

Nativity of the Lord

Christmas Eve Saturday, December 24
 7:30 p.m. Family Mass Anne & John Blizchuk by the Estate
 9:00 p.m. Christmas Carols
 9:30 p.m. Solemn Christmas Mass All Deceased Parishioners
Christmas Day Sunday, December 25
 10:30 a.m. Mary & Edward Cross by the Estate

Monday, December 26 No Mass St. Stephen
Tuesday, December 27 No Mass St. John, Evangelist
Wednesday, December 28 No Mass The Holy Innocents
Thursday, December 29 No Mass St. Thomas Becket
Friday, December 30 No Mass The Holy Family of Jesus Mary & Joseph

New Year's Day Feast of Mary, Mother of God ~ World Day of Peace
Saturday, December 31

4:30 p.m. Blessings for All Parishioners for the New Year by Fr. MacEachen
Sunday, January 1
 10:30 a.m. Patrick Richard Farley by his wife Erma Farley
Monday January 2nd
 St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen 9:00 Lacasse and Cross Families by the Estate

Tuesday January 3rd
 The Most Holy Name of Jesus 9:00 Anne & John Blizchuk by the Estate
Wednesday January 4th
 St. Elizabeth Seton 9:00 Myronick & Blizchuk Families by the Estate

Thursday January 5th No Mass
 Friday January 6th 9:00 Mary & Edward Cross by the Estate
Saturday January 7th
 St. André Bessette 4:30 Carolina Ciallella by her daughter

A New Year's Blessing.....May you awake each morning with thank you on your lips and in your heart, recognizing that all is gift, that all is blessing.
 May you be the one with welcome in your smile and hello etched upon your hand, the hand you extend to everyone who blesses you with presence.
 May yours be the gift of reverence for all created things. May you face bravely and enthusiastically the responsibility to preserve and care for the beauty of the earth.
 May your inner vision be transformed so that you can see more clearly your own journey with all humankind as a journey of peace, hope and bondedness.
 May your spirit be open and perceptive in discovering the will of God for you. May your prayer be that of wisdom, guidance, and a deeper understanding of God's way for you.
 May your life this New Year be a living legacy to your God. (Joyce Rupp)

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Name _____
 Address _____ Postal code _____
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It is Christmas! Our Gospel reading on this festive holy day is the opening words of the Gospel of John. St. John says, "The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came to be through him." That is why we celebrate today. Pope Francis opened his sermon on Christmas day last year by saying this: "Christmas is joy, religious joy, an inner joy of light and peace." At Mass on Christmas Eve we hear, "I proclaim to you good news of great joy; today a Savior is born for us, Christ the Lord." It is this joy we need to feel, this joy we need to carry to others. Many have expressed the joy of today. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI said this about Christmas: "Joy is the true gift of Christmas. We can communicate this joy simply: with a smile, a kind gesture, a little help, forgiveness. And the joy we give will certainly come back to us... Let us pray that this presence of the liberating joy of God shines forth in our lives." The angel Gabriel greeted our Blessed Mother Mary with the Greek word Kaire! That means "Be joyful." God is near us today; He is so near that He became a child. Let us take that joy and share it with others; let us take that joy and change our lives and the lives of others. When we say "Merry Christmas" let us mean it with every fabric of our being.



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You are not forgotten If you, or a loved one, are not able to come to church, we would be happy to pay you a visit and bring you Communion. We can also send you a copy of our Parish bulletin. Let us know by calling the parish office (514-932-3131) and we will get to you ASAP.

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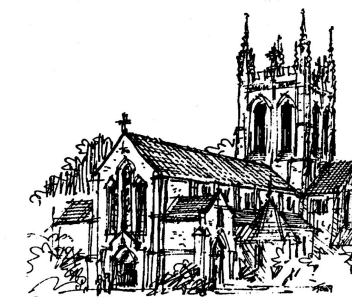
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MASS HOURS

Saturday	4:30 PM
Sunday	10:30 AM
Monday	9:00 AM
Tuesday	9:00 AM
Wednesday	9:00 AM
Thursday	NO MASS
Friday	9:00 AM

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptisms By appointment. Please phone the rectory at least one month before.

Confessions Saturday from 4:00 to 4:15 PM
Sunday from 10:00 to 10:15 AM

Marriages Please give six months notice.
Marriage preparation course required.

Sick calls Please notify us at anytime if someone in your family is ill, in order to arrange for Anointing of the Sick.

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