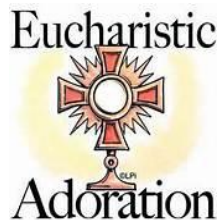


# Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



- Christmas Eve**  
**Saturday, December 24**    **4:00pm Normand Lavallee**  
requested by the Lavallee Family
- 10:00pm For the parishioners of**  
**St. Ann Parish**
- Christmas Day**  
**Sunday, December 25**    **10:00am Martin Fernandes**  
requested by Germaine Fernandes
- Monday, December 26**    **No Mass**
- Tuesday, December 27**    **8:30am All Souls Intentions of**  
**Mr & Mrs Donald Krasinskas**
- Wednesday, December 28**    **8:30am All Souls Intentions of**  
**Liane Hanlon**
- Thursday, December 29**    **8:30am Lorraine Casavant**  
requested by the family
- Saturday, December 31**    **4:00pm Russ & Anna Genander**  
requested by Ron & Janice Gagner
- Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God**  
**Sunday, January 1**    **9:00 am Louis Iovieno**  
requested by the family

**11:00am All Souls Intentions of**  
**Heidi Thomas**



*Adoration of the  
Blessed Sacrament  
First Tuesday  
of the month  
at 6:00pm  
in the Church*



**Stewardship**

*sharing the gifts we have been given*

## Weekly Collection December 17 & 18

Adults & children	\$ 3,001.00
Maintenance	\$ 140.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 5.00
Christmas Offering	\$ 265.00
Other sources of income	\$ 479.00

**Total of parish support**                    **\$3,890.00**  
**Weekly support needed to meet budget expenses**  
**\$ 4,348.00**

SVDP	\$ 10.00
Poor Box	\$ 24.00

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Friends in Christ,

Merry Christmas! Together, we celebrate the birth of our Savior and reflect upon the meaning of His coming. The name "Jesus" means "Yahweh Saves" and reflects the entire purpose of Jesus' life. God gave us His only Begotten Son so that, through Him, we could be reconciled to God. Through Jesus' Passion and death, we can be forgiven of sin and experience the new life of grace that puts us into right relationship with God.

Christmas is a new opportunity to celebrate the goodness of God to us. God's love, always present and active in our lives, seeks the best for us and invites us to grow in faith, hope and love.

As we think about Jesus' lowly birth in the stable of Bethlehem, we consider that on the first Christmas, things were less than ideal. Joseph and Mary had to travel to Bethlehem for the census when Mary was almost ready to give birth and travel for her would be difficult. There was no room at the inn when they arrived, forcing the couple to lodge in a stable. God allowed His beloved Son to be born amidst animal smells and sounds and uncomfortable circumstances.

Sometimes Christmas for us is like it was for the Holy Family. We face difficult circumstances, long journeys, and poor timing. Yet, God's Son is present for us in the messiness of human life and God invites us to find him there. With faith, we see life in a new way and receive hope and strength from God. Peace comes from experiencing Jesus presence and from knowing that He is with us always.

In the coming year, we pray that we all may grow in deeper friendship with the Lord. We wish you a wonderful Christmas and blessed New Year!

In Christ,  
Fr. Michael

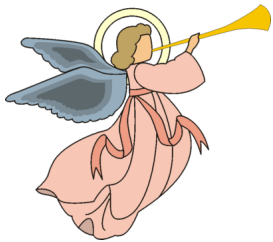


### Meetings

**NA** Sundays 7:30 pm in the hall  
**K of C** 1st Tuesday of the month 6:45pm in the hall  
**SVDP** Sunday, January 15th 9:45am  
**Rosary Group** Tuesday at 6:00pm in the church  
**Bible Study**  
7:00pm in the Church Hall  
Please have read Luke 2:16-21



*Thank you to all the staff, volunteers, lectors, extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, choir members, sacristans and altar servers that helped to make our Christmas liturgies so special this year.*



The Mass intention to pray for the Christmas flower memorial requests will be  
Sunday,  
January 15th & 29th



There will be no Coffee Shop on Dec 25, Jan. 1 & 8

The Coffee Shop will resume on Sunday, January 15th

## Youth Ministry Kick-Off Event

**Sunday, January 8, 2017**

**3:30 - 7 PM**

**St. Ann's Parish Hall**

**Pizza & Movie and Celebrating the Epiphany**

**Join Us for A Fun-Filled Afternoon!**



**Annual Open House at the Rectory**  
**Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> after the**  
**9:00 & 11:00 am Masses**



**Christmas Tea Social**  
**Tuesday, 1/3/2017 after the 8:30am Mass**



**Religious Education Classes**  
will resume on Monday,  
**January 9, 2017**  
Have a Blessed Christmas  
and a Happy New Year!



Have you considered training to be a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, sacristan or Altar Server?  
Please see Deacon Jim or Fr. Michael after Mass.

### **Help us to keep in touch with you.**

If you have recently changed your contact information. Please help us to update our records

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

New email  
address: \_\_\_\_\_

New phone number: \_\_\_\_\_



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