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MISSION STATEMENT: *We, the parishioners of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, provide a caring, welcoming environment to all who seek to grow in the Catholic faith through Eucharistic Celebration, Sacraments, and Service in the surrounding community.*



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**Nativity of the Lord
December 25, 2021
& Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary & Joseph
December 26, 2021**



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FORMS DISCIPLES OF JESUS.”**



Welcome! We are glad you joined us! Registration forms are available online— on our website.
If you need to update your information on record, please email or call the office **519-966-1953 ext. 20.**

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Saturday at 5:00 pm.

Sunday at 9:00 am. & 11:00 am.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Announced Masses inside bulletin

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

Baptism: Register Online

First Communion & First Reconciliation:

Registration open now until January 12

Confirmation - Registration open now until January 12

SACRAMENTS OF HEALING

Reconciliation: Saturday 4:00– 4:45 pm.

Sacrament of the Sick: Please call the office

SACRAMENTS OF SERVICE

Marriage: Call the office at least six months in advance

Holy Orders: Contact the office

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS: OPEN TO THE PUBLIC BY APPOINTMENT ONLY—
EMAIL or CALL AHEAD TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT.**

CLOSED ON MONDAY & WEDNESDAY. OPEN TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY 3:00 pm.– 6:00 pm.

Nativity of the Lord—Gospel Reading John 1:1-18 (or shorter form, John 1:1-5, 9-14) John announces that in Jesus, the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

“There are four Masses that are celebrated for the Feast of Christmas and each is given its own set of readings to help us contemplate Christ’s birth. The Gospel for the Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve is taken from the beginning of the Gospel of Matthew. The Mass at midnight proclaims the birth of Jesus through the Gospel of Luke. The Mass at dawn on Christmas morning continues the story of the birth of Jesus as found in Luke’s Gospel, ending with the shepherds’ visit to the infant Jesus. In each of these Gospel readings, we hear portions of the infancy narratives with which we are familiar.

The Gospel for the Christmas Mass during the day is taken from the beginning of John’s Gospel, but this part of John’s Gospel is not an infancy narrative like those found in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Instead, John’s Gospel starts at the very beginning and presents the Creation story as the framework for announcing the Incarnation. John’s opening words echo the first verse in the Book of Genesis. This framework invites us to view Jesus’ birth from God’s perspective. Each of the Gospels makes clear that Jesus’ birth was the result of God’s initiative. John’s Gospel, however, emphasizes that Jesus’ birth was the divine intention from the moment of Creation.

As we observe in today’s reading, the Gospel of John includes highly philosophical and theological language. One example that particularly stands out in this Gospel is John’s repeated



references to “the Word” in the opening verse. This expression (logos in the Greek) borrows from a concept found in both Jewish and Greek thought. Jews used this phrase to describe God’s action in the Creation story, for example, and in the Wisdom literature. In Greek thought, the logos was understood as an intermediary between God and humanity. John and others in the early Church adopted this language to describe God’s incarnation in Jesus. As the term was used to express the Trinitarian faith of Christians, the Word came to be equated with the Second Person of the Trinity. In this prologue to the Gospel of John, we also hear the main themes that will be developed in his Gospel. These are often presented as dualities: light and dark, truth and falsehood, life and death, and belief and unbelief. We also hear in this prologue a unique aspect of John’s Gospel, the theme of testimony. John the Baptist was sent by God to testify to Jesus, the light. Others in this Gospel will also offer testimony about Jesus. The reader is invited to accept this testimony, which bears witnesses to Jesus, the Son of God. But even more directly, Jesus’ action and words will testify to Jesus’ identity as God’s Incarnate Word. Thinking about Jesus’ birth in these theological and cosmological terms is particularly appropriate as we celebrate the Feast of Christmas in the darkness of winter. At this time, nature itself seems to remind us of the darkness of sin. Into this darkness, in the midst of our sinfulness, God comes to dwell among us. John’s Gospel reminds us that through the Incarnation, God saves us from the darkness of sin and makes us his children.” *From Loyolapress.com

ANNOUNCED MASSES

There are no weekday Masses from Tuesday Dec. 28 to Monday, Jan. 3 2022.



BAPTISM

Our next Baptismal dates will be in February 2022.

The online baptism registration form found on our website must be filled out. Once received, you will be contacted by Christine with the one required baptismal prep night and the times for the baptisms. Further information is found on our website.



To Everything there is a season... “a time to be healed...” For our parishioners who are sick, in the hospital or awaiting surgery. We pray for Delores, Phil Labbe and his wife Cathy and Ann Bondy

There is “a time for everything under Heaven.....” Please pray for those who have died from our families and parish community, especially Susan Owen, wife of Tom.

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph—Gospel Reading Luke 2:41-52 The boy Jesus is found in the Temple.

“Today we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family. This feast is part of the Christmas season, and we should place today’s Gospel in the context of what Luke’s Gospel tells us about the birth of Jesus. Luke has been answering the question “Who is Jesus?” through his stories of the births of John the Baptist and Jesus. Today’s Gospel reading continues this theme. It has no parallel in the other Gospels and is the conclusion of Luke’s Infancy Narrative.

Mary, Joseph, and Jesus are presented in this Gospel as a faithful Jewish family. They are participating in the annual pilgrimage to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, an event shared each year with family and friends. When Jesus is found, Luke describes him as seated in the Temple in the midst of the Jewish teachers. Although he is young, Jesus seems not to need teaching about his Jewish tradition. In his dialogue with these learned teachers, Jesus astounds them with his insight and understanding. Jesus is a child of Israel. His Father is God.

