



Sunday, December 10, 2023

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Readings for Next Sunday
1st Reading:
Isaiah 61.1-2a, 10-11
2nd Reading:
1 Thessalonians 5.16-24
Gospel:
John 1.6-8, 19-28



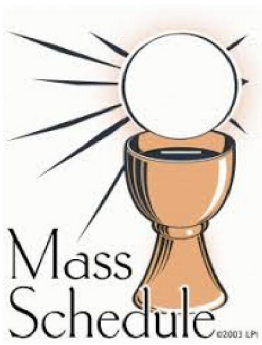
Homebound Visit
If you are aware of someone homebound and would appreciate a visit and Communion, please call the office.

Financial Information

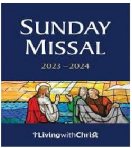
Deposit	December 2/3
Offertory	\$2,095.00
Missals	100.00
Poinsettia Orders	475.00
Window Donations	515.00
Indigenous Collection	500.00
TOTAL	\$3,685.00

Upcoming Collections
Sunday, December 17 – Capital Fund

Mass Schedule & Intentions (December 11-17)
Monday, December 11 – **NO MASS**
Tuesday, December 12 – **NO MASS**
Wednesday, December 13 – 9:00 am
Thursday, December 14
Friday, December 15
11:00 am – Adoration
12:00 pm – Mass
Saturday, December 16, 4:00 pm
For Brenda Palewandrem (Tisi) (RIP)
by Aunt Liliane
Sunday, December 17, 9:00 am
Mass for the People
Sunday, December 17, 11:00 am
Special Intention for Michael Bayley by Conly & Linda Bayley



Missals
The new missals are available in the gathering room for \$5.00. Pick up one this weekend.



2024 Offertory Envelopes
The 2024 boxed sets will be in the gathering room next weekend for pick up.

Children's Liturgy
The Sunday School team has some exciting events to announce as we prepare for Advent. This weekend after the 9am Mass we will be hosting our Christmas Social. All parishioners are invited to come together for coffee, hot chocolate and Christmas goodies. There will be crafts and activities for the children and fun and fellowship for the adults. We hope to see you there! Also, on Christmas Eve (Sunday, December 24 at 4pm) we will be presenting our Christmas Pageant! All children are invited to participate. Costumes are provided and there are no speaking parts or rehearsals. There will be a sign-up sheet at the social. If you have any questions please contact susan.samulski@gmail.com.



Poinsettias In Memory of a Loved One
Once again, we will be offering poinsettias for sale to adorn our altar for the Christmas season. Order forms are available in the Gathering Room or attached to the weekly email. Please return the form with payment in the collection basket or drop it off to the parish office no later than the weekend of **December 9/10**.



SSVP Christmas Bells
The St. Vincent de Paul Society Christmas hamper program is underway and Christmas gifts will be handled differently again this year. You can support the program by purchasing a gift card from merchants in Newcastle and Bowmanville. Over the next few weeks simply drop your gift card off in the gift card box provided in the gathering room before Mass. The families supported by the Society truly appreciate your generosity and this will brighten their Christmas. Drop off the gift cards no later than the weekend of December 16/17.
****Please include the receipt with your gift card****



Twelve Days of Christmas Silent Auction
The twelve days of Christmas Silent Auction returns this weekend in the gathering room. The auction will run until Sunday, December 17. The Knights will host an Open House social on **Thursday, December 14, 6-8 pm**. Everyone Welcome!



Life Corner
Please watch for the Grand Opening of the first Hope's Cradle in Ontario. This was a collaboration between Gems for Gems (an organization that supports women suffering from abuse), our parish Life group and our parish Knights of Columbus. The Cradle will give options for desperate parents to safely surrender a baby instead of abandonment.
Blessings on all. Choose Life.



Christmas/New Year Mass Schedule
4th Sunday of Advent
Saturday, December 23, 4:00pm
Sunday, December 24, 10:00am
Christmas Eve
Sunday, December 24, 4:00pm/8:00pm
Christmas Day
Monday, December 25, 10:00am
Feast of the Holy Family (Sunday Liturgy)
Saturday, December 30, 4:00pm
Sunday, December 31, 9:00am/11:00am
****NO NEW YEAR'S EVE VIGIL MASS****
New Year's Day - Monday, January 1, 10:00am



Taize Prayer Service (Tuesday, Dec. 19, 7:00 pm)
Join us for an Advent Candlelight Service of Prayer, Song, Contemplation.
For several years now, during Advent and Lent, the Saturday Evening Choir has put on the unique form of Prayer Service based on the music of the brothers of Taize in France. It offers an hour of tranquility as a badly needed antidote to the pre-Christmas rush.



Birthday Wishes & Prayers
We wish God's Blessings to these parishioners, our loved one's and those who have gone before us celebrating an Anniversary or Birthday or any special occasion in December especially...Michel Tisi, Zenon Samulski, Reinielle Jessica Delos Reyes, Carys Latendresse, Louis & Louise Lalande (Ann)

