

# *St. Joseph's Catholic Church*

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## *Peace on Earth*



## Christmas - December 25, 2024

### **Introduction**

New life and hope entered the world with the birth of Jesus. God became one of us, someone we could approach and understand. This is the cause of our joy this Christmas morning.

### **First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10**

The world is full of rejoicing because those who are waiting for the Lord will see him face to face.

### **Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-6**

God, the creator and sustainer of the universe, has spoken to us, in our time, through his Son.

### **Gospel: John 1:1-18**

Light gives itself to everyone, without making distinctions between people.

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### **HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE:**

New Year's Eve 5:15 p.m. Mass

New Year's Day 11:00 a.m. Mass only (9:00 Mass is cancelled)

### **MASS SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY:**

Regular Mass schedule for Monday, Friday 5:15 p.m.; Tuesday & Wednesday 9:00 a.m.; **Thursday 10:30 a.m.**; Saturday 5:15 p.m.; Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

We welcome Msgr. Lynch, Friar Reto; Fr. Ogbuagu; Fr. Shea; Fr. McNally; Fr. Kusyk; Fr. Amato who will be filling in to celebrate Mass while Father Cosmas is away.

**2024 DONATIONS** St. Joseph's Parish Year-End occurs on 31 December; therefore, we ask that all 2024 donations to the parish be received by the parish office by 31 December 2024. Donations received after this date will be recorded in 2025. If you wish to have a donation appear on your 2024 Tax Receipt, please ensure that the office has received it prior to 1 January. All extra envelope donations have been remitted to the Archdiocese to be forwarded to the various organizations.

### **PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

You are asked to remember in prayer those recently deceased especially Martin Elderhorst.

### **PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL**

Please remember in your prayers the following: Donna V.; Raymond Doyle; Paul Dowling; Rob Hearst; Sophie Wolfe; Rev. Leo Byrne; Barbara Anne Caron; Patricia Flagler; Aileen Irvine; Mary Jackson; Doreen Saunders; Dorothy Stanley.

*If there are members of your family or friends who are ill or recently died, and for whom you wish prayers, please contact Susan at the parish office at 613-547-5004.*

**2025 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES** are available at the main entrance. Please pick up your package before or after Mass. Once the New Year arrives, please do not use the previous year's envelopes as the number may be different. Thank you.

**FATHER COSMAS AJAWARA'S VACATION** Father Cosmas will be away from December 26, 2024 to January 30, 2025. Please keep Father and his family in your prayers.



### **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

The Catholic Women's League of Canada is a national organization rooted in Gospel values, calling its members to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service. The Annual Membership Drive will take place January 4-5 and January 11 & 12 here at St. Joseph's. CWL members will be at each of the church entrances. New members, women from age 16 and up, are always welcome! St. Joseph's Parish is very fortunate to have such an active and vibrant Catholic Women's League serving our parish community.

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS HAMPERS** This year we faced a few challenges along the way, however our Christmas hamper program was a huge success! With the generosity of our parishioners we helped over 45 individuals and families. A sincere thank you to our organizers of this wonderful program, Mary, Stephen, and Sharon we are blessed to have you in our parish, donating your time and organizational skills. To the many Knights of Columbus, CWL members and parishioners who came to help and deliver to those in need, thank you all!

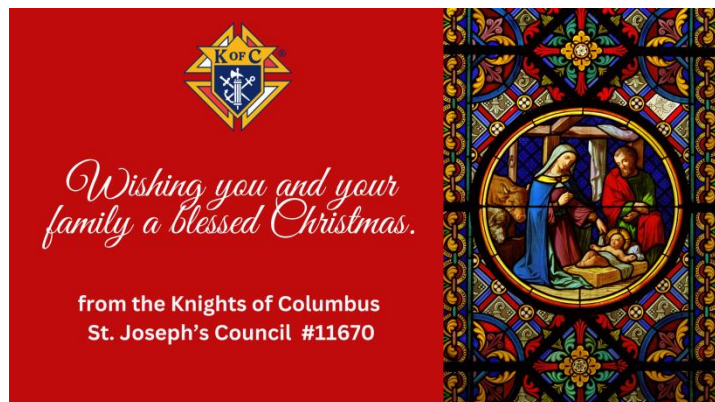
### **O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL! AN EPIPHANY CAROL SING-ALONG**

Round-out your celebrations of the Christmas season by singing your favourite carols, led by the Trinitas Singers, Trinitas Youth Singers, and guests! **Saturday, January 4, at 2pm in St. Joseph's Church** Monetary and non-perishable/canned food donations will be collected in support of the St. Vincent-de-Paul Society of Kingston, and a **festive reception will follow in our hall.**

[trinitas.singers@gmail.com](mailto:trinitas.singers@gmail.com) or visit our Facebook page - [TrinitasSingers](https://www.facebook.com/TrinitasSingers) or call 613.985.2224

### **Veronica's Veil Overnight Winter Shelter for Homeless Men Set to Open**

Veronica's Veil is a winter overnight winter shelter that is a ministry of St. Mary's Cathedral but open to all men of the city. It provides homeless men with a dry warm place to spend the winter nights. Veronica's Veil now has sufficient volunteers and is set to open for the 2025 season which will run **from January 2 to April 30, 2025**. If you would like to volunteer as a substitute for any of the shifts please contact Ann Lyng at 613-546-5521 Ext 5 or [ann@stmaryscathedral.ca](mailto:ann@stmaryscathedral.ca)





## Christmas Reflection 2024 Emmanuel- God is with us

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today we celebrate the wondrous mystery of Christmas—the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. In the stillness of the night, in a humble stable in Bethlehem, God entered human history in the most profound and personal way. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, bringing light, hope, and salvation to a world overshadowed by darkness.

Christmas is not just the story of a baby born in a manger; it is the fulfillment of God's eternal promise to save His people. Jesus is Emmanuel—God with us. He came to bridge the gap between heaven and earth, to reconcile us to the Father, and to show us the depth of His love.

In the simplicity of the manger, we are reminded that God does not seek grandeur or power as the world understands it. Instead, He reveals Himself in humility, vulnerability, and love. This is a powerful message for us: God meets us where we are, even in the messiness of our lives, and offers us His peace and joy.

The angels declared to the shepherds, "Do not be afraid; I bring you good news of great joy for all people." This good news is not just for the powerful or the privileged; it is for everyone—the poor, the broken, the sinner, the outcast. Jesus' birth is a reminder that in God's eyes, every person matters, and every soul is worth redeeming. As we celebrate Christmas, let us remember that Jesus' birth is God's ultimate expression of love. Are we aware of His presence in our daily lives? Do we make room for Him in our hearts, just as Mary and Joseph made room for Him in their lives?

The manger teaches us that greatness lies in humility. Are we willing to serve others, especially those in need, with the same love and selflessness that Jesus shows us?

Finally, in a world often filled with uncertainty and hardship, Christmas reminds us that Jesus is the light that overcomes all darkness. Do we bring His light to others through our words, actions, and prayers?

Let us carry the joy and meaning of Christmas into our everyday lives. May the Christ-child inspire us to live with humility, love, and a deep sense of gratitude. As we gaze upon the manger, may we be reminded that God's greatest gift to us is His Son, and our greatest gift to Him is a heart open to His will.

I wish you all and your families a Merry Christmas and blessed New Year 2025.

Yours in Service

Fr. Cosmas

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