as John the Baptist points Him out as the Lamb of God and the Father's voice is heard and the Spirit is seen as a dove, attesting to the Son's mission and identity.

THANK YOU

Father Jeff recently received a letter from Good Shepherd Ministries addressed to parishioners:

Dear Father and Parishioners:

On behalf of everyone at Good Shepherd Ministries, I would like to thank you for your participation in our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. With so many people struggling to make ends meet in our community, your support means a great deal.

Please accept our sincere thanks for your generosity and everything you have given without hesitation to help homeless and disadvantaged people. Your help is making a difference in the lives of some of the most vulnerable and marginalized in our city.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Children preparing for First Communion and candidates for Confirmation are reminded to see Father Jeff after Sunday Mass every week (and Christmas and January 1) to assure him of their presence.



Masses For The Week

Monday 9:00 a.m.	20 December Special Intention
Tuesday 9:00 a.m.	21 December Special Intention
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.	22 December Intentions of Russell Blake Req.by Millie Quigley
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	23 December Intentions of Margaret & Bill Hotchkiss Req.by Trac Ba Luu
Friday 9:00 a.m.	24 December <i>Friday is a day of penitential observance</i> Special Intention
7:00 p.m. 12:Midnight	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD Special Intention All Parishioners
Saturday 10:00 a.m. 12:00 noon	25 December Special Intention All Parishioners
Sunday 10:00 a.m. 12:00 noon.	26 December THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH The repose of Peter & Benedita Gomes Req.by Joanna & Lawrian Julitta Sookai Req.by Margaret & Santan Lobo

TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

Please be advised that the Canadian Bishops, the Assembly of First Nations, the Métis National Council, and Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami have jointly decided to reschedule the delegation to the Vatican in December 2021 to the earliest opportunity in 2022. This is a result of the uncertainty and potential health risks surrounding international travel amid the recent spread of the Omicron variant. To read their full joint statement, please visit:

<https://bit.ly/UpdateonDelegationtoRome>





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