



Mass Intentions For 12/21/2019 Through 12/29/2019

## Fourth Sunday of Advent



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**Saturday: Dec. 21, 2019** Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

4:00 pm St. James: † Fr. Joseph Connolly & † Shirley Adams

4:00 pm St. Mary: † Mary Dunbar & † Steve Pooler

6:00 pm St. Edward: † Mike Randall & † Louise Gosselin

**Sunday: Dec. 22, 2019** Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

8:30 am St. Edward: † Olive Brouillette & † Alphonse Patenaude

10:00 am Michaud Manor: Living & † Deceased Residents

10:00 am St. Mary: † Choquette & † Raboin Families & Healing of Patrick Ikkabah

10:10 am St. James: † Fr. William Moody

11:30 am St. Benedict: Intentions of Fr. Yvon Royer

7:00 pm St. Mary: † Fr. Alfred Couture

**Monday: Dec. 23, 2019** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66

### St. John of Kanty - Professor of Sacred Scripture

9:00 am St. Mary: † Fr. Joseph Maxime Mooney

5:30 pm St. Edward: † Bernadette Nadeau & † Sister Josephine Guida, S.D.V.

**Tuesday: Dec. 24, 2019** Is 9:1-6, Titus 2:11-14, Lk 2:1-4

9:00 am St. Mary: NO MASS

### Vigil of The Nativity of the Lord

3:30 pm St. James: Christmas Carols by St. James Choir

4:00 pm St. James: Parishioners of St. James

3:30 pm St. Mary: Christmas Carols by Folk Group

4:00 pm St. Mary: † Will Strouse, † Celeste Isabelle, † Jacqueline & † Leo Isabelle & † Thomas Rivard

4:00 pm St. Edward: Christmas Carols by Choir

4:30 pm St. Edward: Parishioners of St. Edward

6:30 pm St. Mary: Christmas Carols by Senior Choir

7:00 pm St. Mary: † Sr. Edmund of Jesus

11:30 pm St. Mary: Christmas Carols by Young Apostles, Mark Fortin & Mark Shelton

12:00 am St. Mary: Healing of Lisa Shelton

**Wednesday: Dec. 25, 2019** Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

### The Nativity of the Lord

10:00 am St. Mary: † Annette Deziel & † Beverly Duchesneau

11:30 am St. Benedict: Parishioners of St. Benedict

2:30 pm N.S.C.F.: Intentions of the Residents

**Thursday: Dec. 26, 2019** Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

### St. Stephen - First Martyr

9:00 am St. Mary: NO MASS

9:15 am Michaud Manor: Living & † Deceased Residents

4:00 pm Sunrise Manor: NO MASS

5:30 pm St. Edward: NO MASS

**Friday: Dec. 27, 2019** 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

### St. John - Apostle & Evangelist

9:00 am St. Mary: † Rita & † Frank Bouffard

5:30 pm St. Edward: † Bernadette Nadeau & † Fr. Louis Guay

**Saturday: Dec. 28, 2019** 1 Jn 1:5 - 2:2; Mt 2:13-18

### The Holy Innocents

9:00 am St. Mary: † Fr. William Tennien

### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

**Saturday: Dec. 28, 2019** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

4:00 pm St. James: Fr. Michael Reardon, S.D.V.

4:00 pm St. Mary: † Rita Coyne

6:00 pm St. Edward: † Oscar & † Therese Boucher

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO THE CHURCHES OF MATER DEI PARISH

Envelopes\* \$ 4,674.00

\* includes \$1,964 collected for fuel

Loose Collections \$ 4,456.00

Online Giving \$ 150.00

Other Donations\* \$ 3,683.00

**TOTAL \$12,963.00**

**Weekly Budget: \$11,710.58**

**Gain / Loss + \$ 1,252.42**

**YOUR DONATIONS HELP!**

There will be a special collection on Christmas for St. Mary's Roof Fund to help pay for the Phase I repairs that have already been completed. Collection baskets will be passed after Communion. Thank you for your continued support of Mater Dei Parish and St. Mary's Roof Project. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

