



December 24, 2019

# THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve**

5<sup>pm</sup> + John & + Lena Duchnicki and  
+ Maurice & + Mary Vaillancourt – Tom & Rochelle

8<sup>pm</sup> **LOLOL** - Intentions of All Parishioners

11<sup>pm</sup> Intentions of All Parishioners

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>**

11<sup>am</sup> Intentions of All Parishioners

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> at Rainycrest**

10<sup>am</sup> **No Mass**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup>**

9<sup>am</sup> Intentions of the Boon Family

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>**

5<sup>pm</sup> + Eileen and Don McGee – Lynn & Phyllis Kellar  
and for the Intentions of Vince Godbout - Louella

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> (9am at Our Lady of Lourdes)**

9<sup>am</sup> + Billy Bird – Dick & Rose and

+ Edward Polz – Nina, Brent & Jordan Sockoliuk

11<sup>am</sup> + J.B. & + Marie DeGagné & + Deceased Siblings

– Yvette & Rita

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The Nativity of the Lord

1st reading: (Isaiah 62.1-5)

2nd reading: (Acts 13.16-17, 22-25)

Gospel: (Matthew 1.1-25)

*An account of the genealogy of Jesus the  
Christ, son of David.*



In your prayers, please remember those who

are sick: Shirley Fraser, Ernie McColeman, Queenie Leschinski, Maurice DeGagné, Nicole LePine, Larry Mattson, Noella & Rick Hamilton, David Whalen, Isabella Keuler, Laura Dillon, Art Cross, Nicholas Delvecchio, Catherine MacDonald, Father Thomas, David Cross, Keagan Evans, Julie Halvorsen, Patrick McColeman, Bridger Hands, Mary Kolynchuk, Dan Loney, Laura Ahrens & Family, Lori Woodgate, Ewen MacKintosh, Ross Anderson, Jerry Everhart

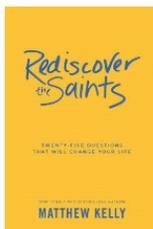
*Offertory Collection for St. Mary's*

*Weekend Of*

*December 22 – \$2020.55*

*Counting Teams*

*December 30 – Gina*



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**Your collection envelopes are ready to be picked up in the lobby.**



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, Brian McPherson, Mary Lou Parks, Leslie Bauer, Rudy Morrisseau, Shirley A. Bruyere, Sue Foran-Ross, Dale Krueger, Angela Bruyere, Steven "Beaver" Morrisseau

Offertory Collection for Our Lady of Lourdes  
Weekend of  
December 22 - \$774.30

What's going on?!

Dec. 28/29 – Feast of the Holy Family - CWL Rosary  
- Before masses

Jan. 9 – EDGE Night – 6:30-8:30pm

Jan. 11 – Life Teen Night

Jan. 11/12 – CWL Membership Drive - at masses

2019 Bishop's Diocesan Ministry Campaign

This year's theme is "Together on the Road".



**LOLOL Parish Goal: \$4,000.00**

**Donations received: \$3,150.00/79% of our goal** (this amount represents the 14 families who have made donations so far. Just imagine how quickly we can reach our goal if **everyone** made a donation!)

**Remaining: \$850.00**

**Please help us reach our goal. Funds must be at the Chancery Office before Dec. 31, 2019.**

**The remaining balance will be taken from the Parish General Account. We only have a couple days left!!!**

2019 Bishop's Diocesan Ministry Campaign

This year's theme is "Together on the Road".



**St. Mary's Parish Goal: \$25,000.00**

**Donations received: \$14,095.00/56% of our goal** (this amount represents the 75 families who have made donations so far. Just imagine how quickly we can reach our goal if **everyone** made a donation!)

**Remaining: \$10,905.00**

**Please help us reach our goal. Funds must be at the Chancery Office before Dec. 31, 2019.**

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The Catholic Women's League of Canada has established the Feast of the Holy Family, December 29<sup>th</sup>, as a day of prayer for Christians in the Holy Land. We will be praying the Rosary before the masses on December 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>.



