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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Parish Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9 to 5 pm, Closed 12 noon to 1 pm

Mass Schedule:

St. James Chapel: Mon.-Sat. 7:45 am Cathedral: Mon.-Fri. 12:10 pm

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm Sunday Masses: 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 7:30 pm

Opportunities for Confession

One half hour before each Mass held in the Cathedral

Wednesdays 1 pm – 5pm

Saturdays 4 pm – 4:50 pm

Confessions also on the Thursdays of Advent: 5 pm to 7 pm

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT COMING EVENTS

Masses:

Monday Dec. 4th

7:45 am Elizabeth Ghetskowa
12:10 pm Mary Lyng, 13th anni

Tuesday Dec. 5th

7:45 am Elizabeth Ghetskowa
12:10 pm Walter & Ilse Unterberger

Wednesday Dec. 6th

7:45 am Elizabeth Ghetskowa
12:10 pm Romeo Feola, 2nd anni.

Thursday Dec. 7th

7:45 am Elizabeth Ghetskowa
12:10 pm Dorle Kromer

Friday Dec. 8th

7:45 am Elizabeth Ghetskowa
12:10 pm Chris Nicholas Edwards
7:30 pm Diocesan Mass of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday Dec. 9th

7:45 am Betty Hayes
5 pm Intentions of Nancy & Brian Cosgrove, 50th wedding anniversary

Sunday Dec. 10th

8 am Dorothy Augustus
10:30 am For all parishioners
7:30 pm Edmund Kelly

Ministries: Sat. Dec. 9th, 5 pm

Altar Servers	Paul M. Jonathan M. Gabriel M.
Lectors	Mark M. Elizabeth N.
EM of the Eucharist	Anne H. Theresa D.

Sunday Dec, 10th, 8 am

Altar Servers	Marcel R. Betty R. Emily R.
Lectors	Bill M. Abby C.
EM of the Eucharist	Emily R. Theresa D.

Sunday, Dec. 10th, 10:30 am

Altar Servers	Steve H. Jack R. Jude T. Doug S. Mario D.
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Sunday, Dec. 10th, 7:30 pm

Altar Servers	Students
Lector	Taylor C. Sara B.
EM of the Eucharist	Grace G. Ellen H.

Please pray for our Sick:

Anog Beltram, Jack Coleman, Carmen Davies, Lois Furrie, Patrick Gambin, Lidwien Gräfe, Lois Hopkinson, Matthew McDonald, Joan Sherwood and Jim Wakelin.

Sun. Dec. 3rd, 3 pm Latin Mass in St. James Chapel, Fr. Price presiding

Mon. Dec. 4th, 5:30 pm, Archbishop Cleary Fourth Degree Assembly of the Knights of Columbus Christmas Dinner at Our Lady of Fatima Hall.

Wed. Dec. 6th, Seniors' Lunch following the 12:10 pm Mass, Parish Centre

Fri. Dec. 8th, Diocesan Patronal Feast Celebration of the Immaculate Conception, here at 7:30 pm

Sat. Dec. 9th, Family Movie Night in the Parish Centre see ad.

Wed. Dec. 13th, 6 pm Alpha Reunion Dinner, Parish Centre

Thurs. Dec. 21st, Decorating the Cathedral, beginning at 8:30 am.

Thurs. Dec. 21st, 7 pm Mass for those who have been bereaved this year, in St. James Chapel

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: The Pageant will be a little different this year... hopefully we'll have more participants so that a choir can be formed to lead us in the carols of the pageant.



Mary and Joseph! Angels! Shepherds! Kings! Narrator! More! Needed for our Christmas Pageant under the direction of Laura Raycraft and Jeff Moellman for the 5 pm Mass at the Cathedral on Christmas Eve. Children wishing to participate and a parent/guardian are required to attend rehearsals: Saturdays Dec. 9th and 16th from 10:30 am-11:30 am. Please **contact Laura Raycraft** to register your child for a role. Please provide your name, your child's name and age, telephone and email contact information. Thank you for helping to make our Christmas Eve a very special time for all. Anyone interested in helping as well can reply to my email: laura.joel@hotmail.com. Spread the word! The more the merrier!!!

