
MASS SCHEDULE
Dec 30, 2023 – Jan. 7, 2024



Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Saturday, December 30, 2023

10:00 AM Noreen Brisebois – Funeral
4:00 – 4:30 PM Confessions
5:00 PM For the People

Sunday, December 31, 2023

9:00 AM For Shirley Camilleri
11:00 AM For Aaron Bertrand

Mary the Mother of God

Sunday, December 31, 2023 – New Year's Eve

5:00 PM For the People

Monday, January 1, 2024 – New Year's Day

10:00 AM For Eileen Gallagher

Tuesday, January 2, 2024 – Sts Basil & Gregory

8:30 AM For Nathan Freeburn
5:15 PM For Daniel Whalen

Wednesday, January 3, 2024

8:30 AM For The intentions of Linda Goldstein

Thursday, January 4, 2024

8:30 AM Mass
5:15 PM For Marion, Joyce, Larry & Bill Hanlon

Friday, January 5, 2024

10:00 AM For the Souls of the Deceased
10:30 – 11:00 AM Adoration

Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 6, 2024

4:00 – 4:30 PM Confessions
5:00 PM For Helen Cadigan

Sunday, January 7, 2024

9:00 AM For Shirley Camilleri
11:00 AM For the People

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Even though we call them the Holy Family that does not mean they never had problems to face, as every family must. Just as each follower of Jesus has a cross to carry, so also the holy family had to experience the cross in their shared life. We can imagine how misunderstood both Mary and Joseph must have been about the conception of Jesus before they came to live together. The birthplace of Jesus was an animal shelter, since no better lodgings could be found. Today's Gospel from Luke illustrates what trials were faced by Mary and Joseph in trying to understand the development of Jesus as a young person. In the Temple Simeon had predicted that a sword of sorrow would pierce Mary's soul. At the end, Mary had to watch her son die on the Cross. What sustained the family of Nazareth through all of these trials and crosses? It is love and trust that holds families together in difficult times. Whenever families are happy, it is where love and respect are highly prized. We pray for an outpouring of those qualities in our families today because a major threat to family life is that we don't spend enough time together. We are so busy working, socializing, using our electronic gadgets or watching TV that we have no time to talk to each other.

ST PAUL PRAYER LINE: Our team of *Prayer Warriors* will join with you to intercede for your intentions. Simply call Lucienne (613-634-0375) or Miriam (905-979-1189), or email: StPaulsPrayerLine@gmail.com. "I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God" (Ps 17:6)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

Orlando Miguel, Nicole McKechnie, Linda McKechnie, Raymond Koenders, Meghan Bennett, Nellie Rutten, Stephen Noonan, Ursula Connell, Alex Dermott, Lynn Bales, Silvia Peter Mawalla, Mary Jane McCarthy, Rosie Soni, Joan MacLeod, and Aiden Bedard, Laura DeNoble.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED: Nathan Freeburn, Noreen Brisebois and Mary Jane McCarthy

We will livestream the following masses:

Sunday Dec 31 @ 9am: Feast of the Holy Family (and New Year's Eve) - **Sunday Dec 31 @ 5pm:** Solemnity of Mary (and New Year's Day)

January 1 - New Year's Day - is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God and the World Day of Prayer for Peace in the Catholic Church. At both the New Year's Eve and Day Masses, we will have a special form of the Prayer of the Faithful asking our Blessed Lady to intercede for Peace in our world. Please join the Celebration of the Eucharist on this occasion to pray for peace.

How do Church Envelopes work? In Canada, the only support Churches receive is from the offerings of the parishioners. However, the Government of Canada allows a percentage of the annual donation to be a tax deduction when you file your Income Tax Return. In order to do this, Churches must be able to show how much money a person gave to the Church. Thus, Church envelopes or Pre-authorized bank deductions allow the Churches to keep this record. The deduction is 15% of the first \$200.00 and 29% of the remaining..

Prayer teams for personal prayers between the 9:00AM and 11:00AM Sunday Masses. To all those who are interested in being a prayer team member we are having our initial meeting for this upcoming year at Michael and Cynthia's home, 613 Pimlico Pl. at 2:00 PM, Saturday, January 6, 2024. Call 613-650-7530.

Plenary indulgence on the occasion of the eighth centenary of "Christmas at Greccio" as experienced by Saint Francis of Assisi. A plenary indulgence can be received from December 8, 2023 to February 2, 2024 by visiting churches run by Franciscan families and stopping in prayer in front of the nativity scenes. In Kingston this can be done at St. John the Apostle Parish, 88 Patrick St or Holy Family Parish, 200 Wellar Ave.

The **CWL** welcomes Detective Anthony Hampton from the Kingston Police. He will speak to us on January 13 at 9:30 am in the parish hall about frauds, i.e. phone, computer and door frauds. All ladies in the parish are welcome to come and hear him. This is something we should all be aware off.

Many thanks for the thoughtful cards, gifts and wishes during this Christmas Season. – Father Michel and Father John



***Monthly Meeting for Secular Franciscan Order**
First Thursday of the month 7:00PM
St. John the Apostle Parish Hall (88 Patrick Street)

Healing Service (our Lady of Divine Fire Mission
Saturday, January 27, 2024, 7:00PM – 9:30PM
St. Paul the Apostle Church
Come and experience God's supernatural love! The evening will include Worship, Gospel presentation on healing, corporate prayers for healing and opportunity for individual healing prayer by Encouner School of Ministry team and students. Free and open to the public. For more information email kingston@encounterschool.org

Exodus 90 Join in an intense 90-day spiritual exercise that is renewing the Church by setting Her men free through Christ. Through prayer, asceticism, and fraternity, Exodus 90 is helping men break the cycle of distraction and embrace their God-given mission If you're ready to experience the true freedom you were created for, Exodus 90 begins on January 1, 2024. For more info, contact Mike Mombourquette at (613) 650-7350 or by email michael@mombourquette.com or Joe Roddy at (613) 453-1148 or by email joeroddy.sutton@cogeco.ca

Stuffed Toy Animals wanted: Shawna who has worked for God in the Dominican Republic for the past 15 years, is looking for stuffed toy animals for children. She goes weekly to the hospitals, as well as to remote villages to share God's love. Please think about donating gently used stuffed animal toys, as these children have nothing and would love to have your donation. You may place these in the box in the Gathering Area.



Holy Family Sunday