

Fourth Sunday in Advent



The KofC 4th Degree invite all to a Requiem Mass for Sir Knight Edmund Cormier on Saturday, January 4, 2020 at 10:00 am in St. Michael's Church. Refreshments/fellowship to follow at the Columbus Community Centre.

Sunday, December 22, 2019

Monday, Dec. 23

12:05 pm † Cheryl Fisher -Worsley Family

Christmas Eve: *The Word is made flesh.*

Note: NO noon Mass Tuesday, December 24th

Tuesday, Dec. 24th *The Nativity of the Lord*



5:00 pm † Deceased Members of Vari, Hilkene, De Fabinyi, & De Luca Families

8:00 pm † Michael Batherson & his Deceased Grandparents -Family

11:00 pm † Maria Tatarek -John & Family

Christmas Day Wednesday,
December 25

9:00 am Missa Pro Populo

11:00 am † Kaitlyn Bates & Patrick Bradbury
-Bates Family

Thurs. Dec. 26 **St. Stephen**

12:05 pm † Noel Landry -Landry-Brooks Family

Fri. Dec. 27 **St. John Evangelist**

10:00 am Mass at Extendicare

12:05 pm † Stan Zverina -Hermey & Family

Saturday, December 28

5:00 pm Special Intentions of John & Eileen O'Connor -St. Michael's CWL

Sunday, December 29

9:00 am Special Intentions of Lynda & Richard Macpherson -St. Michael's CWL

11:00 am Missa Pro Populo

Next Weekend's Readings: Holy Family

1st: Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14 2nd: Colossians 3.12-21
Gospel Matthew 2.13-15, 19-23

“Joseph...took (Mary) as his wife.”

We must not gloss over too quickly the difficult circumstances described in today's Gospel. The way that Joseph and Mary face these circumstances tells us much about these holy people and their faith in God. The message of the angel of the Lord given to Joseph in his dream tells us much about the child that Mary bears and his role in God's plan. Joseph and Mary are both cooperative with God's plan. They are both models for us of what it means to be faithful servants of God.

and greetings to all who will join us for the celebration of Christmas. Whether you were raised as a Catholic or are new to the faith, whether you are a guest or a stranger, we warmly welcome you to St. Michael's Church.
Blessings to all, Fr. Gerardus & Fr. Jim

NOTE: There will be no 'formal' adoration on Dec. 26/27/28. The Chapel does remain open for quiet prayer and reflection during the Christmas season. *Why not take a moment during your busyness and spend in prayer.*



The Christmas edition of the Catholic Herald—the voice of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough magazine is now available. Copies are available at the entrance of the Church.



St. St. Michael's Council wishes to thank the members/parishioners of our Parish for supporting our Christmas bazaar held the weekend of Nov. 30/Dec.1/2019. A total of \$1101.30 was raised which will go towards numerous charities locally, provincially and nationally. We thank Father Gerardus for reverently officiating at the Installation Ceremony of our new executive on Sunday, Dec.08/19 at the 11 AM Mass. To the new executive, thank you for stepping up and offering your time and talents for God and Canada and may Our Lady of Good Counsel guide you during your term of 2020-2022. On Tuesday, Dec.10/2019, sisters and friends of the League gathered at the Columbus Community Centre for our Christmas Social. Again this year we supported the Salvation Army and a total of \$250. and bags of groceries were donated to their Christmas program. Many thanks also go to Gus Whibbs and Hal Allison for providing such lively entertainment. It was a great evening! A gentle reminder to all who are current members or wish to join The Catholic Women's League, membership fees are due Jan. 2020. Any questions, please contact Veronica at 905-372-6384. Christmas Blessings to all and a Happy New Year filled with Peace and Hope..

2020 Offertory Envelopes

Please pick up your box of envelopes conveniently placed in the Narthex...you will need them January 1st.☺



Office Hours: During the Christmas Season, the office will be closed Dec. 24th through to the new year and reopening Thursday, January 2, 2020. Note: Father Gerardus/Fr. Jim, will be available as needed.