

The Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

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The Most Reverend Michael Mulhall, Archbishop of Kingston



The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

THIS MONDAY, DECEMBER 9TH at 7:30 pm

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered will be on the occasion of the Archdiocesan Celebration of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary here at St. Mary's Cathedral

Archbishop Michael Mulhall presiding

Reception to follow at École Cathédrale

(The actual feast day is Dec. 8th but it is transferred because it falls on a Sunday in Advent)

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Parish Office Hours: Monday to Friday 10 am to 4 pm. Closed 12 noon to 1 pm

Mass Schedule:

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

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm (no incense) Sunday Masses: 8:00 am (no incense),
10:30 am (incense is used), 7:30 pm (incense is used)

Opportunities for Confession: *"The Light is On!"*

One half hour before each Mass held in the Cathedral

Additionally: See Advent Confessions Schedule inside.

Second Sunday of Advent

Throughout Advent the SUNG response to the Prayers of the Faithful will be: "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Please pray for our Sick: Mike Baines, Finn Beharry, Kim Cabral, Ruth Caron, Adam Lachine, Janice Lumb, Maria Matias, Lynn Orellano.

Introit at 10:30 am Mass O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

Matthew: The King and His Kingdom *will resume* Mon. Jan. 6th at 9:30 am and repeated Wed., Jan. 8th at 7 pm. New members are welcome.

Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) Tues., Dec. 10th, 7-9 pm

Knights of Columbus meet Tues. Dec. 10th, at the Parish Centre 7 pm

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass: Dec. 11th at 7 pm in St. James' Chapel.

Mass for the Bereaved: Thursday, Dec. 19th at 7 pm in St. James' Chapel.

Decorating the Church for Christmas: Friday, Dec. 20th beginning at 8:30 am.

Parish Meeting, Thursday, January 9th at 7 pm in St. Mary's Parish Centre: to discuss all the projects which need to be undertaken in the near future. Exterior upkeep of the stonework of the cathedral and rectory; ii) Interior of the cathedral: painting, floors, and organ iii) new project idea for the development of the property where the Parish Centre sits.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT:



Mary and Joseph! Angels! Shepherds! Kings! Narrator! More! Needed for our Christmas Pageant under the direction of Laura Raycraft and Carolyn Positano. At 5 pm before the Christmas Eve Mass at the Cathedral. Children wishing to participate and a parent/guardian are required to attend rehearsals: Saturday Dec. 14th from 10:30-11:30 am and Dec. 22nd after the 10:30 am Sunday Mass. Please contact Laura Raycraft to register your child providing 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! laura.joel@hotmail.com. Spread the word! The more the merrier!!!

Our Lady of Guadalupe Special Mass: Many members of the Spanish Community have asked that a special celebration be held on Wednesday, Dec. 11th, the vigil of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. It will begin with the Rosary at 6 pm, other prayers and songs and Holy Mass at 7 pm. Mass will be in English. Anyone who would like to is invited to join us.



Masses:

Monday December 9th

7:45 am Intentions of Louise Meloche

12:10 pm No Mass

7:30 pm Archdiocesan Immaculate Conception Mass

Tuesday December 10th

7:45 am Intentions of Mulhall family

12:10 pm In thanksgiving

Wednesday December 11th

7:45 am Ken Furrie

12:10 pm Barbara Charboneau

7 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass

Thursday December 12th

7:45 am Rosario Rivas, Alice & Guy Lauzon

12:10 pm Deceased members of North, Poole & Whitelaw families

Friday December 13th

7:45 am Vernon Mulhall

12:10 pm In thanksgiving

Saturday December 14th

7:45 am Kenneth Davies

5 pm Deceased members of Cyr & Meloche families

Sunday December 15th

8 am Frank Braccioldietta, 6th anni.

10:30 am For the People

7:30 pm Frank Laszczyk

Ministries:

Saturday, December 14th, 5 pm

Altar Servers	Peter M. Dianne I.	Lucas M.
Lectors	Elizabeth N.	Samara L.
EM of the Eucharist	Mark M.	Adora J.

