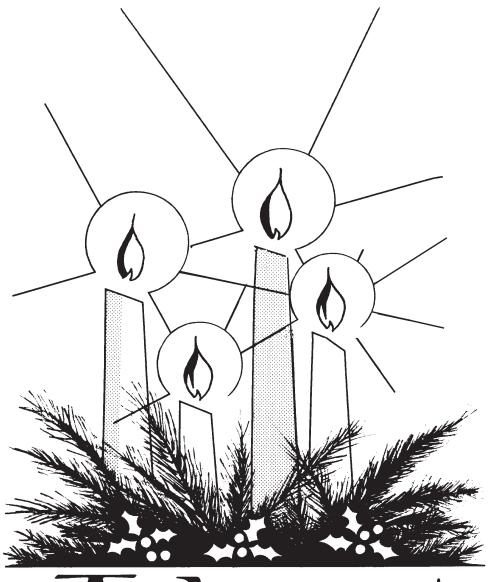
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Mass Intentions Fourth Week of Advent

Tuesday December 21

12:05 noon + Bruno & Walburga Kivel

Requested by Patricia, Conrad and family

Wednesday December 22

12:05 noon + Steven Perrault

Requested by Val & Don Perrault

Thursday December 23

12:05 noon + Katelyn Beauchamp

Requested by Bernadette & Lorenzo

Prayer Requests:

Shelley Smith; Nadine Adams; Stephen Roach; Elizabeth; Bernie Gemmell; Jenny; Georgette Taylor; Mel Boudreau; Peter Pattenaude; Bob Kokron; Florence Carson; Barb Mc; Brenda Bylow; Shirley Dower; Gina Grech; Gerard Turner; Liz Gaudet; John Jerome;

Prayers for recently deceased:

Lenore Augimeri;

2022 Offertory Envelopes

Are available for pick-up at the office during the week
Tuesday – Friday 9:30 – 2pm

2021 Donations and Tax Receipts

We wish to thank you for your monetary donations that have assisted us in continuing to minister to the community during this unprecedented time we are in.

A gentle reminder that all donations to be included on the 2021 tax receipts must be received in the parish office by Friday December 31, 2021. Tax receipts will be mailed out at the end of January.

Thank you for your generosity and support of the parish.

2021 - 2022 Sunday Missals

Available at the side entrance to the church for \$6 each





Christmas Mass Schedule

Seating for masses during the Christmas Season is on a first come first serve basis

Nativity of Our Lord

Christmas Eve - Friday December 24

Note: There will be No 12:05 noon Mass today

5 pm 8 pm 1

Christmas Day - Saturday December 25

9 am 11:30 am No 5 pm mass

Feast of the Holy Family

Sunday December 26

9 am 11:30 am NO evening Mass

Weekday Masses December 27 - December 30

Monday -No Mass; Tuesday thru Thursday, 12:05 Mass

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Vigil Mass: Friday December 31

Note: No Holy Hour and No 12:05 noon Mass today

5 pm

Saturday January 1

Note: No 10am and No 5pm Mass today

11:30 am

Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday January 2

9 am 11:30 am No evening Mass

Weekday Masses - January 3 - 7

Monday, No Mass; Tues. – Thurs. 12:05 Mass; Fri. Holy Hour 11am & 12:05 Mass; Sat. 10am Mass

Baptism of the Lord

Vigil Mass - Saturday January 8

5 pm

Sunday January 9

9 am 11:30 am 7:30 pm



Reflection: God Made Flesh

The Gospel on this Fourth Sunday of Advent says that on hearing the Blessed Mother's greeting to Elizabeth, the child in Elizabeth's womb leapt for joy. Mary and Elizabeth's encounter was a sharing of joy. Each had her own reason for a great happiness but thought of the other's happiness. Joy that is shared is doubled. It was a special joy because it found its source in God. Wherever Mary goes, she provokes an explosion of joy like at the wedding in Cana. In the gospel, the baby leaps for joy. Elizabeth shouts her joy at being visited by the Lord in Mary's womb, and in Mary's Magnificat, the lowly exult for joy because their liberation is close at hand.

Mary is proclaimed blessed by Elizabeth because she believed that the promise made to her by the Lord would be fulfilled. God made so many promises to the chosen people of Israel through the prophets. But when their fulfillment was delayed, the people doubted the word of the Lord. They preferred to place their trust in themselves and in their plans and it ended in total failure. Mary instead is blessed because she trusted God. She was sure that in spite of all appearance to the contrary, the word of the Lord would be fulfilled.

Maybe our communities and all of us today could be called blessed because we have believed the word of the Lord. Let us examine ourselves, for instance, if we are really convinced that the promises God made in the Beatitudes to the peacemakers, the non-violent, those who offer the other cheek, those who do not seek vengeance, will really be fulfilled.

Perhaps we do believe God but maybe only to a certain point especially when God asks us to do something that goes against human common sense. The Blessed Mother is teaching us that it is worthwhile to place our trust in God; not just when it suits us or occasionally but always. Perhaps in these next few days before Christmas, we are to ask ourselves: 'Where are we going to find him, the Messiah, the expected Savior'?

As one family, let us prepare our hearts for the coming of the Lord in faith, in simplicity, in humility and in availability. Christmas is a family feast. Let us learn to give us our inflexibility and stubbornness and be kind to one another. Forgive one another and do our share in creating a hearty atmosphere in our home.

Let us give God all the chances of becoming human in our home, in our parish community, in the union of married partnership, in the oneness of parents and children. So many things can become signs of our availability and of God's graciousness. All these signs combine to become the sacrament of Christmas this year: God became man and He becomes human among us, in our hearts, in our homes, our community and in our world.

Consecration to the Holy Family



Consecration to the Holy Family will be available for families who wish during the Feast Day of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

Sunday December 26

@ 9 am & 11:30 am Masses

Brochures, supplied by Laurier Council 2004 of the Knights of Columbus, will be available at the doors of the Church on

December 19 so everyone

can prepare for the Consecration.

All families are welcome to participate.



Saint Vincent de Paul, St. Margaret conference would like to extend a sincere thank you to all who responded to the Christmas funding appeal and to all who contribute on a regular basis.

This generosity allows us to provide a little extra for Christmas – food vouchers for fresh fruit/vegetables and gift certificates for families with children.

This generosity allows us operate a well stocked food pantry two morning a week.

This generosity also allows us to assist with accommodation for emergency shelter, utility expenses, medication etc...

Our programs are run solely with volunteers.

We are extremely grateful for all you have done and continue to do during these extraordinary and critical times. Again, we thank you and God Bless.

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