



December 2, 2018

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday 4th

6^{pm} + Dino, Terisina, Rosina & Domenico Morelli –
Francesco & Julian

Wednesday 5th

9^{am} + Dr. A. J. MacKintosh – Margrit Schaum

Thursday 6th at Rainycrest

10^{am} + Mike Zimmerman – Margrit Schaum

Friday 7th

9^{am} For greater effort from our elected members and the general population to honour the dignity and value of life from conception to natural death.

Saturday 8th

5^{pm} + Lillian Pihulak – Larry & Mitzi Armstrong and
+ Ron Bernardi – The Wonfor Family

Sunday 9th (9am at Our Lady of Lourdes)

9^{am} Special intentions for the Darvell Family

11^{am} + Dino Morelli – Tina & Jamie Roth & Family and
+ Luis Rego – The Rodrigues Family

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1st reading: (Jeremiah 33.14-16)

2nd reading: (Thessalonians 3.12-4.2)

Gospel: (Luke 21.25-28, 34-36)

Your redemption is drawing near.



In your prayers, please remember those who are sick: Ewan MacKintosh, Shirley Fraser, Kari Urquart, Ernie McColeman, Queenie Leschinski, Maurice DeGagné, Nicole LePine, Larry Mattson, Noella & Rick Hamilton, David Whalen, Isabella Keuler, Cyril Chabot, Monica Hanzuk, Jack Dillon, Art Cross, Nicholas Delvecchio, Catherine MacDonald, Jamie Buttner, Father Thomas, Brian Oster

*Offertory Collection for St. Mary's
Weekend Of*

November 25 – \$5566.26

Counting Teams

December 3 - Evelyn



Midnight Mass Choir

Everyone is welcome to join the Midnight Mass Choir!!! The next practice will be on December 6th at 6:30pm.

Director: Kathy Mueller

Organist: Jeannie Bujold

The third Sunday of every month will be Food Box Sunday. Bring non-perishable food items for the needy.



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH NEWS

In your prayers, please

Remember those who are sick:

Jan Adams, Linda Anderson, Doug Cross, George Supinski, Curtis Jourdain, Florence Lampi, Phyllis Johnson (Bruyere), Brian McPherson, Vernon Yerxa, Mary Lou Parks, Leslie Bauer, Mary Jourdain, Rudy Morrisseau, Joseph Yerxa, Shirley A. Bruyere, Sue Foran-Ross

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What's going on?!

Dec. 2 – Make Your Own Wreath Workshop –
12:00 – 2:00pm

Dec. 4 – Finance Council Meeting – 11:00am
– K.C. Wind-up Mass & Christmas Dinner – 6:00pm

Dec. 5 – CWL Christmas Mass & Potluck – 6:00pm

Dec. 6 – EDGE Night – 6:30 – 8:30pm (last one until Jan/19)

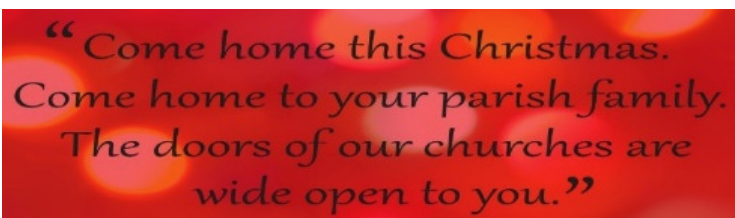
Dec. 8 – Youth Mass & Life Teen Night

Dec. 8/9 – St. Mary's Birthdays & Anniversaries

Dec. 11 – Bereavement Group Meeting – 1:00pm

– First Reconciliation – 7:00pm

Dec. 12 – School Mass – 9:30am



CHRISTMAS OPEN CHURCH

Our annual Christmas Open Church will be on Saturday, December 15th. We will start with cocktails at 6:00pm then dinner at 6:30pm. We want to show our appreciation to all the wonderful people who help & support our Parish. Everyone is welcome! Come & enjoy some fellowship, Christmas carols and karaoke too!! **Pick up your free tickets at the Parish Office.**



K.C. Corner

Wind-Up Mass and Christmas Dinner, Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2018 in St. Mary's Church Hall. Starting with Mass at 6:00pm. All members, wives of

deceased members and their families are invited to attend. Please pick up your **free** ticket at the Parish Office. **We need help with preparations on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. Please contact Kenny Desjardins at 276-4079 for more information. Thank you!**





The EDGE youth focused on Advent last Thursday. They played an Advent Jeopardy game to sharpen their knowledge on the season we are entering into. We look forward to making Advent Wreaths on Sunday! **Our next and last EDGE for this year will be Dec 6th at St. Mary's!**

Our next Youth Mass and Life Teen night is December 8th. Hope to see you there!



