



MASSSES OF THE WEEK

† - For the repose of the soul / in memory of the person(s) indicated

Sunday, December 31

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

10:30 a.m. -----

4:30 p.m. -----

Monday, January 1

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

10:30 a.m. † For the souls in purgatory.

Tuesday, January 2

St. Basil the Great, and St. Gregory Nazianzen

9:00 a.m. Intentions of Peter Marinelli by the Marinelli family.

Wednesday, January 3

9:00 a.m. †Hélène Talbot by Diane Elyea.

Thursday, January 4

9:00 a.m. Special request to the Virgin Mary to resolve a problem by Jeannette & Eric.

Friday, January 5

9:00 a.m. For Father Vincent's intentions.

Saturday, January 6

4:30 p.m. † Wayne Quan by the Quan Family.
† Catherine Urban by the Quan Family.
For Marie & Judette & John by Cyril & Elza.

Sunday, January 7

The Epiphany of the Lord

10:30 a.m. †Joan-Marie Potvin by Ursula Desmarteau.

†Peter Scholtes by Ursula Desmarteau.

†Frieda Faour by her daughter Geraldine Faour.

4:30 p.m. -----

Please remember the sick in your prayers:

Michelle Boyer, Baby Ivy Murray, Nickie Shaw, Marie-Andrée Boyer, Patricia McNamara, Raechael McIntyre, Moli Coletti, Zygmunt Wysocki, Linda MacNay, Theresa Tam-Sue, Alice Hilchie.

Feast of the Holy Family – Sunday, December 31, 2023

That mothers and fathers will help their children grow strong in their faith, filled with the wisdom of God, and encourage openness to vocations, we pray to the Lord.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION

For the gift of diversity in the Church ~ We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH (Year B)

First Reading: Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14

Second Reading: Colossians 3.12-21

Gospel: Luke 2.22-40



Lectors & Commentators

Saturday, January 6

4:30 p.m. Lyn Fong

Sunday, January 7

9:00 a.m. George Hack

10:30 a.m. Paul O'Leary

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

NEW YEARS SCHEDULE

December 31, Sunday only one Mass at 10:30 am.

December 31, New Year Eve: only one Mass at 4:30 pm.

January 1, New Year Day: only one Mass at 10:30 am.

ENVELOPES

This year's envelopes have been released. We have lowered the amount of envelope numbers available due to an increased number of unused or abandoned envelope numbers. If you would like your own envelopes, or have questions, please contact our office.

PARISH SECRETARY – HOLIDAY LEAVE

This is an important notice to inform all parishioners that Denver McKee, the parish administrator and bulletin manager, will be leaving December 22nd, and returning on January 2nd for Christmas holidays. Emails and calls will not be answered by him during this time frame. Should you have any questions or concerns, you may contact the parish office. Thank you for your attention on this matter.

PARISH WEBSITE UPDATE

The parish website has a new look. Please take the time to explore the website and let our office know how we might improve it. Technical or aesthetic advice is appreciated. We thank you for your support in this.

BLESSINGS FOR SAME-SEX PERSONS

Dear faithful; there has been some concern regarding the topic of blessings for same-sex persons. The Vatican states that a priest can bless same sex persons, and this is merely a blessing, **NOT** a marriage sacrament, which can only ever involve a man and a woman. Doctrine has not, and will not change on this. The purpose of this blessing is to assist these souls in their discernment of God's will within their lives; it is not intended to encourage their lifestyles, but to lead them closer to Christ. These blessings can also be used to ask God for health in their lives. This blessing cannot be granted in connection with civil union, but rather through a visit to a shrine, priest, or perhaps on pilgrimage. Should you have any questions regarding this, do not hesitate to contact our parish.

~Fr. Vincent P.

MARRIAGE COURSE

February 2, 2024 @ 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm \$200
Catholic Engaged Encounter English Canada East-Courses are via Zoom. Please see website for more information. <http://ceeast.org>

Virtual Weekend Dates:

October 13-14-15, 2023

February 2-3-4, 2024

April 5-6-7, 2024

May 31, June 1-2, 2024

November 1-2-3, 2024

QUO VADIS?

Is the Lord calling you to serve him as a priest? Join other men discerning the priesthood for monthly formation, fellowship, and Eucharistic Adoration. Each night will be held at the new Café des Tours, located in the basement of Notre Dame Cathedral in Ottawa. To join the Quo Vadis email list or for more information, contact Fr. Connor O'Hara, the Vocations Director for the diocese, at vocations@ottawacornwall.ca.

WOMEN'S MORNING OF REFLECTION

Start the New Year 2024 by honouring Our Lady Mary Mother of God. Please join us on Sat. Jan. 6 from 9:00 am – 12:00 at the Agora Centre, Cornwall, for Mass, confessions, a light breakfast and the rosary. Fr. Augustine Obago will be blessing sacramentals; bring your water, salt, and candles. We will also have blessed chalk available. Our topic will be Mary, Mother of God. A freewill offering of \$5 is appreciated. For more information contact **Heidi 613 347 7561, krollhm11@gmail.com**

NEW YEARS MESSAGE

How the time flies when times are good! Even when we have hard times, let them too fly by, because it does not serve the Lord to dwell. Instead, let us count our blessings that we have received from the Lord, and the aid we have received from his Blessed Mother. Let our hearts be opened to receive God's graces throughout the coming years. Let us not fixate on how much time we have left, or how much time has passed; let us focus only on how God blesses each and every one of us every day. Special thank you to those who have shared your precious time this year to support our parish community! Have a healthy, happy new year!

~Fr. Vincent P.

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS

“If you are a Christian, no earthly city is yours. Of our City ‘the Builder and Maker is God.’ Though we may gain possession of the whole world, we are withal but strangers and sojourners in it all.”

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“We should not express our prayer merely in syllables, but the power of prayer should be expressed in the moral attitude of our soul.”

~St. Basil the Great