

† Masses this week at St. Michael's December 19-26, 2021

*“Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.”—Luke 3.10-18*



Fourth Sunday of Advent -Year C

Saturday, December 18 5:00 pm † Giuseppe Cutro -Lena & Family

Sunday, December 19

9:00 am Missa Pro Popula (People of the Parish) 11:00 am † Domenico DePalma -Tita Green

Mass Intention:

Monday, December 20 12:05 pm † B. Raymond

Tuesday, December 21 12:05 pm † Deceased Members of English & Olsen Family -Vic & Colleen

Wed., December 22 12:05 pm † Domenico DePalma -Francesca DePalma & Family

Thursday, December 23 12:05 pm Special Intentions of Noelle Manley -Family

Requested By:

-C.H. & M.F.

Christmas Eve: *The Word is made flesh.*

Note: NO noon Mass Friday, December 24th

Friday, December 24—The Nativity of the Lord

4:00 pm † Laura Hinman -Family

4:15 pm (at Columbus Community Centre)

† Danny Camellato -Jean & Family

6:00 pm Special Intentions of Kingyens & Clausen Family

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† Robert Walters -Jean & Family

8:00 pm † Deceased Members of Vari, Hilken, De Fabinyi, & De Luca Families

Midnight Special Intentions of Noelle Manley -Ian



Christmas Day Saturday, December 25

9:00 am Missa Pro Populo (People of the Parish)

11:00 am † Mario & Christopher Panepinto -Lea Panepinto & Family

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph -Year C

Saturday, December 25 **NOTE: No 5:00 pm Mass**

Sunday, December 26

9:00 am † Teresa Mary Gadbois -Gadbois Family 11:00 am Missa Pro Popula (People of the Parish)

ADORATION Weekdays 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm **NOTE No Adoration Friday, December 24th**

☞ **Summary of Your Generosity:** Sunday Offertory for Dec. 12, \$3565; C&M \$395

FYI: Grateful for our monthly POP donations: Offertory \$3,986 & C&M \$1,085. Thank you for your support.☞

Office Hours: During the Christmas Season, the office will be closed Dec. 21, 23, 27 & 30th (and as per usual, Fridays.) **Note: Fr. Emmanuel/Fr. Antre will be available as needed.**



Sacramental Preparation



SACRAMENT PREPARATION: If you or someone you know are interested, please direct them to our website for further information or contact the office.

Parent Info Night for First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion is January 11, 2022 at 6 pm



AND for Confirmation January 12, 2022 at 6:00 pm



2022 Offertory envelopes... to update and streamline the system in the office, some parishioners have labeled envelopes. Please, if you do not see your name on a box, just pick up an unassigned one.

Be sure to put your name and address on the first couple of donations and your record will be update on the Parish Data Program.

Thank you for your attention and understanding of this 'new' system.

VILLA ST. JOSEPH OPEN FOR RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES: A TIME TO MAKE SPACE IN OUR BUSY LIVES FOR GOD: Visit their website: www.villastjoseph.ca FOR UPCOMING RETREATS

MEMBERSHIP



Yes, Ladies, it is time to **JOIN** or **RENEW** your membership and the fee is just \$25.00. This is **NOT** a fundraiser as the fee is distributed in the following manner: National \$13.50, Provincial \$3.00, Diocesan \$5.00 with the \$3.50 remainder going to our Council to pay for gift memberships.



Please make your cheque out to **St. Michael's CWL**. You may place your CWL identified envelope in the collection box, drop it off at the Parish office or Veronica Batchellor's mailbox at 424 Walton St., Cobourg. Your support for this Nation-wide organization of Catholic women is so important for the growth of our faith in serving our community locally, nationally and internationally and having our voice heard at all political levels.

Proper wearing of masks is mandatory for safe worshiping in our Churches.

Please be cooperative with the ushers and comply with this basic rule.

Speaking of ushers...if you would like to assist at the Masses please contact Cheryl at 905-372-2422



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CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 2021

Dear Friends in Christ,

In one of my favourite Christmas Carols, it is said of the little town of Bethlehem, “the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.” Hopes and fears are common to all of us in our human experience, and for people of faith, these realities are all mingled. When faith is strong, hope will be on the rise. When faith is weakened, fear may take over.

The last twenty-one months have acquainted us with both fear and hope. It has often seemed that, just as hopes are raised, they are dashed again. The fight against the pandemic has been long and we may be growing dispirited. So let the Good News of Christ’s birth infuse our hearts this Christmas more than ever. God, who knows our hopes and our fears, our dreams and our despondency, has chosen to come among us as the Word made Flesh, Emmanuel. The birth of Jesus Christ brought all the hopes and fears of humanity together in God’s plan for our salvation. As it was in Bethlehem two millennia ago, let it be so today. This Christmas may God overcome our fears with His hope and help us to celebrate this season of joy.

Yours in Christ,

+Daniel Miehm
Bishop of Peterborough