THIS WEEKEND AT ALL MASSES AND AT LESSONS AND CAROLS!!!

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

RELAX, ENJOY THE SEASON AND LET US DO YOUR
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DECEMBER 2 AND 3, 2017

ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE USED TO SUPPORT OUR
PROJECTS AT ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL

Campaign Life Coalition Christmas Cakes: This weekend and next.....delicious custom baked Christmas Cakes will be sold after all Masses on *December 2/3rd and December 9/10th, 2017*. For a donation of \$25.00 to CLC's Pro-life work you will receive a beautiful boxed deluxe Christmas cake. We also have a regular bar cake for \$18.00. They make great Christmas gifts! Parish Contact: Betty Roy or CLC at 613-389-4472.

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Movie Night



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St. Mary's Parish Centre
December 9th at 6:30 PM



Christmas Season Mass Schedule

4th Sunday of Advent: Dec. 23rd/24th

Sat. at 5 pm, Sun. at 8 am & 10:30 am

Christmas Eve: Dec. 24th

5 pm and 7:30 pm

Christmas Day: Dec. 25th

12:00 am midnight, 8 am and 10:30 am

Followed by our Christmas Dinner at 12 noon,

For those who cannot prepare one on their own

Feast of the Holy Family: Dec. 30th/31st

Sat. at 5 pm, Sun. at 8 am & 10:30 am

New Year's Eve: Dec. 31st

Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God at 5 pm

Holy Hour to Ring in the New Year at 11 pm

New Year's Day: Jan. 1st

8 am and 10:30 am

The Light is On!!!!!!

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is an essential part of our Advent preparation for Christmas. In light of that, in addition to our regular times, there will be a priest in the confessional from 5 pm to 7 pm, every Thursday evening of Advent. (Dec. 7, 14, 21)

Our Regular Times

One half hour before each daily Mass held in the Cathedral

Wednesdays 1 pm – 5pm

Saturdays 4 pm – 4:50 pm



Also there will be Advent Penitential Services around the City:

Sunday, Dec. 10 at 2 pm at St. Joseph's

Sunday, Dec. 10 at 2:30 pm at Holy Family Church

Sunday, Dec. 18 at 7 pm at Blessed Sacrament, Amherstview

Sunday, Dec. 20 at 7pm - 8:30 pm at St. Paul the Apostle

So many opportunities to receive the Lord's Compassionate Merciful Love!!!

A Spiritual Program Proposal for Advent

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

...The Lord is near." St. Paul's letter to the Philippians 4:4-5.

Several years ago I found much of what appears below in an article written by Father Thomas Rosica of Salt and Light Productions. I have altered it here and there but the bulk of it remains Father Tom's.

One of the great stars of the Advent season is John the Baptist. The gospels of Mark and Matthew attest to the large numbers who heard him and went out to see him. The Baptist was a man of the desert and began his preaching there.

Throughout biblical history, leaders and visionaries have gone to the desert to see more clearly, to listen intently for God's voice, to discover new ways to live. The "desert" or "wilderness" is that holy place where God's word is unbound and completely free to be heard. Advent offers us a chance to return to our deserts and discover the word that God has spoken to us.

Luke makes vivid in his gospel the meaning of repentance and forgiveness which John the Baptist preached. It was not to consist simply in sentiments of sorrow and remorse, but rather repentance translated into concrete actions.

There was a great sense of expectancy among the people of John's time for a Messiah. The crowds asked him, "What then shall we do?" to prepare for the coming of the Messiah. The Baptist told those with two coats to share one with those who had none. Likewise, those with an abundance of food were to share with the hungry. Tax collectors were told to collect no more than was appointed to them. Soldiers were to rob no one and be content with their wages. People in general were told to be generous, just, honest, grateful and compassionate.