Sunday, December 15th, 8 am

Altar Servers	Alan S.	Sharon M.
Lectors	Ann L.	Bill M.
EM of the Eucharist	Betty R.	Emily R.

Sunday, December 15th, 10:30 am

Altar Servers	Nick B. Doug S.	Adam L. Ciaran F.
Lectors	Noah L.	Mark L.
EM of the Eucharist	Grace G. Marietta M. Betty G. Connie A.	Bernadette E. Maria M. May R. Colby P.

Sunday, December 15th, 7:30 pm

Altar Servers	Students	
Lector	Hannah Q.	Kim R.
EM of the Eucharist	Colby P.	Mary R.

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Dec. 21st / 22nd

Sat. at 5 pm, Sun. at 8 am, 10:30 am & 7:30 pm

Christmas Eve: Tuesday, Dec. 24th
5 pm and 7:30 pm

Christmas Day: Wednesday, Dec. 25th
12:00 am midnight and 10:00 am

Followed by our Christmas Day Dinner at 11:30 am,
for those who will be alone or who are not able to
prepare one of their own or those who just wish to join us
All are most welcome.

**Pro-Life Mass on the Vigil of Feast of the
Holy Innocents:** Dec. 27th at 7 pm in the Cathedral

Feast of the Holy Family: Dec. 28th/29th
Sat. at 5 pm, Sun. at 8 am, 10:30 am & 7:30 pm

New Year's Eve: Tuesday, Dec. 31st
Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God at 5 pm
Also New Year's Eve: **Holy Hour** to celebrate the New
Year at 11 pm and pray for the needs of the parish

New Year's Day: Wednesday, Jan. 1st 10 am
Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God

Epiphany: Jan. 4th/5th
Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

Epiphany Carol Concert: Sunday, Jan. 5th at 2 pm

Keeping the Homeless and the Poor in mind throughout Advent and Christmas.

Throughout Advent donations of warm socks, mitts and gloves would be gratefully accepted for the coat drive. Also throughout Advent, but especially at all the Christmas Masses, please bring a non-perishable food item for the food banks for those who have far less than we do.

THE LIGHT IS ON OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONFESSION THROUGHOUT THE ADVENT SEASON

Here at the Cathedral:

Every Monday through Friday: 11:30 am – 12 noon

Every Wednesday in Advent: 12:45 pm – 7 pm

Every Saturday: 4 pm – 4:50 pm

Every Sunday: 7:20 am – 7:55 am, 9:50 – 10:20 am, 7 pm – 7:25 pm

And Father Paul and I will hear confessions after all Saturday & Sunday Masses on Dec. 7/8 and Dec. 21/22



In the city:

St. Joseph's Parish: This Sunday, Dec. 8th at 2 pm

St. Paul the Apostle: This Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2 to 4 pm and 7 to 9 pm.

St. John the Apostle: Next Sunday, Dec. 15 at 1 pm

Blessed Sacrament, Amherstview, Thursday, Dec. 19 from 7 pm

Our Lady of Lourdes: ½ hour before every Mass

Examinations of Conscience and a review of Ho to go to Confession are at all the entrances of the cathedral.



CWL CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE: NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES

Let the ladies of the League do your Christmas baking and shopping! St. Mary's Cathedral Council of the Catholic Women's League will hold a Christmas bake sale after all Sunday Masses on the weekend of December 14/15. Delicious homemade cookies, squares, candy, loaves and other seasonal delicacies will be available as well as gift boxes of Wilton cheese. These baskets make perfect Christmas gifts for family, neighbours and friends or just as a treat for yourself! All proceeds go towards the CWL renovation project at St. Mary's Cathedral. *Thank you in advance for your support!*



Mass for the Bereaved: Thursday, Dec. 19th, 2019 7 pm in St. James Chapel.

