

WELCOME TO
ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH
DEC. 31ST, 2023 – THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH
JAN. 1ST, 2024 – MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD – NEW YEAR

Holy Family of Nazareth, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, enables us to pass through family times of weaknesses and trials. May we always have God at the centre of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. Amen



O Loving God, Your Son, Jesus, came into the world to do Your will and leave us His peace. Through the intercession and example of our blessed Mother Mary, Queen of Peace, grant us the wisdom and humility to reflect that peace to the world. Amen.

December 24th / 25th

Sunday Offerings	\$ 2535.00
Sunday Loose	\$ 406.45
Christmas	\$ 4720.00
Christmas Loose	\$ 1317.10
Canadian Mission	\$ 20.00
Building Fund	\$ 570.00
Snow Removal	\$ 20.00
Candles	\$ 136.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 100.00
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Total:	\$ 9824.55



PADP—Weekly for the month of December 2023

Sunday Offerings	\$ 483.00
Christmas	\$ 595.00
Building fund	\$ 167.00
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Total	\$1245.00

WEEKDAY MASSES: Tuesday to Friday at 12 Noon
WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday at 4:30pm and Sunday at 10:00am
CONFESSION: Saturday at 3:30pm and Sunday at 9:00am
HOLY ROSARY: Every Thursday after 12 Noon Mass

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May God's blessings be yours this New Year

Fr.Denis Vaiz - Parish Priest
John Noble - Deacon Emeritus
Carol Noble - D.O.S

MASS SCHEDULE WITH INTENTIONS AND SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Monday, 1st January - **Mary the Mother of God**
Genesio Gregorini by Elisa Gregorini and family

Tuesday, 2nd January - **St. Basil the Great**
Bert & Mary Hayes by Donna Balfe

Wednesday, 3rd January - **Most Holy Name of Jesus**
Michael Kennedy by Robert Kennedy

Thursday, 4th January - **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**
Joanne Pauze by Joelle LaSorsa & family

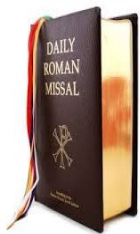
Friday, 5th January - **St. John Neumann**
Elizabeth Kennedy by Robert Kennedy

Saturday, 6th January - **St. Andre Bessette**
Anita Verrilli by Bernardo & Ermenia Gogila
Intentions of our parishioners by Fr Denis Vaiz

Sunday, 7th January - **St. Raymond of Penafort**
Anita Verrilli by Ines & Marco Marcucci
Fedele Creatura by Carla & Freddy Riccio



MASS READINGS FOR THIS WEEK: Jan. 1 to Jan. 7



Monday Jan. 1st	Numbers 6:22-27 Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2: 16-21	Psalm 67
Tuesday Jan. 2nd	1st John 2:22-28 John 1: 19-28	Psalm 98
Wednesday Jan. 3rd	1st John 2: 29- 3:6 John 1: 29-34	Psalm 98
Thursday Jan. 4th	1st John 3: 7-10 John 1: 35-42	Psalm 98
Friday Jan. 5th	1st John 3:11-21 John 1: 43-51	Psalm 100
Saturday Jan. 6th	1st John 5: 5-13 Mark 1: 7-11 or Luke 3: 23-38	Psalm 147
Sunday Jan. 7th	Isaiah 60: 1-6 Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6 Matthew 2: 1-12	Psalm 72

The Holy Spirit reveals the presence of the Savior of the world:

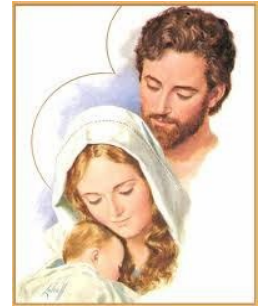
What is the significance of Simeon's encounter with the baby Jesus and His mother in the temple? Simeon was a just and devout man who was very much in tune with the Holy Spirit. He believed that the Lord would return to his temple and renew his chosen people. The Holy Spirit also revealed to him that the Messiah and King of Israel would also bring salvation to the Gentile nations.

When Joseph and Mary presented the baby Jesus in the temple, Simeon immediately recognized this humble child of Bethlehem as the fulfillment of all the messianic prophecies, hopes and prayers. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, he prophesied that Jesus was to be "a revealing light to the Gentiles". The Holy Spirit reveals the presence of the Lord to those who are receptive and eager to receive Him. Do we recognize the indwelling presence of the Lord with us?

