

The Third Sunday of Advent



Mass Intentions

Dec. 18 - Dec. 23, 2017

Mon. Dec. 18 th	8am	+Dina Mascioli
Tues. Dec. 19 th	8am	+Russell Hinds
Wed. Dec. 20 th	8am	+Eulalie & Patrick Kinney
	10am	Willows Estate
Thurs. Dec. 21 st	8am	+Doug Jolly
	10am	Chartwell Park Place
	2:15pm	Chartwell Resthaven
Fri. Dec. 22 nd	8am	+Breen Carson
Sat. Dec. 23 rd	9am	+Paul McCann

JESSE TREE



The Jesse Tree is in the foyer as in past years with many opportunities to help the needy this Christmas.

Just drop by the tree, take one of the tags and return the gift at your earliest convenience under the tree or in the box for gift cards.

MARK THE DATE FOR THE SKATING PARTY

Saturday, December 30th, 6-8pm at the Aurora Family Leisure Complex on Industrial Parkway North. Following skating come back to the church for hot dogs and hot chocolate. Skate time and refreshments are free!



EDGE AND LIFE TEEN

Both programs will be taking a break over the Christmas celebrations. Please check the bulletin in the New Year for when the meetings resume. Best wishes for a safe and Blessed Christmas.

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.

OUR LADY OF GRACE CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUP CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS!

Tuesday December 19th the O.L.G. Playgroup will be having a Christmas Craft Making morning and Cookie Decorating Party from 9:30-11:30 AM. All preschool aged children and their caregivers are invited to join us to make ornaments for home, and the Parish Tree. This will be our last Playgroup until January 9, 2018
Reminder: There will be NO Playgroup December 26th or January 2nd.

2018 ENVELOPES

Envelopes for 2018 are available today. As before you take any box, the number does not matter. **When you use the first couple of envelopes please put your name and address on the front.**

THE PAGEANT AT THE 4PM MASS

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. If your child is interested in participating please complete the following three steps:
1 -Email Jane Casey at jane.casey@rogers.com and indicate 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 23rd at 10 am in the Church.
3 -Come to the Church Christmas Eve at 3pm ready to perform!

REMEMBRANCE POINSETTIAS



Christmas is one of the hardest times for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. There are little gestures that help in those situations; visiting a cemetery and prayer are two of them. If you feel strongly the absence of a loved one at Christmas, we invite you to bring in a poinsettia at this time of year. They can be left in the foyer this weekend or up to the 22nd.

DEADLINE FOR 2017 DONATIONS

Each year we need to set a date on which we cut off donations for the previous year. We will ask that all people making a donation for 2017 with the anticipation of receiving a tax receipt for that year do so by Sunday, January 14th, 2018 clearly marking that this is a 2017 donation.

THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE



The Catholic Women's League would like to thank everyone who donated and baked items for our 22nd Annual Christmas Fair and Silent Auction and to those who purchased raffle

tickets.

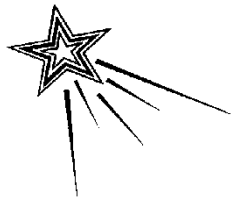
We are thrilled to announce that this was our most successful year! Together we raised \$8,818 and demonstrated that we are truly a very caring parish. This has allowed us to give more generously to all of the charities and local organizations the CWL supports in our community.

Congratulations to the following winners of the raffle draw:

Scandinave Spa Package - Steve Fortini
\$100 Ultimate Dining Card - Stuart Macdonald
Wine and Shine Gift Basket- Nancy Orschel
Gourmet Food Basket - Frank Bergougnou
Cookware Gift Basket - Sandra Weltham
\$100 Upper Canada Mall gift Card - Joyce Stanga
King Valley Golf Package - Ken Selics

As we enter into the Christmas season, we would like to wish everyone the blessing of a happy, healthy and safe holiday.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS



We invite the parish to create the decorations for the parish Christmas tree. The tree is up by the pulpit and once again if parishioners especially

children could hand make the decorations that would be greatly appreciated. Just put them on the tree when they are ready before mass or during the week,

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Reconciliation Dec. 23rd from 11am to 1pm

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 23rd 5pm

Sunday, Dec. 24th 8:15, 10am, 12 noon

Christmas (Nativity of the Lord)

Sunday, Dec. 24th 4pm in the church and

Lynett Hall, 6pm, 8pm and Midnight in church

Monday, Dec. 25th 8:15am, 10am, 12 noon

Boxing Day

Tuesday, December 26th 7pm only

New Year's (Feast of the Holy Family)

Saturday, Dec. 30th 5pm

Sunday, Dec. 31st 8:15am, 10am and 12 noon

The Solemnity of Mary

Sunday, Dec. 31st 5pm

Monday, Jan. 1st 10am and 12 noon

(no 8:15am or 7pm)

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 word of welcome to those we meet.

If you carry 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.

CALENDARS

Thompson Funeral Home has sponsored 2018 calendars with our parish information on the front. They are free, please pick one up at the back of the church.