As is our custom here at St. Mary's, there will be a Mass in which we will pray for all those who have died this past year. As this is the first Christmas without your loved one, family members are encouraged to come to pray together. In our grief, especially when it is recent, we must turn to God, Our Rock and Our Comforter, for support. Anyone who is feeling the loss of a loved one at this time of year, regardless of how long they have been deceased, is encouraged to attend.

YOU ABSOLUTELY AMAZE ME!!! Three of you have very generously come forward with extremely generous donations that have covered the \$5,000 deductible for the insurance repairs of the cathedral roof damage sustained on October 31st. God bless you!! Many, many thanks.

Also, the donations here at St. Mary's allowed Christine Helferty to raise the money she needed to raise. Any surplus will go towards her Religious Order. Thank you for your incredible generosity.

Decorating the Church for Christmas

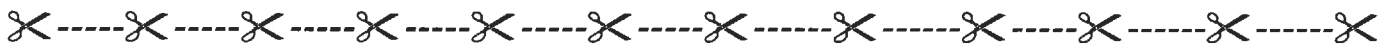


MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!!!
WE NEED HELP WITH THE CHRISTMAS DECORATION OF THE INTERIOR OF THE CATHEDRAL!!!

Friday December 20th

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 is encouraged to help decorate the cathedral on Friday, Dec. 20th beginning at 8:30 am. Please contact Janice Lumb if you can help: 613-389-1305 or lumbj@kos.net. Many hands do make light work!!!

Christmas Decorations in Memory of Your Loved Ones: If you would like to make a contribution towards the Christmas Decorations [Trees (Between \$50 & \$70 each) and Poinsettias (\$45) Urns outside (\$60 each)] 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. Also, a small sign in memorial of your loved one would be placed on the tree or plant. The sign would read "Donated in memory of..." or "Donated for the intentions of..." Thus, the person seeing it will say a prayer for them. If you wish to make a smaller contribution, amounts of any size would be gratefully accepted. 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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VISITATION KINGSTON: Are you lonely? Or do you know someone who is? Age, a health condition or life situation can sometimes make socializing difficult. There are volunteers available through St. Mary's Cathedral Pastoral Caring to make weekly home visits for friendly conversation. If you are interested in having a weekly visit or would like more information, contact: Claire Brown Tel. 902-817-7687 e-mail:

visitation.kingston@gmail.com



CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER VOLUNTEERS: The Parish Pastoral Caring Team are beginning preparations for our annual Christmas Day Dinner for those who are alone or who are unable to prepare a Christmas Day dinner for themselves. Once again this year we are reaching out to serve the needs of more people within our local community. **Our annual Christmas Day Dinner will be held at St. Mary's Parish Centre immediately following the 10:00 am Christmas Day Mass** when a complete turkey dinner will be served from 12:00 pm noon until 2:00 pm. Doors open at 11:30 am.

Volunteers are needed to assist with the set up and decorating the Parish Centre and with advanced food preparation on December 21st, December 23 and until noon on Christmas Eve Day. If you have some free time on those days, please consider volunteering a couple of hours to assist in the preparations. Donations of home baked food items would be greatly appreciated. This is a great opportunity for discipleship by giving of oneself in imitation of God's great gift of Himself, which we celebrate on Christmas Day. We ask that you prayerfully consider volunteering at the dinner as we strive to serve the less fortunate in our community during this joyous time of the year. Individual volunteers as well as entire families, who have volunteered at our previous Christmas Day dinners, have stated that it was one of the best Christmases they ever experienced thus reaffirming that those who give of themselves to others receive many graces in return. Come and experience for yourself the joy of giving! If you are interested in volunteering or are willing to contribute baked goods, please contact Ann Lyng at 613-546-5521 Ext 5 or alyng@cogeco.ca.

Campaign Life Coalition National will no longer be distributing Christmas Cakes for sale through CLC Kingston and the local parishes but they are available directly from the Toronto office. Please call CLC Toronto at 1416-204-9749 or clc@campaignlifecoalition.com Thank you for your support.

