

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND WELCOME TO ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 25th—The Nativity of the Lord



Lord Jesus Christ, we come to your cradle with joy and wonder! We adore you for your loving-kindness. We thank you for making yourself small and meek, that we might approach you gladly and without fear. Thank you, dear Jesus; accept our hearts as our best and loving gift. Make this congregation into a welcoming Bethlehem stable. Give us joyful souls, eager to adore and proclaim your precious Name. Give us generous hearts, so that we see and welcome you in the unexpected people touching our lives. Give us tireless hands and feet, so we may hurry to share your great love with those who need it most. Amen.

December 18th:

Sunday Offerings	\$ 1805.00
Sunday Loose	\$ 611.60
Building	\$ 355.00
Snow Removal	\$ 40.00
Bishop's Annual Appeal	\$ 25.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 50.00
Candles	\$ 149.20
Total:	\$3,035.80



PADP— weekly for month of December

Sun. Offering:	\$ 579.25
<u>Building Fund:</u>	<u>\$ 231.25</u>
Total:	\$ 810.50

FR. DENIS VAIZ

Parochial Administrator

Carol Noble – D.O.S

Ron Lafrance – Office Administrator

Tania Amaya – Building and Grounds

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday to Friday: noon

Weekend Masses:

Saturday at 4:30 pm

Sunday at 10:00 am

Office Hours:

Tuesdays to Fridays

9:00 am –2:30 pm

Mondays—Closed

Ph:705-566-1876

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday December 27

NO MASS

Wednesday December 28

NO MASS

Thursday December 29

NO MASS

Friday December 30th

Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday December 31st

Margaret and Thomas Sargent by Ellen and Darrell Frank
Martin Rupnik by Ellen and Darrell Frank

Sunday January 1st

Larry Therrien by Long and Thuc
Elizabeth Kennedy by Florida Henri
Missa pro Populo

Readings this week: December 30- January 1

Friday December 30	Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14 Matthew 2.13-15, 19-23
Saturday December 31	1 John 2.18-21 John 1.1-18
Sunday January 1	Numbers 6.22-27 Luke 2.16-21



CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

At this special and sacred time of the year, I wish to extend to you and your loved ones Christmas greetings and best wishes for the New Year.

At “this most wonderful time of the year” may you and your loved ones find joy and fulfillment as surely did Joseph and Mary. Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of goodwill.

Fr Denis Vaiz

Consecration to the Holy Family on the Feast of the Holy Family

The Knights of Columbus invite every family of our parishes to actively participate in the Consecration to the Holy Family, which will be held at our parish during all of the masses on the Feast of the Holy Family, during the weekend of December 31 - January 1. Families today face many struggles, both through cultural pressure and through the personal struggles that accompany family life. Despite these struggles — and partly as a result of conquering them — families have great capacity for love and joy, a joy that is strengthened through the peace and truth found in Christ. To assist families in living out this joy of Christ, Knights of Columbus Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori has composed a prayer through which families may come together to consecrate themselves under the protection of the Holy Family. In this prayer, we ask for the aid or intercession of the perfect son Jesus Christ, Mary the perfect mother, and Joseph who is a model for every father.

There are a number of ways we could prepare for the Consecration:

Pray together as a family
Perform acts of kindness and charity
Attend Reconciliation
Intentionally fast from something

Prayer to Holy Family

O Lord Jesus, you lived in the home of Mary and Joseph in Nazareth. There you grew in age, wisdom and grace as you prepared to fulfill your mission as our Redeemer. We entrust our family to you.

O Blessed Mary, you are the Mother of our Savior. At Nazareth you cared for Jesus and nurtured him in the peace and joy of your home. We entrust our family to you.

O Saint Joseph, you provided a secure and loving home for Jesus and Mary, and gave us a model of fatherhood while showing us the dignity of work. We entrust our family to you.

Holy Family, we consecrate ourselves and our family to you. May we be completely united in a love that is lasting, faithful and open to the gift of new life. Help us to grow in virtue, to forgive one another from our hearts, and to live in peace all our days. Keep us strong in faith, persevering in prayer, diligent in our work, and generous toward those in need. May our home, O Holy Family, truly become a domestic church where we reflect your example in our daily life. Amen.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

The Joy of Christmas – an eternal joy:

Today we celebrate the birthday of our King and Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. God wants to fill our hearts anew with joy and gratitude for the greatest gift he could possibly give us - his beloved Son Jesus.

What can we give thanks for in this great feast of the Incarnation? We can praise and thank God our Father for the fact that the Son of God freely and joyfully assumed a human nature to accomplish our salvation in it. Jesus came to release the captives from slavery to sin and to open the gates of paradise once again.

The joy of Christmas is not for a day or a season. It is an eternal joy, a joy that no one can take from us because it is the joy of Jesus Christ himself made present in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who dwells within us. The Lord gives us a supernatural joy which no pain nor sorrow can diminish, and which neither life nor death can take away.

I wish everyone a MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Fr Denis Vaiz

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Chairperson: Rosanna Hutchins

Vice-Chairperson: Liana Rivard

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Kevin Fowke

Co-Chairperson: Frank Javor



BLESS YOUR HOME

IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR HOME BLESSED, PLEASE CALL FR DENIS (705)-566-1876 OR SEND AN EMAIL (STANDREWSUDBURY@GMAIL.COM) FOR THE HOUSE BLESSING STARTING IN JANUARY.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration is a sign of devotion to and worship of [Jesus Christ](#), who is believed, according to Christian tradition, to be present in body, blood, soul, and divinity, under the appearance of the [consecrated host](#), that is, sacramental bread.

We begin the Holy Eucharistic Adoration every First Friday of the month at 12.20pm (after the noon mass).

