

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Saturday, December 24th
4 pm in the church, 4 pm in Lynett Hall
6 pm, 8 pm and 12 pm in the church
Sunday December 25th 8:15am, 10am
12 noon **NO 7PM**

New Years(Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)
Saturday, December 31st at 5 pm New Year's Eve
Sunday, January 1st New Year's Day 8:15am,
10am, 12 noon and 7pm

MASS INTENTIONS

December 12th - 17th, 2016

Mon Dec 12 th	8am +Paul Crombie
Tues. Dec 13 th	8am +Neil Cachia 9am St. Maximillian CHS
Wed. Dec 14 th	8am +Czekaj Family 7pm Parish Reconciliation
Thurs. Dec 15 th	8am +Luigi & Anna Maria Pompilio 10am Chartwell Park Place 2:15pm Chartwell Aurora 7pm St. Jerome CES
Fri. Dec 16 th	8am +Connla Boccus 8:45am Cardinal Carter HS 10am Cardinal Carter HS
Sat. Dec 17 th	9am +Dan LeBlanc

CHRISTMAS HAMPER PROGRAM

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is once again planning our Christmas Hamper Program for families in need in our community. Last year, in partnership with Welcoming Arms, we were able to provide 125 Christmas hamper packages, assisting a total of 174 adults and 112 children.

This year we will be continuing with our tradition of providing Christmas gift packages made up of gift cards and a few Christmas treats. Providing gift cards (instead of gifts), allows our neighbours in need to purchase what they truly need, or to treat themselves to something they would not normally be able to afford.

You may deposit your donation in the St. Vincent de Paul boxes or drop it off at the parish office. There are special "St. Vincent de Paul" envelopes available at the back of the church. Tax receipts will be issued for cash or cheque donations over \$20, as long as a name and address is provided. Cheques should be made payable to St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Thank you for your generosity and support.

POINSETTIAS REMEMBRANCE

Christmas is one of the hardest times for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. With all of the emphasis on being together the person in sorrow can feel pretty isolated. There are little gestures that help in those situations; visiting the cemetery and prayer are two of them. If you feel strongly the absence of a loved one at Christmas and in a particular way their absence from the parish, we invite you to bring in a poinsettia at this time of year. Delivery in the foyer on the weekend of December 17 18th or up to the 23rd would be welcome.

"THE NATIVITY STORY"

Calling all angels, shepherds and wisemen. Please join us for our annual children's dramatization of "The Nativity Story" at the 4pm Mass on Christmas Eve. We have costumes and there are no speaking parts just join in the fun of the season. If your child is interested in participating please complete the following three steps:

1. Email Jane Casey at jane.casey@rogers.com and outline the role your child is interested in playing. We will distribute all leading parts before the rehearsal (Mary, Joseph, star, wisemen, Gabriel and Herod).
2. Attend the 45 minute rehearsal on Saturday December 17th at 9:30 am in the Church.
3. Come to the Church Christmas Eve at 3pm ready to perform! **See you there.**

CALENDARS

Calendars are available today after the masses. We thank Thompson Funeral Home for their participation in this annual project.

BYOB - BRING YOUR OWN BUCKET

Christmas cleaning of the church will take place on Wednesday December 21st following the morning rosary. All helpers are welcome! Don't forget to bring a bucket! Your help is greatly appreciated!



CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Last year we invited the parish to create the decorations for the parish Christmas tree. The tree this year will be up by the pulpit, but once again if parishioners, especially children could create the decorations that would be greatly appreciated. The tree will be up by December 17th and 18th for you to put the decorations on.

Our Lady of Grace Children's Playgroup Celebrates Christmas!

Tuesday December 13th the O.L.G.Children's playgroup will be having a Christmas Craft morning from 9:30-11:00am. All preschool aged children and their caregivers are invited to join us to make Christmas ornaments for home, and the Parish Tree. **Tuesday December 20th** will be a Cookie decorating morning from 9:30-11:00 am.

It will be our last Playgroup until January 10th. If you are interested in helping to organize this program, contact Sandra at:

727-4594 or sandra@ourladyofgrace.com

**Reminder: There will be NO Playgroup
December 27th, and January 3rd**

2017 ENVELOPES

Envelopes for the coming year 2017 are available today! As in previous years you take any box, the number does not matter. When you use the first couple of envelopes please put your name and address on them. That will be your number for 2017.

Pre Authorized Givers, please do not take a box. Your special collection envelopes are in the mail.

MARK THE DATE - SKATING PARTY

Monday January 2nd (a national holiday)
from 2PM-4PM Aurora Family
Leisure Complex on Industrial
Parkway. Hot dogs & hot chocolate
at the church 4PM on.



ALTAR SERVER AND MINISTERS OF

WELCOME sign-up sheets are in the sacristy and ushers room for Christmas and New Year's.

RECONCILIATION FOR ADVENT DECEMBER 14th

We will be having reconciliation with visiting priests this Wednesday, December 14th at 7 pm. We encourage as many as possible to make this the time for reconciliation leading up to Christmas. There will be some confessions on Christmas Eve in the morning.

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

HOW IS MY RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD?

Do I pray? Do I use the sacraments to live a fuller life in Christ? Do I give scripture a place in my life? Do I try to know more about my faith? If I am a parent do I bring Christ with me to my family responsibilities? Does my language and behaviour honor God? Do things other than God always seem to take priority in life?

HOW IS MY RELATIONSHIP WITH THOSE CLOSEST TO ME?

Do I hold on to old hurts? Am I a gossip within the family or workplace? Am I excessively demanding of others? Am I lazy at home? Does my computer or other technology get in the way of strong relationships? Do I envy other families for superficial reasons? Do I pray for my family regularly? Am I honest in what I say and do?

HOW IS MY RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHERS IN THE WORLD?

Can I be prejudiced? Am I quick to judge the poor or the unemployed? Do I expound easy answers to difficult questions? Do I earn my wages? Am I greedy? Am I civil when I am driving? Do I witness my faith by what I say and do? Am I honest in all of my dealings with others? Am I distracted by pornography?

HOW IS MY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE WORLD?

Do I waste food? Do I waste other resources? Am I aware and do I try to understand the situation in other countries or regions? Do I spend time on the internet involving myself in myself foolish controversies? Do I pray for the unity of Christians? Do I give to those in need?