

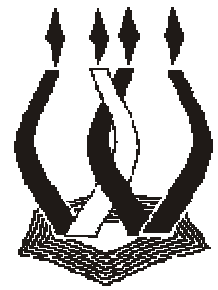


**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT –  
CHRISTMAS – HOLY FAMILY – EPIPHANY 2007**

*“Blessed are you among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of your womb...”*

*Let us go to Bethlehem...they went with haste and found  
Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.”*

(Today's Readings: Isaiah 9:2-4, 6-7; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-16)



***Announced mass intentions...***

- Sat., Dec. 23 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
5:00PM Mass – Patrick Chatelain  
Gerta Patry+  
Maria & Salvino Castalano+
- Sun., Dec. 24 8:00AM **NO MASS**  
9:30AM Mass – Ray Moore+  
11:15AM Mass – Madeline Ledoux+  
Leo MacKinnon+
- CHRISTMAS MASSES**  
4:00PM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners  
6:00PM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners  
8:00PM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners  
11:00PM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
- Mon., Dec. 25 11:15AM Mass
- Tues., Dec. 26 12:15PM **NO MASS**
- Wed., Dec. 27 12:15PM **NO MASS**
- Thurs., Dec. 28 9:00AM Communion Service- Billings Lodge  
12:15PM Mass
- Fri., Dec. 29 12:15PM Mass – Jean Paul II+
- Sat., Dec. 30 5:00PM Mass – Dennis Prendergast+
- Sun., Dec. 31 **HOLY FAMILY**  
8:00AM Mass  
9:30AM Mass  
11:15AM Mass

**NEW YEAR'S EVE – SOLEMNITY OF MARY**

- Sun., Dec. 31 7:00PM **SILENT ADORATION**  
7:30PM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
- Mon., Jan. 01 **BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**  
9:30AM Mass  
11:15AM Mass
- Tues., Jan. 02 12:15PM **NO MASS**
- Wed., Jan. 03 12:15PM Mass
- Thurs., Jan. 04 9:00AM Communion Service- Billings Lodge  
12:15PM Mass
- Fri., Jan. 05 11:00AM **ADORATION** until 12 noon  
12:15PM Mass – Leo MacKinnon+
- Sat., Jan. 06 5:00PM Mass
- Sun., Jan. 07 8:00AM Mass – Georgette Danis+  
9:30AM Mass – Molly Belanger+  
11:15AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners  
7:30PM Mass

***Events Calendar***

- Sat., Dec. 23 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A  
10:00AM Choir practice – Church  
4:30PM Rosary – Church

**We remember in our prayers the sick...**

**-our parishioners–** Laurette Allen, Helen Charbonneau, Clare Desjardins (husband of Alicia), Ron Dexter (husband of Diane), Joan Dumbrell (wife of Bob Irvine), Marie Claire Grandbois, Gertrude Kennedy, Jesse Kennedy, Alice Haughton (wife of Bob), Audrey Hester, Helen Lenthall, Eveline Lavoie, Reg MacDonald (husband of Joan), Odette MacKinnon, Deacon Bruce McLeod, Yolanda Miron (mother of Mina), Mary O'Connor (wife of Al), Barbara Riggins, Margaret Ross, Ray Valin (husband of Betty), Sherri Vallee (daughter of Betty)

**-relatives–** Tillie Andruchow (mother of Jean Ryan), Cathy Becker (sister of Maureen Monaghan), Helen Chynces (sister of Theresa Sarceвич), Barbara Cooper (sister of Imelda Marrast), Patricia Esmond (mother of Liz), Guy Gosselin (brother-in-law of Theresa Sarceвич), Vivian Hunt (brother of Beryl Budzinski), Cathy Jirsch (sister of Aileen Halls), Theresa Lassaline (sister of Mary Simms), Ayin & Godwin Lee (parents of Robert), Jerry Lorbetzkie (brother of Dorothy Daub), Oswald Luke (father-in-law of Robert Lee), Marie Miele (mother of Christine), Dominci O'Hara (brother of Monica Ryan), Donald Pajot (brother of Marc), Sonia Pereira (cousin of Marlene Braganza), Eleanor Spafford (mother of Barb Goski)

***Pastor's Column...***

**IT BEGAN IN A MANGER**

An extraordinary event in history happened in an ordinary way. God became a man. Divinity arrived. He came, not as a flash of light or as an unapproachable conqueror, but as one whose first cries were heard by a peasant girl and a sleepy carpenter. Mary and Joseph were anything but ordinary people. Yet heaven entrusted its greatest gift to these simple parents. It began in a manger, Majesty in the midst of mundane, Holiness in the filth of sheep manure and sweat and worshipping angels had been replaced with kind but bewildered shepherds. It could have begun anywhere, but surprisingly, it began in a manger.

