


MASSES OF THE WEEK

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

Sunday, December 19

9:00 a.m. For the parishioners of St. Theresa Parish.
 10:30 a.m. † Bernadette McVean by her daughter Kathy.
 † Gord Hilchie by the family.
 For the intentions of the Handmaids of the Lord.

Tuesday, December 21

9:00 a.m. For all souls by Epe Roca.

Wednesday, December 22

9:00 a.m. † Souls in Purgatory.

Thursday, December 23

For all saints by Epe Roca.

Friday, December 24

9:00 a.m. **NO 9:00 a.m. MASS.**
 4:30 p.m. -----
 7:00 p.m. -----

Saturday, December 25

Christmas – The Nativity of the Lord

10:30 a.m. † Veronica & Michael Slaney by Donna Slaney.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Ann Taillon, Baby Ivy Murray, Nickie Shaw, Christian Diaz, Eugene Vargas, Marie-Andrée Boyer, Patricia McNamara, Norbert Dacquay, Raechal McIntyre, Marcelo Pimentel, Moli Coletti, Zygmunt Wysocki and Melchisedec Candido.


Lectors & Commentators
Friday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

4:30 p.m. Darrell Herauf
 7:00 p.m. Lynn Fong

Saturday, December 25 - Christmas Day

10:30 a.m. Cathy Major

Sunday, December 26 - Feast of the Holy Family

9:00 a.m. Darrell Herauf
 10:30 a.m. Cathy Major

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION

Universal: *Catechists ~ Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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First Reading: Micah 5.2-5a

From you, O Bethlehem, will come the ruler of Israel.

Second Reading: Hebrews 10.5-10

I come to do your will.

Gospel: Luke 1.39-45

*Why has this happened to me,
 that the mother of my Lord comes to me?*

Christmas & Holy Family Feast Mass Schedule

Friday, December 24 (Children's Mass)	4:30 p.m.
Friday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)	7:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 25 (Christmas Day)	10:30 a.m.
Sunday, December 26 (Holy Family Feast)	9:00 a.m.
Sunday, December 26 (Holy Family Feast)	10:30 a.m.

New Year's & Epiphany of the Lord Mass Schedule

Friday, December 31 (New Year's Eve)	4:30 p.m.
Saturday, January 1 (New Year's Day)	10:30 a.m.
Sunday, January 2 (Epiphany of the Lord)	9:00 a.m.
Sunday, January 2 (Epiphany of the Lord)	10:30 a.m.

Please note: Advanced registration is not required this year. Registration will take place before Mass. Come early as registration is on a first come, first served basis.

PRAYER FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mary and Elizabeth, mothers and saints, pray for us as we walk through our lives. Graciously help us to see when Jesus reaches out to touch and save us. May we be as receptive to grace as you were. Amen.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for the Masses over the Christmas and New Year period. Please contact Ron Sorobey at 613-238-7495 or rsorobey@rogers.com.

SYNOD UPDATE

The Spirit is present and working as we begin the work on the Papal Synod. Leaders representing different functions and committees of the parish have been identified and agreed to lead their particular groups and members of the parish at large. The group leaders will meet in January for a day of prayer and information sharing. After the groups have completed their report the responses will be noted and a report will be written and submitted on behalf of the parish to the Archbishop.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS SHEPHERD

A huge thank you to all who supported Operation Christmas Shepherd, the many individuals who brought in bags, the families who came together to donate several bags, the knitting group who donated 80 sets of scarves and hats, the donation of a case of hand sanitizers, those who dug deep into their pockets to make cash donations, the volunteers who helped collect and bag everything. Because of you, 158 gift bags were delivered to the Shepherds of Good Hope this week. Your generosity and kindness are inspiring. A Blessed and Happy Christmas to all.

2022 PARISH ENVELOPES

Everyone is encouraged to use pre-authorized donations to keep our parish strong and thriving.

A limited number of 2022 parish envelopes are available at the back of the church this weekend. Please note that they will not be available at the back of the church over Christmas, however, they can be picked up at the office, during office hours.

Remember to **write your name, address, telephone number & e-mail address** on the first few envelopes you use in 2022. This will ensure that your contact information and your parish envelope number will be updated in the parish database.

2022 PARISH CALENDARS

Parish 2022 calendars for are available at the back of the church this weekend.

FR. VINCENT'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

My dear parishioners:

Despite the pandemic chaos and challenges, We, the People of God, have been journeying together through all the earthly and liturgical seasons. And now we are at the threshold of Christmas, as we are ready to celebrate this joyous feast to commemorate our Saviour's birthday. We have been blessed in many ways. May he continue to bless each of us and shed a beautiful smile on us and protect all of us in these difficult times.

Merry Christmas, my dear parishioners, let us keep each other in our prayers.

Fr. Vincent Pereira.

Deacon Guy, Deacon Will and the parish staff wish all of you and your families the blessings of peace, joy and good health during this Christmas Season!

This Christmas season we remember those who are ill, away, alone, in the military service and overseas.