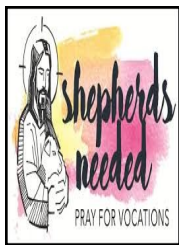
## 2019 Prayer List

♥ Sheri Alova	♥ Ginsburg Family	♥ Michael Poginy
♥ Helen Apacible	♥ Raymond Gobeil	♥ Marcel Poulin
♥ Evan Austin	♥ Lilianne Gosselin	♥ Beverley Poutre
♥ Rod Barrup	♥ Evelyn Guillette	♥ Regina Provost
♥ Dan Barry	♥ Germaine Guillette	♥ Danny Prue
♥ Tanner Blais	♥ Linda Gullard	♥ David Prue
♥ Lorraine Blake	♥ Shirley Hand	♥ Pam Prue
♥ Mary Ann Blake	♥ Kathy Harlow	♥ Roger Raboin
♥ Gabrielle Bolton	♥ Kathy Huffman	♥ Cecile Ricard
♥ Mary Brainard	♥ Amber Irvine	♥ John Ricard
♥ Yolande Brasseur	♥ Evelyn Jenne	♥ Bob Risicato
♥ Desiree Cady	♥ Mason Judd	♥ Marc Rivard
♥ Kevin Charboneau	♥ Bernadette Kelley	♥ Fr. Shawn Roberson
♥ Stacey Charboneau	♥ Julie Kirkpatrick	♥ Sr. Theresa Rouleau
♥ Winston Charbonneau	♥ Jennie Kirsch	♥ Gerry Royer
♥ Ryder Collins	♥ Jacques Lacroix	♥ Pauline Ryan
♥ Claire Comeau	♥ Rita Lantagne	♥ Bernard Shiner
♥ Sr. Francis Comeau	♥ Irene Lanoue	♥ Mary Ann Shiner
♥ Lise Comeau	♥ Benjamin Lapin-Farina	♥ Brenda Stewart
♥ Stephen Comeau	♥ Rene Leblanc	♥ Regina Switzer
♥ Regis Dagesse	♥ Robbie Lynn LeBlanc	♥ Shirley Talbot
♥ Connie Daigle	♥ Amanda Letourneau	♥ Donald Taylor
♥ Peter Daigle	♥ Andre Letourneau	♥ Gene Taylor
♥ Joyce Davis	♥ Dolores Letourneau	♥ Rita Tetrault
♥ Richard DelFavero	♥ Emily Letourneau	♥ Lindsey Warren
♥ Brenda Deslandes	♥ Sue Leavitt	♥ Leo Willey
♥ Marcel Deslandes	♥ Tim Loukes	♥ Christina Wilson
♥ Jean Diette	♥ Martha Anne Macari	♥ Janis Wilson
♥ Paul Diette	♥ Steve Maleski	♥ Lucille Wing
♥ Duane Drouin	♥ Thomas McLellan	♥ Yvonne Wood
♥ Donna Fargo	♥ John & Mary Angela	♥ Sandy Worth
♥ Alexi Fauteux	♥ Mendonca	♥ Arthur L. Zonghetti
♥ Roger Fournier	♥ Alyssa Meulor	
♥ Edward Fortin	♥ David Moeykens	
♥ Priscilla Fortin	♥ Raymond Patenaude	
♥ John Garneau	♥ Carol Picard	

Please pray for the sick



We pray in a special way for the souls of † **Sr. Mary Monica** & † **Sr. Josephine Guida, SDV** who have entered into eternal life and for their grieving families.

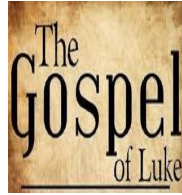


**“When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord directed him.”**

Are you prayerfully vigilant about discovering your vocation in Christ? Might He be inviting you to the priesthood or consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at: **(802) 658-6110 X 1175** or visit **vocations@vermontcatholic.org**

### READ THE GOSPEL OF ST. LUKE FOR CHRISTMAS

We are nearing the end of our Advent Gospel Challenge. This week we are reading: **Chapters 22, 23 & 24** and will finish on Christmas Eve. God will bless you for accepting the challenge and congratulations for meeting it!



