

## FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



### MASSES OF THE WEEK

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

#### **Saturday, December 26**

*Feast of St. Stephen*

4:30 p.m. In thanksgiving for graces received through the Holy Family and to God's Greater Glory by Michaela.

#### **Sunday, December 27**

(Private Mass). † Marie Gillingham by Donna Slaney.  
For peace on earth by Ginette.  
† Gord Hilchie by his family.  
For the intentions of the Handmaids of the Lord.

#### **Monday, December 28**

*Feast of the Holy Innocents*

(Private Mass) For Joe Liu's special intentions by Epe Roca.

#### **Tuesday, December 29**

(Private Mass) For Cindy Howe's special intentions by Epe Roca.

#### **Wednesday, December 30**

(Private Mass) † Harry Webb by his grandson Dave.

#### **Thursday, December 31**

(Private Mass) † Ricky Farmer by Duane Mayo.

(Private Mass) † For the special intentions of the Trapp Family by Epe Roca.

#### **Friday, January 1**

*The Solemnity of Mary*

(Private Mass) For Anne Gotman's special intentions by Epe Roca.

#### **Saturday, January 2**

*Feast of St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen*

(Private Mass) For Lucy Valentino's special intentions by Epe Roca.

### ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

Fr. Vincent will be saying private Masses daily during the lockdown. All announced Mass intentions will be celebrated on a daily basis.

### PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Nickie Shaw, Patricia McNamara, Norbert Dacquay, Baby Raechal McIntyre, Monique Beaudry, Marcelo Pimentel, Moli Coletti, Zygmunt Wysocki and Melchisedec Candido.

### HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION

**Universal:** *Human fraternity ~ May the Lord give us grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sister of other religions, praying for one another, open to all*

### YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

Pope Francis proclaimed a Year of St. Joseph in honor of the 150th anniversary of the Saint's proclamation as Patron of the Universal Church.

The year began on Dec. 8, 2020, and concludes on Dec. 8, 2021, according to a decree authorized by the pope. The decree says that "every member of the faithful, following his example, may strengthen their life of faith daily in the complete fulfillment of God's will." To read more: <https://www.ncregister.com/news/pope-francis-proclaims-year-of-st-joseph>

### JANUARY 1: THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY AND WORLD DAY OF PEACE

The World Day of Peace, established by Pope Paul VI in 1968 who asked that "every year, this commemoration be repeated as a hope and as a promise, at the beginning of the calendar which measures and outlines the path of human life in time, that Peace with its just and beneficent equilibrium may dominate the development of events to come."

The message of His Holiness Pope Francis for celebration of the World Day of Peace on January 1, 2021 is: "**A Culture of Care as a Path to Peace**". The message can be found at the following link: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-12/pope-francis-peace-day-message-2021-culture-care-social-doctrine.html>

*Ordo 2020-2021, page 107.*

### YOUTH CHOIR

Free Youth Choir Ages 8-15 on Zoom. Fun and Song with Friends twice a month on Saturdays from 1pm-2pm, beginning on January 9, 2021 and January 23, 2021. Info: contact Miriam Westen: [westenmiriam@gmail.com](mailto:westenmiriam@gmail.com)

### CHRISTMAS SEASON LOCKDOWN MESSAGE

In a short time, Christians around the world will be celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ. In the message of the angel to the shepherds in the field we hear these profoundly relevant words once more: "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah,\* the Lord" (Lk 2. 10-11).

We are blessed to be able to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ our Saviour on the 24th and 25th of December in our parishes under our current pandemic protocols, safeguarding the health of our parish families. I want to thank the priests, deacons, religious and lay staff and dedicated parishioner volunteers for your efforts these past months to make it possible to celebrate the Eucharist in our parishes.

In Christ we are united and strong! In reflecting on the experience of the Holy Family of being alone, far from family and friends, on that first Christmas, I pray that the Holy Family will intercede for all of us who will miss the presence of family and friends this Christmas in this second period of lockdown.

As you have heard, unfortunately, we will not be able to celebrate together in person this year the other joyful Feasts in this holy Christmas Season. Collaborating with our Public Regional Health Authorities in curbing this pandemic is the charitable approach to take as we care for one another. It is a great sacrifice to make, but we do so to help put an end to the spread of the virus. I call upon all priests to celebrate Mass every day and when possible, to live-stream the Mass to allow the faithful to be in communion and benefit from the spiritual graces that come from Mass.

As done by my predecessor, I grant the dispensation of your obligation to attend Sunday Mass and the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God throughout this pandemic. We know through faith that Christ is with us and that we have the prayerful intercession of Mary, Joseph and all the Saints in our time of trial. Let us keep one another in our prayers as we beseech the Lord's intercession in this time Holy Season, confident of his mercy and love.

Merry Christmas! May God bless you and your family .

+Marcel Damphousse  
Archbishop of Ottawa-Cornwall

### MESSAGE FROM FR. VINCENT

*My dear People of God:*

*As always the New Year brings new things. For us they are God's profuse blessings and they are like never endings graces. Allow the old year to fade away.*

*I wish you all health, happiness and a prosperous New Year.*

*Your beloved Pastor,  
Fr. Vincent Pereira, JCD, JV*

### DONATIONS

During the lockdown donations to the parish can be made by e-Transfer, CanadaHelps.org, Pre-authorized Debit and Credit, cheques or cash.

2021 parish envelopes can be picked up at the office on Tuesdays. Please call the office before coming.

Your regular contributions allow us to continue the important pastoral and temporal projects throughout the year that keep our parish strong and thriving.

We sincerely thank you for your donations.

### EMAIL SCAM TARGETING PASTORS AND PARISHIONERS

Please be aware that there is a scam asking parishioners for money transfers, gift cards or other personal financial assistance. The scam either uses the church name or a phoney email address that looks like the Fr. Vincent's email account, and asks parishioners for financial assistance of some kind. No priest will ever ask a parishioner for money, gift cards or personal financial assistance by email or other means. At this time of year, there are many scams in operation, preying on people's good nature.