While in prison, John began to hear about the deeds and message of Jesus. John sent his own disciples to Jesus to ask him: "Are you he who is to come, or shall we look for another?" (Matthew 11:3)

Jesus, according to Matthew, sent back the message: "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed are those who take no offence to me." (Matthew 11:4-5)

John probably expected a fiery social reformer certainly not someone who would associate with the poor, the lame, the blind, outcasts and sinners. Yet Jesus invited John to look around and see the works that had already been accomplished. At times, our Messiah is just so ordinary that we overlook his presence, his message and his works.

What then shall we do to prepare for His birthday this year? Let me suggest a plan of action for these final weeks of 2012: Carve out a little piece of desert in the midst of the busyness of your life. Maybe say "No, thank you," to one or two of the many invitations we receive this time of year. Take a little time for reflection. Go to that desert place and listen to God's voice. Take some time to prayerfully reflect on the depth of God's love for you personally in His coming to us in Jesus Christ.

When you have taken a little time in "the desert" in prayer, then put skin on God and a) Mend a quarrel. b) Build peace. c) Seek out a forgotten friend. d) Dismiss suspicion and replace it with trust. e) Send a Christmas card to someone with whom you are not reconciled. It is so easy to do that this time of year. A simple card saying that you were thinking of them at this time of year. It could go a long way to mending those broken relationships. f) Share some treasure. g) Give a kind answer even though you would like to respond harshly. h) Take time for those around you. Ultimately we have such a short time here. Make it count. In this day and age our time seems to be our most precious commodity. Don't hoard it to yourself. Find the time. Make time. Take time with others.

Focus on people not on things. I've yet to see a U-Haul at any funeral. I've never met a seriously ill person who wished they had spent more time at the office!

i) Manifest your loyalty in word and deed. ii) Keep a promise. iii) Forgo a grudge. iv) Forgive an enemy. v) Listen more. vi) Apologize if you were wrong. vii) Be kind even if you weren't wrong! viii) Try to understand. ix) Scoff at envy. x) Examine the demands you make on others. xi) Think first of someone else. xii) Appreciate. xiii) Be kind and gentle. xiv) Laugh a little. Laugh a little more. xv) Deserve confidence. x) Take up arms against malice. y) Decry complacency. xvi) Express gratitude. xviii) Go to church. Stay in church a little while longer than usual. Drop by for a visit through the week. The doors are open throughout the day. xix) Welcome a stranger. xx) Gladden the heart of a child. xxi) Take pleasure in the beauty and wonder of the earth. xxii) **Speak your love. Speak it still once again. Speak it even more loudly. Speak it quietly. And in the midst of everything, rejoice! The Lord is near!**

By being more like Him, by allowing Him to change us, the Kingdom comes close to us, and very close to all those we encounter.

Have a wonderful Advent of preparation for the glorious celebration of Christmas. Use the above as a prayerful examination. Reread it over and over, maybe each Sunday in Advent and work on its suggestions throughout the week. Incorporating the above into your everyday life is what it truly means to be ready for Christmas.

Daily Reflections to Help You Live Advent Better

A. Daily reflections from Best Advent Ever or Bishop Barron

Go to adventreflections.com or type in Best Advent Ever Bishop Barron

B. Daily reflections from Michael Kelly <https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever>

C. Daily reflections from Creighton University Ministries

<http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Advent/dailyguide.html>



Christmas Concert: One of our choir members & cantors, Michelle Kasaboski, invites you to her Christmas concert at the Isabel Bader Performance Centre on NEXT SATURDAY December 9th from 7-9 PM. Details can be found at <http://www.queensu.ca/theisabel/content/michelle-kasaboski-christmas>.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

The Knights of Columbus are starting a new initiative! We want to help those of you who need help shoveling snow over the course of the winter. The service will be offered by members of our parish's Knights of Columbus #728 at no cost to you! If you wish to volunteer even if you are not a knight, please send your name as well! If you are interested in this service, please contact Jude Thusiar at (647) 701-9256 or my email at grandknight728@gmail.com.



CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT ST. JOSEPH'S Join us for an afternoon of Christmas music, featuring the local talent of Chris Murphy, Jon McLurg and Brian Flynn, (three members of the band, Turpin's Trail) in the church on Thurs. 14 Dec. from 1-3 pm, at St. Joseph's Church, 392 Palace Rd., Kingston. Refreshments will be served in the parish hall; a free-will offering would be gratefully appreciated.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN ST. JAMES' CHAPEL: Because winter is a more difficult time for many of our seniors, we need extra help to supplement any of the hours throughout the winter months. If you are able to make an ongoing commitment to a particular hour please prayerfully consider it and contact us. The Lord may be calling you to commit to spending an hour with him. Deepen your relationship with the Lord and gain untold graces in prayer before Him exposed in the Blessed Sacrament. If you can answer His call to you at one of these times *please contact Natalie Holland*, the Coordinator of Eucharistic Adoration. nholland@cogeco.ca or 613-876-1801.

Notice to All Those Who Have Taken the Cursillo (Cursillistas) in the Archdiocese of Kingston

- You are cordially invited to attend an Ultreya (Cursillo Follow-up) scheduled for 2:00 pm, Sunday, December 10th, 2017, at St. John the Apostle, [88 Patrick Street, Kingston](#). Contact Lionel Ryan at [613-634-9588](tel:613-634-9588).

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Decorating
the Church
for Christmas



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**WE NEED HELP WITH THE CHRISTMAS
DECORATION OF THE INTERIOR OF THE
CATHEDRAL!!!**

Anyone willing and able to assist with the putting up of the Christmas trees, assembling the Christmas Manger Scene or assisting in any other way, are encouraged to help decorate the cathedral on **Thursday, Dec. 21st** beginning at 8:30 am. Please contact Janice Lumb if you can help: 613-389-1305. Many hands do make light work!!!!



Archdiocese of Kingston:

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered on the occasion of the Archdiocesan Celebration of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

here at St. Mary's Cathedral on Friday,

December 8th at 7:30 pm.

Archbishop Brendan O'Brien presiding.

Reception to follow at École Cathédrale.

Cursillo Weekend for Men to be held in Kingston - Pope Francis encourages us to encounter Jesus. The Cursillo Weekend offers a short and profound opportunity to encounter Jesus. A Men's Cursillo weekend is scheduled for Thursday evening, March 8th to Sunday, March 11th at Providence Spirituality Centre, Kingston. For more information contact Lionel Ryan at 613.634.9588 / RyanLionel07@gmail.com or Friar Ed Debono at 613.546.6900 x 204 / eddebono@aol.com



St. Mary's Cathedral Council of the Catholic Women's League would like to thank everyone who generously donated toiletry items for Interval House during our recent Membership Campaign. Thanks to your generosity, three large boxes filled with toiletries were collected and delivered to Interval House where they were most gratefully received. Thank you for your generosity to our sisters in need and for your continued support of our initiatives.
Ann Lyng, President

St. John's Evangelist Church is pleased to announce the presentation of: "The Birth of Jesus – A Franciscan Christmas" on December 10, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the St. John the Evangelical Church on Stone Street, in Gananoque. It is an UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE presented by The Franciscan Players Teen Group of Clayton, N.Y. This is not a Christmas pageant, but attempts to portray the events surrounding the Lord's birth as real as possible, from the birth to the slaughter of the innocent. Recommended for ages 10+. Because of the realistic content, may not be suitable for small children.

Christmas Decorations in Memory of Your Loved Ones: If you would like to make a contribution towards the Christmas Decorations (Trees and Flowers) in memory of a deceased member of your family, or for a living member's intentions, your family member will be prayed for at the 5 pm and 7:30 pm Masses offered on Christmas Eve. Please feel free to use one of the envelopes at the entrances to the cathedral or to fill out the form below and deposit it into the collection basket or drop it off to the parish office.



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