

FOURTH 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 19th - 24th, 2016

Mon Dec 19 th	8am+Augustinus DeSchutter
Tues. Dec 20 th	8am+Patrick & Eulalie Kinney
Wed. Dec 21 st	8am +Elena Marinzuli 10am Willows Nursing Home
Thurs. Dec 22 nd	8am+Charles&Albina McGough
Fri. Dec 23 rd	8am +Mario Leone
Sat. Dec 24 th	NO 9am MASS

See Christmas Schedule

THE JESSE TREE

What a magnificent success the Jesse Tree has been once again this year. Thank you to everyone who has brought in gift cards or socks and underwear. If you have not had the opportunity to bring in your gift for Rose of Sharon (grocery gift cards), Street Haven (Tim Horton Cards) or Good Shepherd Center (Men's wool socks and combination underwear) bring them along anytime and they will be used early in the new year.

FIRST COMMUNION

We continue to receive returns from families wishing to have children in grade two or above receive their first communion after Easter in 2017. If you have a child for communion, please pick up the form before or after mass from one of the priests or Sandra and return in a timely fashion to another Sunday mass.

CONFIRMATION

We are forming the classes for confirmation masses in late May and early June. The forms are available before or after mass on Saturday or Sunday. We encourage families to return these forms in a timely fashion so that they are not scheduled for confirmation at a later date than the other students.

CHOSEN: Confirmation Classes for Grades 7's

Chosen is a program that takes young people on a journey through the entire Catholic faith in all its richness and vitality. The Chosen program will begin in January. Chosen will both catechize and challenge teens to fully embrace a life in Christ. If you're interested in joining the Confirmation Team, please contact Fr. Joshua.

REMEMBRANCE POINSETTAS

There is still time to bring in a poinsettia in remembrance of someone you will miss this Christmas who has been taken home to God. Just put the poinsettia in the foyer at the back of the church and we will include it in the parish decorations.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Have you made your decoration for the parish tree? There is still lots of time to bring your decoration in and put it on the tree at the front of the church. Remember this is about making a decoration not buying one. There is nothing that is made with loving hands that is not worthy to be on this tree.

CHRISTMAS EVE RECONCILIATION

There will be the opportunity to go to confession on Christmas Eve morning from 10am to noon hour. If you are in need of an examination of conscience, there is one available in last weekends bulletin which can be found online.

Please take a bulletin home –December 17/18, 2016

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS SIGN UP

Altar Servers and Ministers of Welcome are encouraged to sign up in the sacristy to fulfill their ministry at Christmas and New Year's. Thank you for your help at this busy time and throughout the whole year.

CALENDARS

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

Our Lady of Grace Children's Playgroup Celebrates Christmas!

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**

YES THERE ARE TWO COLLECTIONS AT CHRISTMAS

This only happens on about every sixth Christmas. That is when Christmas lands on a Sunday. We take up the Sunday collection at the regular time and the Christmas collection after communion.

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.

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!



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.

A GENTLE REMINDER TO OUR SENIORS

The church can learn so much about faithfulness from our seniors who make a commitment to mass in the heat of summer and the dead of winter. Nothing can keep them away from their commitment to attend mass each week. One thing should keep them away and that is bad weather. We cannot have our seniors out on the roads in snow storms or even worse when there is a buildup of ice. Just take your missal and read the readings of the day and plan to attend during the week when the weather has settled down. If there is a danger of getting into a difficult situation when driving or even worse, falling on ice and causing injury, then one should stay in. When so many can stay away when they have little reason, please do not be shy to stay away if there is a risk of injury.

ARE YOU READY TO WELCOME?

Christmas is our golden opportunity to welcome neighbours, co-workers and friends that we do not see at mass a lot. Let us come to the mass we attend ready to extend a generous work of welcome to those we meet. If you carry a resentment because the parking lot is full and the church is crowded, there is a simple solution to your problem, don't come to the first mass on Christmas eve or even the second one. The Christmas morning masses will be busy but not crowded and we will be ready to welcome you with the same Good News which is the whole point of Christmas.