LIFE TEEN
Leading Teens Closer to Christ

Life Teen Lunches: The next Life Teen lunch



is on December 5th at the Northwest Catholic District School Board office at 555 Flinders Ave. (next to St. Francis School) at 11:40am. You must be a registered member of Life Teen.

DISCOVERY CAMP 2019: SEARCH



Discover the difference our Salt & Light Discovery Camp experience can make in your child's life and yours! Discovery Camp 2019 will be the week of July 8th – 12th at Sunny Cove Camp

on Rainy Lake. Applications are available. A great gift idea for that hard to buy for teen/pre-teen!!! We are offering a \$20 discount for the month of December!

CWL NEWS

Snowbird CWL members wishing to renew their memberships for 2019 before leaving for the winter or those members wishing to renew early, can pick up a form in the church lobby by the office.

All the women of the parish are invited to the CWL Christmas Potluck supper on Wednesday, December 5 beginning with mass at 6pm. Group 2 (surnames K to Z) are hosting. A collection will be taken for the Salvation Army Family Christmas program. Looking forward to a good turn out and a "Ho, ho, Ho"!



We have a limited quantity of new NRSV Holy Bibles for sale at the Parish Office. Only \$20.00!!!



Offering of the Gifts

There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church for anyone interested in bringing the gifts to the altar at mass. If you and your family or group would like to help with this ministry, please pick a date. We need 3 people for each mass. Thanks!

2018 Bishop's Diocesan Ministry Campaign

This year's theme is "Seeing Jesus In Others". Please support this important campaign that will run until December 31, 2018. There are blank donation envelopes in the lobby if you need one.

Parish goal: St. Mary's \$25,000 - so far we have received \$11720.00.

Our Lady of Lourdes \$4,000 - so far we have received \$1800.00.

Food for Your Journey - Giving Heals

The Rolls Royce drove into the cemetery. The driver told the man at the entrance house, "Would you come out to see the lady in the car? She is too ill to walk."

Waiting in the car was a frail, elderly woman. "I am Mrs. Adams," she said. "Every week for the last two years I have been sending you five dollars to spend on flowers for my son's grave. But the doctors tell me I don't have much longer to live, and I've come to thank you for taking care of the flowers."

The caretaker blinked at her and said, "You know, ma'am, I'm sorry that you kept sending money for the flowers."

"Sorry?" she exclaimed.

"Yes, because dead people never see them," he answered.

"Do you know what you are saying?" she said, very hurt.

"Oh, indeed, I do. I belong to a visiting society: insane asylums, state hospitals, and the like. People in those places dearly love flowers. They can see them and smell them. Lady, there are living people in places like that."

The lady sat silent for a moment, and then signalled her driver to drive on.

Some months later, the same lady came back...but now a much younger person, and driving the car herself. "I take the flowers to the people myself," she explained with a friendly smile. "You were right: it does make them happy. And it make ME happy. The doctors don't know what is making me well. But I do: I have something to live for."

She had re-discovered what we all know and forget: in helping others, she had helped herself.

A Smile for Your Journey - Organist

Back in the days when the church janitor had to pump air into the pipe organ to make it work, Eloise, the new organist, dearly wanted to make an impression on the visiting clergyman with her playing. She wrote a note to the old janitor who had been slack in pumping the organ air and handed it to him just before the service started. But, making a natural mistake, the janitor passed the note to the visiting preacher, who opened it and read, "Keep blowing away until I give to the signal to stop."

Living with Christ

The NEW 2018-2019 Sunday Missals are here! They are \$5.00.