Fr Denis Vaiz

History of the Feast of the Holy Family

Feast of the Holy Family, [Roman Catholic](#) religious festival falling on the first Sunday after [Christmas](#). Although major [feast](#) days dedicated to each member of the Holy Family—[Jesus](#), [Mary](#), and [Joseph](#)—also exist, the Feast of the [Holy Family commemorates](#) their life together, and the celebration focuses on religious family life. Because of the flight of the Holy Family into [Egypt](#), a feast for the Holy Family has been observed by the [Copts](#) from early times. In Western [Christianity](#), however, a cult of veneration for the Holy Family as a group, rather than as individuals, did not arise until the 17th century and was not officially recognized until the feast day was formally instituted in 1921 under Pope [Benedict XV](#). Originally celebrated on the Sunday after [Epiphany](#) (January 6), the Feast of the Holy Family was moved to the Sunday after Christmas in 1969, bringing it within the Christmas season.



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 the 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!

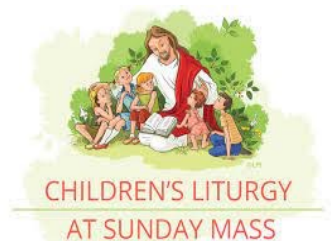
Christmas break for Children Liturgy

Children's Liturgy will be taking a Christmas break from **December 31st, 2023 to January 7th, 2024.**

Class will resume **January 14th, 2024.**

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.

Also, anyone interested in helping out with Children's Liturgy,



Christmas season mass timings

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 6th, Saturday at 4:30pm

January 7th, Sunday at 10:00am



We need to honor Mary as the mother of Jesus:

We honor Mary by actively participating in today's Mass and in all the Marian feasts of the Church throughout the year. In these Masses and at other times, we give Mary *hyperdulia*, that is, *highest honor, because of the gifts of grace God granted her and because of the way she responded to these gifts.*

We also honor her in all the forms of Marian prayer as we pray: The Rosary, the Angelus, the *Regina Caeli*, the *Hail Holy Queen*, the *Memorare* and so on. These are prayers we should pray so often, we have them memorized. We can honor Mary by cultivating an interior life like hers. Mary meditated on, that is, thought about and prayed over the events of her life in relation to God's plan of salvation.

We are participants in God's plan of salvation, too. We are God's instruments and fellow workers in God's kingdom. Everything that happens to us has a good meaning, and it is up to us to try to discover and appreciate it. Her words at the wedding feast of Cana reveal her basic orientation, which we can apply to ourselves: 'Do whatever He tells you.' We can honor Mary by praying for her intercession.

Fr Denis Vaiz

Prayer to welcome in the New Year 2024

Almighty Father, we thank You graciously for the New Year 2024.

We ask You, Lord, to bless our families as we begin this blessed new year with a renewed hope in You.

Lord, We thank You so much for all that You have done for our families.

Your hand on our lives is so much more than we could ask for.

Bless our resolutions and promises. Give us the strength to carry them through.

Fill us with hope, confidence and positivity.

Lord, remind us of our truest values and deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what You want us to do.

Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and regret of the past, so that we might live in peace with You now, one day at a time. Amen.



Activities beginning in January 2024



Small Christian Community will resume on **Thursday, January 11th at 10.45am.**

Ladies' craft will begin on **Friday January 12th following the Noon Mass.**

As the New Year begins, if you would like to have your house blessed, please call the office to book an appointment.

New parishioners of St. Andrew the Apostle may find a parish registration form on the lobby table. Please take one home, complete the information required and place your completed form in the collection. Thank you!



Dear Parishioners, 2024 envelopes are ready for pick up in the lobby. Please note that some of your old envelope numbers may have changed. **Do not use the new envelopes until January 1, 2024.** Complete the information on the front of your new envelope for the first two weeks of the New Year.

**On behalf the Parish Pastoral Council and the Finance Committee,
I wish everyone a bright New Year.**

Best Wishes from

The Loughheed Family & Staff

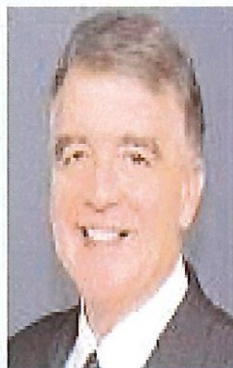
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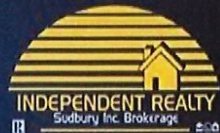
Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious
Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with
the Masses said throughout the world today,
for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners
every where, for sinners in the universal
church, those in my own home and within my
family.

Amen.



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