LOVE IN ACTION: Do you have someone on your Christmas list that you have no idea what to get them? Read on!! Sponsor a child in your name OR in their name; donate books for their school, donate cows, or chickens, or goats to their family or village. Donate tools like sewing machines so those receiving can become financially independent. Chalice, is a Canadian Catholic International aid charity that works in impoverished communities around the world to help struggling families overcome the cycle of poverty. Education is the first and most important step in breaking the cycle. Too often, children must skip class or drop out of school to carry water, care for siblings, or earn money for their families.

Sponsorship gives children the support needed to overcome obstacles so they can attend and stay in school, and allows families to provide nutritious food and better care for their children. Children are selected for sponsorship based on need and family circumstances, regardless of race, age, ability, gender, or religion. Education gives every child the opportunity to shine. ***Go to chalice.ca/gift-catalogue for all kinds of great ideas. Also see the catalogue on the bulletin board by the washrooms at the Johnson Street entrance to the Cathedral.***

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY OF KINGSTON

Dear St. Mary's Cathedral:

This year the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Kingston has experienced many interesting developments. We have purchased a new property on which to build a much needed new facility and have launched our first Fall fundraising and awareness campaign. We have seen record numbers in both the pantry and meal programs. For Thanksgiving Dinner, this year, we served 148 meals which is the largest number of meals served in a single day in our Loretta Hospitality Centre. We also had over 248 new families sign up to use our emergency food pantry.

We know that our numbers will continue to increase as more and more families find it difficult to mane the high cost of living in our city. Almost half of all Kingston residents pay more than 30% on housing (Living Wage Kingston Update October 2016). This results in less income available to spend on the other necessities of life. As well, the poverty rate for Kingston is 14.8%, up nearly four percentage points in the last 10 years affecting 17,485 members of our community (Living Wage Kingston Update November 2019). We do not see any signs that things will improve as the gap between the very rich and the very poor continues to grow.

We are so grateful for the generous donation that we received to purchase the land necessary to relocate our facility. Without this new facility, we would not be able to continue caring for those suffering in poverty. Our intention is to be here for our most vulnerable citizens well in to the future. It would be a cold, hard world for many if they no longer could count on the love and support of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Kingston. We have an eye to the future, but also must contend with the realities of today. We are reaching out this Christmas season to all our past donors in hopes that we will be able to end this year without a deficit. We are \$50,000 short of where we typically are this time of year in our revenue for operations. Increased numbers served and a decrease in donations in the first three quarters of the year makes for a stressful Christmas season. Having said that we have a great deal to be grateful for this year. Thanks to the support of Van Herpt Motors, we were able to purchase a used van to replace the one stolen from our parking lot this summer. Our logo is now paraded throughout our community as we pick up donations and make deliveries. We have also had many new supporters come on board because of our direct mail outs. We have had more donations of used clothing and household items this year than ever before. I am moved by the level of generosity I witness daily here at Saint Vincent de Paul. These gifts are given with such joy and compassion. It is not hard to get into the Christmas spirit when surrounded by kind and caring individuals who choose to act and not turn away from the poverty that exists in our beautiful city.

If you are interested in spending time with a fun loving and compassionate team of people, please consider volunteering with us. We could use your helping hands. A few people, giving a few hours a week, can make a big impact on our ability to provide help to those in need.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support. I would also like to extend to you and your family, on behalf of all of us at the St. Vincent De Paul Society of Kingston a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

Judy Fyfe, Executive Director

CURSILLO MEN'S WEEKEND

is scheduled for **Thursday evening, March 12th through to Sunday, March 15th, 2020** incl., at Providence Spirituality Centre in Kingston. For more information, please contact Lionel Ryan at 613.634.9588 / ryanlionel07@gmail.com, or Mike Foley at 613.546.6224 / mfoley8@cogeco.ca, or Father Shawn J. Hughes at 613.546.5521 Ext. 4 / fathershawnjhughes@gmail.com .

I highly encourage the men of the parish to consider this Cursillo experience. Many who have been involved here over the past couple of years have found it to be truly life changing and have commented that it has drawn them much more deeply into the practice of their spiritual lives.

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