*We pray God will protect the families and give them peace during this Christmas season. We ask Him to show them guidance and lead them to a rewarding life. May Jesus protect the families of the Holy Land and remain with them forever.*

The CWL would like to share a wonderful Christmas greeting that they received: The most precious gift of Christmas, Jesus, is too priceless to be bought. "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights..." James 1:17. May God fill your lives to overflowing with His promise of hope & joy. Have a blessed Christmas. We miss you all. Bob & Betty Grynol.



**Merry Christmas to our parishioners from St. Mary's CWL!**  
**May the miracle of Christmas fill your hearts with joy!**

**CWL reminder:** donations of men's toiletries can go in the CARE box in the church foyer. Thank you for the donations already made of socks and gloves/mittens. These items will help make up care bags that will go to the inmates of our local jail.

### **CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE**

#### **Tuesday, December 24**

5pm Mass @ St. Mary's  
8pm Mass @ Our Lady of Lourdes  
11pm Mass @ St. Mary's

#### **Wednesday, December 25**

11am Mass @ St. Mary's

#### **Tuesday, December 31**

5pm Mass @ St. Mary's

#### **Wednesday, January 1, 2020**

9am Mass @ Our Lady of Lourdes  
11am Mass @ St. Mary's

The office will be closing for Christmas at noon on December 24<sup>th</sup>, and closed on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> and closing at noon on December 31<sup>st</sup>, and closed for New Year's on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**~MERRY CHRISTMAS~**



**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of us at EDGE!!**

**Our next EDGE will be on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020!**

**Our next Life Teen night is January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**



### **DISCOVERY 2020**

Discover the difference our Salt & Light Discovery Camp experience can make in your child's life and yours! Discovery Camp 2020 will be the week of July 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> 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!**

### **Christmas is a Mystery: Bishop Colli's Christmas Message**

"To us a child is born, to us a son is given" (Is 9:5). A few years ago Pope St. John Paul II reflected on the 'mystery' of Christmas. It all begins with this Child who brings salvation to the world and who is also born for the men and women of our own time, bringing joy and peace for all. We approach the crib with emotion, as we look at this child and welcome him into our hearts and into our lives.

Christmas is a mystery of joy! The Angels sang in the night: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased". To the shepherds they described the event as "a great joy for all the people". Joy, despite the distance from home, the poverty of the manger, people's indifference, the hostilities that touch our world and our lives, in a mysterious way, Joy still finds a place.

Christmas is a mystery of love! The love of God our Father, who has sent into the world his only-begotten Son, to bestow on us the gift of His own life. The love of "God-with-us", Emmanuel, who came to earth in order to die on the Cross so that we might be reconciled with God and share in eternal life.

Christmas is a mystery of peace! From the cave of Bethlehem comes today an urgent appeal to the world not to yield to mistrust, suspicion and discouragement even though the tragic realities of war, upheaval and poverty touch our world; believers of all religions, together with men and women of good will, are called to build peace in our homes, in our communities and in our world. This is the call of the child born in Bethlehem to all of us.

Christmas is the mystery of the Incarnate Word, the Word of God made flesh to live with us. Together we stop and reflect at the manger where the Child lies, to share our own amazement at the immense "love" God has for us, that He would send His Son to be with us in human life.

We ask Mary, His mother, to teach us to recognize His face in the children of every race and culture, and to help us to be credible witnesses of His message of peace and love to others. Even though there is strife and hardship around us at Christmas there is this time of 'mystery'. As we pray and join together for this feast, may its mystery touch our hearts and souls with peace.

A Merry and Holy Christmas to all.  
Bishop Fred Colli

*May the peace & hope of Christ's*

*birth be with you now and in the the days ahead.*

*From St Mary's Staff*

*Fr. Berchmans Francis,*

*Fr. Biju Mathew, Tina Roth,*

*Gerald Cousineau, Kali Brady,*

*Brian Cousineau, Barb Godbout*