The dialogue between Mary and Jesus contains many references to family relationships. In fact, in this Gospel reading Mary and Joseph are never identified by name. Instead they are referred to by their relationship to Jesus. Ultimately, this emphasizes Luke’s point about the identity of Jesus. When Mary and Joseph find Jesus in the Temple, they question Jesus and express their anxiety. Jesus replies in words that many have thought to be disrespectful. Jesus says that he was never lost; he was at home. Jesus is God’s Son, and he is in his Father’s house. Luke will continue to suggest that faith in Jesus establishes new family relationships as he describes Jesus’ public ministry.

In Luke’s Gospel, Mary’s importance is even greater than her role as Jesus’ mother. Mary is the first disciple and will be present with Jesus’ disciples after his Resurrection at Pentecost.” *From Loyolapress.com

Support the Gaming Hall that our parish financially benefits from. Play lottery games at **All Star Gaming Centre on Ottawa & Walker Rd.** Our next sponsored dates are Tues. Dec. 30— 11:00 pm.– 12:00 am., Wed. Jan. 5— 5—7:00 pm., Tues. Jan. 18— 11:00 am.– 1:00 pm. & Tues. Jan. 25— 5— 7:00 pm.



Bishop Fabbro's Christmas message can be found at this link and on our website. <https://dol.ca/documents/2021/12/2021%20Christmas%20Message%20EN.pdf>

DONATIONS FOR 2021

In order to receive tax credit for this year, your donation **MUST** be in the parish by December 30. If you are able to contribute to the parish, you can email the parish office for a form to be completed and submitted together with a "void" cheque. Take advantage of the convenience of automatic withdrawals while saving paper and parish resources! Whether you choose to give with an envelope, pre-authorized debits, or online (CanadaHelps or Etransfer) we **THANK YOU** for supporting our parish **Please do not use the 2022 offertory envelopes until January 1, 2022. Your envelope number may have changed and someone will be credited with your donation.** **If you are currently NOT attending our Masses— a team will be delivering your box of 2022 envelopes to you in the near future** If you are not using offertory envelopes but would like a box for 2022, please call Christine and she will arrange for you to pick up your box.



****A reminder that at this time we must maintain all social distancing protocols and contact tracing methods, including continuing to make reservations to attend our regular weekend Masses. They can be made on our website and follow the link to our Eventbrite page. Reservations open/go live every Thursday at 9:00 am. until Friday at 5:00 pm. If you do not have internet access you can call Christine and reserve your seats. Call her Ext. (24) and leave a message. Phone reservations times are the same.**

For the following Masses: **Mary the Holy Mother of God *Fri. Dec. 31 Mass at 5:00 pm.. & Sat. Jan. 1 Mass at 11:00 am. Epiphany of the Lord * Sun. Jan. 2 Masses at 9:00 am. & 11:00 am. - reservations can be made on Tues. Dec. 28 & Dec. 29 only. No walk ins at these Masses.** *There is no proof of vaccination required to attend Mass.*

OLPH SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Gospel: (Luke 2:41-52— for the Feast of the Holy Family) The parents of Jesus used to go every year to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover.. and as they were returning at the end of the feast, the child Jesus remained behind unknown to his parents. Thinking he was in the party, they continued their journey for a day, looking for him among their relatives. Not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem in search of him. On the third day they came upon him in the temple sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. All who heard him were amazed at his intelligence and his answers. His Mother said to him" "Son, why have you done this to us? You see that your father and I have been searching for you in sorrow." He said to them: "Why did you search for me? Did you not know I had to be in my Father's house?" But they did not grasp what he said to them.

Reflection:

Parenting is a great entry into the paschal mystery! Good parents spend their children's growing up years emptying themselves of their own desires for the sake of the well-being of their children, endlessly and willingly sacrificing for them. Then, when the children are adults, parents must be willing to "let go" so that the children can be about their own business. By letting go, parents can help their children know their true identity is that they really belong to God. Thus can they find their real place in the world. Family is about relationships. A holy family is one in which their relationships include God at the center. (Living Liturgy, p.30)

Vincentian Meditation:

How have you found that children do "teach us a great deal and make us better?"

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Are you interested in becoming a Vincentian—call the parish office and leave a voice message on the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's extension—26, or email them at **ssvpolph@hotmail.com** *All COVID protocols are strictly followed for deliveries and packing the food.

Final Christmas Report: Gift card donations = \$3170.00 (WOW) plus a \$400.00 cheque. 38 Christmas deliveries / 96 adults / 55 children / 151 total / 2 new / 0 single **There is \$100.00 in gift cards remaining which will be used for groceries during the year.**

Feast & Memorial Days

Dec. 27—St. John
Dec. 28—The Holy Innocents
Dec. 29—St. Thomas Becket
Dec. 31—St. Sylvester I



"Let this be a loving reminder that someone is missing today. Someone our hearts still hold on to as we travel along life's way. Someone who made life so special for all those who gather here. Someone who won't be forgotten. But cherished from year to year and now as we pause to remember let us all fondly recall how dearly each of us loved you and oh how you loved us too." *Genie Graveline

*Our Christmas decorations and poinsettia's are donated
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*Esperanza Valerio, Jean Tay and Reginald Tay
Frank Savoie*

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Maria Sanh Nguyen

FAMILY ACTIVITY FOR THE NAVIVITY OF THE LORD

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FAMILY ACTIVITY FOR THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

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Jesus, thank you for the children who have touched our lives,
 may they grow in age, wisdom and grace.
 Jesus, thank you especially for grandchildren,
 may they grow in age, wisdom and grace.
 Jesus, thank you for "instructing and correcting us"
 through children,
 may we all grow in age, wisdom and grace.
 Amen

*On behalf of the Parish Team of
 Our Parish Administrator; Fr. Mike Parent &
 Christine and the
 Parish Staff of Paul, John, Roshell & Daniela
 we wish you a
 very blessed and safe Christmas.*

**Mother Teresa
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