Divinity and holiness can be found in the least places we expect. Do we have to search for it? No, we have to just recognise them in our ordinary life situations. Look into the eyes of those you meet today, your neighbours, friends, your children...the Word became flesh and dwelt among us and we have seen His glory. Let us rejoice as we enter into the New Year of 2007.

**Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and God's blessing for the New Year.**

Fr. James Raphael CMF  
Fr. Lukose Kochupurackal CMF

## A BIG THANK YOU DEAR PARISHIONERS:

My heart is overwhelmed with gratitude for your outpouring generosity towards the residents of the Leprosy and Blind Centers in Bangalore India. I believe this is one of the best Christmas gifts you have given to some of the 'least' in the world. Thank you for lighting up their faces through your charity. During my vacation, I will be spending a few days at these Centers. Thank you for sending me to them with a gift of around \$6,500. You will hear from these Centers once I return. I will be away from January 02 to February 07. I will miss you for a month but you all will be very much in my prayers.

With lots of love,  
Fr. James Raphael CMF

## Parish News and Community Life...

**ADORATION:** "Come Spend An Hour With Me." We will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on **Friday, January 05 from 11 a.m. until 12 noon.** This is a beautiful opportunity for prayer and contemplation. You are encouraged to spend time in adoration with our Lord.

"A MESSAGE FOR OUR TIMES"...A quote by Pope John Paul II, he also said: "There is nothing man needs more than Divine Mercy." All Parishioners are welcome to join us on **Tuesday, January 16 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Church to hear our guest speaker, Fr. Dan Dubroy, Chaplain at the Civic Hospital speak on Divine Mercy. Come and hear this important message. Sponsored by the RCIA.

## HOSPITALITY

The Hospitality Committee would like to thank everyone for their generous contributions for the bake table, and to those who participated with a table in the Christmas Bake and Craft Sale that was held earlier this month.

THE COMMITTEE would also like to wish all parishioners and their families a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for the coming New Year. Thank you for your support of our activities in the parish this year. We look forward to many more functions in 2007.

## PASTORAL CARE

The Pastoral Care Team wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year. We are available over the holiday season to visit or bring Holy Communion house-bound or hospitalized. Please call Alex Howard at 613-523-4694 or the Parish office with your request.

## Social Action...

### MISSION, PEACE, AND DEVELOPMENT

Thanks to all who purchased AIDS Angels at our Annual Christmas Bake/Craft Sale! The AIDS Angels are very popular and we once again we sold out quickly.

Best wishes to all for a blessed Christmas. We are used to giving at this time of year so it's appropriate to remind ourselves of other ways to give...we could plan to give blood, or to fill out an organ donation card, or even to volunteer time with a charitable organization, and so on. We also encourage your support of any number of worthy causes including the Claretian Missions in India. Happy New Year!

Our MPD committee will be meeting on Tuesday, January 09 at 7:30 p.m. in the Library.

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT †

"The world is a Bethlehem where all the inns have no room for the Christ Child. The canyons of modern cities are caveless; the skyscrapers have locked entrances. The music of the donkey's hoofs that carried Mary to Bethlehem is lost in the swoosh of our endless traffic...Pause, and then hasten! Make warm the caves of your souls so that the Holy Anointed One may be born in them."

"Let this Christmas be for us a turning point... Let us become small enough to kneel at the crib and big enough just to reach the level of the Baby's eyes. Let us look into them—and catch sight of Love Incarnate! Then we shall be made whole again, and our hunger will be filled."

(Moments of Grace from the writings of Catherine Doherty—Donkey Bells)

## DID YOU KNOW?

### SERIES ABOUT EASTERN CATHOLIC CHURCHES

#### 16. The Romanian Byzantine Catholic Church

The Romanians are descendents of Roman Trojan Colonies in Illyrica of the Province of Dacia since the beginning of the second century. The Romanian Byzantine Catholic Church has undergone intense persecution as Romania is predominantly an orthodox country and fell under Communist Rule. Aware of protestant inroads, the Orthodox Metropolitan of Transylvania sought and achieved union with Rome on September 04, 1700, establishing the Romanian Byzantine Catholic Church. The Romanian Church went underground during Communist rule and was re-established by Pope John Paul II on March 14, 1990.

On December 16, 2005 this Church was raised to the status of Major Archiepiscopal Church and now has four dioceses in Romania. There is also one diocese in the United States—St. George's in Canton, Ohio. The Romanian Byzantine Catholic Church has over 1 million members.

Next week: The Russian Church

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There will be **NO 12:15 MASS on December 26, 27 and January 02.**

The **OFFICE** will be **CLOSED** on December 26, January 01 and 02.

**PLEASE NOTE** that this bulletin covers December 24 until January 07. Our regular weekly bulletin will resume on **January 07** and deadline for submissions are on **Wednesday, January 03 by 12 noon.** Thank you.

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