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Word Events

Words can stimulate our imagination, move us into action and inspire us to do noble deeds. If such is the power of “human word”, how much more powerful is the Word of God?

On Christmas Day, we are invited to pause and ponder like the Blessed Mother carrying Jesus in her arms. Let us keep still and go deeply into the wellspring of our faith: the Word of God, who is Jesus himself. With the Blessed Mother, we say: Behold the servant of the Lord, be it done to me according to your word.

The gospel on Christmas Day from St. John (1:1-18) brings us back to the past, to the beginning of time. God created the world through the Word. Genesis writes ten times, “God said” (word); once said, it was “accomplished” (event!) God’s word/event put the universe in order.

Israel became a people when they received the tablets containing the “Decalogue”, meaning “Ten Words”, given through Moses to guide people to live together in order, in harmony and peace. God spoke through events and through the prophets to remind them of their Covenant. Finally, the “Word was made flesh and dwelt among us”. Jesus, the Son of God, became a human being so that we can see Him, hear Him and touch Him. He is the light who will save us from darkness. If we believe in Him, we will have eternal life and enjoy bountiful blessings, grace after grace.

The best Christmas gift for us and for others this year is to get rid of “bad words” – cursing, shouting, nagging, lying, gossiping, insulting and the like. May our words be “divine” – encouraging, uplifting, forgiving, and loving. Hence, we become visible witnesses and bearers of the Divine Word. Chiari Lubich, foundress of the Focolare, said: “With my life, I have tried to write the gospel anew”.

Grace and Peace,

Fr. R C R A

Tuesday Dec.26th

Saint Stephen, the First Martyr

12:05pm Intentions of Lidia & Adam Baran
On their 44th Wedding Anniversary

Wednesday Dec.27th

Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

12:05pm +Jamie Maloney
Requested by Daniel & family

Thursday Dec. 28th

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

12:05 pm + Rade Macut
Requested by Kata Macut

Friday Dec.29th

Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

11 am – Holy Hour
12:05 pm +Gordon Lavigne
Requested by Bill Lavigne

Saturday Dec.30th

10:00 am +Hank & Mary Jane Horvath
Requested by Mary Anne Ivens
And John Veals

The Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday Dec. 30th

5 pm +Rev. Hubert Rooney
Requested by Dolores Maguire

Sunday –Dec . 31st

9am +Mass for the People
11:30 am + Bill Brennan
Requested by Joe & Sandy D’Alessandro

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Note: this is a holy day of obligation for all Catholics

Vigil Mass – Sunday Dec. 31st

5:00 pm

Monday January 1st

10:00 am

Consecration of Our Families on the Feast of the Holy Family

Join us for prayers at each Mass and following the 11:30 Mass for a light lunch in the Parish Hall sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. A free-will offering will be gratefully appreciated.

Your SHARELIFE At Work

The St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Margaret's Parish received a grant for \$16,000 to support their work in the community. Thank you for supporting this ministry!

You're Invited to Volunteer for...

The 11:30am Sunday Mass Choir with Organist Diana Swift for the 2024 Liturgical Year! Practices are Tuesdays from 1:30 to 2:30pm, beginning mid-January 2024. Please consider being part of an important ministry at St. Margaret's. Please call: Diana 705-795-0055 or call Pauline Ruta 705-527-1128

2024 Calendars

Looking for your 2024 calendar? The Parish Life Committee will be selling our very own 2024 St. Margaret's liturgical calendars featuring the stained-glass windows of St. Margarets. Makes a great Christmas gift! Available after Mass and at the Parish office during office hours.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Feast of the Holy Family- Sunday

December 31st

9 am 11:30 am

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5:00 p.m.

Monday January 1st

10 am

Epiphany of the Lord

Vigil Mass -- Saturday January

6th

Note: no 10am mass today

5 pm

Sunday January 7th

2023 Donations and Tax Receipts

All donations for St. Margaret's Parish or the Society for St. Vincent de Paul must be received by the Parish Office by Dec. 31, 2023, to be included on your 2023 tax receipt. Any gifts received after that date will be mailed out the first week of February. Tax receipts will be mailed out mid-February 2024.

Thank you for all the ways you generously support the parish.



Please remember the following people in your prayers, Vincentia Bee, Bob Dorion, Carol Quesnelle, Barrett Smith, Alex Latondress, Malachy Maguire; Nick Tardif, Lynda Stanek; Lloyd Leroux; Mary Fletcher; Sherry Archer; Abigail Brown; Romelda Morson; Nicole Marchildon; Stephen Roach; Lilah Bates; Shelley Smith; Nadine Adams; Peter Pattenaude; Bob Kokron; Brenda Bylow; John Jerome; Marshal Laurin, John Gunther, and Marilyn Dalton **Please pray for our recently deceased relatives and friends,** Bob Lesperance, Karen Keays and Eric Holden

From St. Margaret's Clergy and Staff

Fr. Roselle, Deacon Tony, Deacon Tim, Juanita, Katie, Richard, Rose, Sharron, Steve

Wishing you.....



Office Holiday Hours

The Parish Office will be closed from Dec. 22nd, 2023, to Jan. 2, 2024.

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