### More decorating elves at St. Mary's.....

Thank you to the following Christmas elves who have also helped make St. Mary's beautiful for our Lord's birth.



Gail Lontine

Wendy Poginy

Ginette Rivard

Rosemary Hall



### St. Mary's Roof Fund

THE PHASE I ROOF REPAIRS ARE 100% COMPLETE! WE HAVE RECEIVED BILLS TOTALING **\$183,297** FOR THE REPAIRS. SO FAR WE HAVE RECEIVED **\$117,472** IN DONATIONS, LEAVING US WITH A DEFICIT OF **\$65,825**.



*Thank you to all our generous parishioners and friends in our parish communities who have already donated to the Roof Fund!*

**IF YOU HAVE NOT YET DONATED, PLEASE PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER CONTRIBUTING NOW. THERE ARE BLUE ENVELOPES IN THE PEWS AT OUR CHURCHES FOR YOUR DONATIONS.**

**ENVELOPES MAY BE PLACED IN THE COLLECTION BASKET, DROPPED OFF, OR MAILED TO THE PARISH OFFICE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP! MAY GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.**

### Parish Office Closed for Christmas



The Parish Office will be closed December 24th, 25th & 26th for Christmas. We will reopen at 9:00 am on Friday, December 27th. The office staff wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas.

### The Tabernacle Vigil Light

burns this week for:

**Francis Lantagne, Sr.**



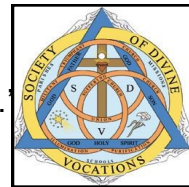
### The Chapel Light

burns this week for:

**The Intentions of Pope Francis**



### VOCATIONIST'S CORNER



The Vocationist Family is mourning the loss of Sister Josephine D. Guida, S.D.V. who passed away on December 14th. Please remember Sister Josephine and her grieving family in your prayers.

Fr. Denis will be leaving on Christmas for a much deserved vacation in Nigeria. We wish him safe travels and a relaxing visit with family and friends. We will miss you, Father!

Fr. Rijo, Fr. Denis and Fr. Antony would like to sincerely thank everyone who brought food and gifts or sent cards to the Rectory for Christmas. We wish all our wonderful parishioners a blessed and joyful Christmas, and pray that God will continue to bestow His blessings on you and your families in 2020.

*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests...*



During the Christmas season, our liturgy invites us to consider the birth of the Lord from many vantage points.

Surprisingly though, the stories of Jesus' birth and childhood are found in only the Gospels of Matthew and Luke.

Throughout this season, we hear stories from both Gospels which tell different but complementary stories about the birth of Jesus, highlighting the importance of the incarnation of Jesus and the salvation that He brings.

On Christmas day, we are given the details of Christ's birth found in Luke's Gospel. We learn about the census that brings Mary and Joseph from Nazareth to Bethlehem, where Jesus is born. We also hear about the angel's announcement of this good news to the shepherds. The good news is not intended only for the shepherds, but for all people, Gentiles and Jews alike, during the time of Christ and beyond to our lives today.

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus' birth as one of the poor shows God's favor on the poor and lowly. Laid in a manger in a stable, because there was no room at the inn, He comes into the world through obscure and surprising means. As the angel proclaims this good news to the shepherds, this infant is announced as the Messiah and Lord. In the song of the angels, all are invited to give glory to God for this miraculous birth when God comes to share in our humanity.

The angels sing that Jesus' coming brings peace. Yet there is little in the details of this Gospel that gives evidence of peace. Jesus is born as a traveler far away from home, born in a stable in a crowded city occupied by foreigners. Even the appearance of the angel frightens the shepherds. When the angels proclaim Jesus' birth as the harbinger of "peace on earth," the evangelist Luke clearly wants us to take the long view. The shepherds are invited to proclaim a faith that will enable them to see this infant as a sign God's promise of a messiah. It is through such faith that one finds the peace that the angels sing about.