ROSE CITY CENTRAL CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES IMMACULATE HEART, OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP & ST. MICHAEL'S & Holy Trinity & St. Francis of Assisi

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Third Sunday of Advent December 17, 2023



SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

Baptism: Register Online

First Communion & First Reconciliation: Registration

closed. Contact Christine

Confirmation - Registration closed. Contact Christine

SACRAMENTS OF HEALING

Reconciliation: at St. Michael's on Sat.'s from 2–3:00 pm.

2153 Parkwood Ave.

Reconciliation: at OLPH on Tuesday's from 5—5:45 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

WEEKDAY (DAILY) MASS SCHEDULE FOR HOLY TRINITY & ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Holy Trinity- 1035 Ellis Street East, : Monday to Friday at 7:00 pm. in Polish & Saturday at 8:00 am.in English St. Francis of Assisi—1701 Turner Road : Tuesday to Friday at 6:00 pm. in Croatian

'ROSE CITY CENTRAL' CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES PRAYER

Lord, please console and protect our 'Rose City Central' family of parishes. May we become a true Catholic family.

We come to You Holy Trinity and ask You to guide our path as we become witnesses of our faith.

To Immaculate Mary our Mother, we ask for your perpetual help; and we ask Saint Francis for peace and Saint Michael for protection.

Amen.

ROSE CITY CENTRAL CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES STAFF IMMACULATE HEART, ST. MICHAEL'S & OLPH

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MASS TIMES FOR OUR ROSE CITY CENTRAL CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES

SATURDAY EVENING:

5:00 pm. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help (OLPH)

5:00 pm. at Immaculate Heart in St. Michael's

5:00 pm. at St. Francis of Assisi (in Croatian)

SUNDAY:

9:00 am. at Holy Trinity (in English)

9:00 am. at St. Francis (in English)

10:30 am. at OLPH

10:30 am. at Holy Trinity (in Polish)

11:00 am. at St. Francis (in Croatian)

12:30 pm. at Immaculate Heart in St. Michael's

12:30 pm. at Holy Trinity (in Polish)

Mass schedule for St. Michael's-

Sunday, January 21 at 9:00 am.

"BEING A MISSION-ORIENTED CHURCH THAT FORMS DISCIPLES OF JESUS."

BAPTISM FOR OLPH & IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH

Once you have filled out the online baptism registration form from our website, Christine will email you with the available dates. Baptisms for OLPH and Immaculate Heart will now take place during our weekend Masses. Saturday evening at 5:00 pm. or Sunday morning at 10:30 am. at OLPH or at Immaculate Heart at 12:30 pm. Information about the one required baptismal prep night will be sent to you once the registration form has been received by Christine. Further information is found on our website. Please direct questions to Christine at 519-966-1953, Ext:226 or email her ctoffolon@dol.ca



To Everything there is a season... "a time to be healed..." For our parishioners who are sick, in the hospital or awaiting surgery.

There is "a time for everything under Heaven....."

Please pray for those who have died from our families and from our Rose City Central Catholic Family of Parishes' community.

Pope's Prayer Intentions for December:

For persons with disabilities: We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusion programmes which value their active participation.



LIVING WITH CHRIST SUNDAY MISSALS

The new Missals for 2023-2024 are available for purchase at both Churches. At OLPH they are at the Welcome Desk. Please leave the \$6.00 in the envelope provided and put the envelope in the Collection basket. At Immaculate Heart the Missals are \$6.00. There is a jar at the back of the church on the usher's counter with a sign.



The third week of Advent is the candle of joy. This candle otherwise known as the Shepherd Candle, this third candle of Advent reflects the joy that comes through Jesus' arrival, and through the salvation he has gifted us.

ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR IMMACULATE HEART/ST. MICHAEL & OLPH CHURCHES



Tues. Dec. 19 at 6:00 pm. at OLPH

- + Frank Apollonio & Antonio E. Rosa ... by Maria Apollonio
- + Chiarappa Francesco & Filippo Rosa... by Maria Apollonio
- + Esperanza Valerio ... by Daughter & Family

Wed. Dec. 20 at 12:00 pm. at Immaculate Heart/St. Michael's

- + Frances Bellis ... by Larry Bellis
- + Deacon Jeremy Tyrrell ... by Family
- + Richard Naklie ... by George & Yvette & Family
- + Souls in Purgatory especially the deceased members of the Friends of the Suffering Souls... by Mary Lou Eden
- + Jayne Mariuz & her deceased family members ... by Paul Mariuz

Intentions of Elizabeth Chemel ... by Family

Thurs. Dec. 21 at 6:00 pm. at OLPH

- + Deceased family members ... by Martha MacDonald
- + Maria Cacilhas, Antonio Cacilhas Jr., Paul Cacilhas & Antonio Cacilhas Sr. ...by Family
- + Souls in purgatory esp. deceased members... by FOSS

Fri. Dec. 22 at 8:00 am. at Immaculate Heart/St. Michael's

- + Anthony Chifor ... by Brenda Roehler
- + Jim & Veronica McMahon ... by Pat, Tom & Matthew
- + Anna Bappert ... by Margaret Reidl

Intentions of Fazio & Roehler Families ... by Brenda Fazio-Roehler

Intentions of Chemel Family ... by Family

Third Sunday of Advent: That men called by the Lord to be messengers of His Word as priests will zealously proclaim the good news of salvation, we pray to the Lord.



Gospel Reflection: John 1:6-8,19-28

John gives testimony that he is preaching and baptizing in order to prepare for the coming of another.

This Sunday's Gospel invites us to continue our reflection on the person and mission of John the Baptist. Today we depart from the Gospel of Mark and read a selection from the Gospel of John.

The Gospel for today combines a brief passage from the prologue to John's Gospel with a report about John the Baptist. As in Mark's Gospel, the Gospel of John contains no birth narrative. Instead, John's Gospel begins with a theological reflection that has come to be called the "prologue." This prologue places the story of Jesus in its cosmological framework. It speaks of

Jesus' existence with God since the beginning of time. In John's Gospel, Jesus is presented as the fulfillment of the Old Testament and the culmination of the Word, the light that is coming into the world's darkness.

Following this prologue, John reports on the ministry of John the Baptist. We learn about the attention that John the Baptist received from the Jewish authorities. Messengers from the Jewish priests, the Levites and the Pharisees question John about his identity and the meaning of the baptisms that he is performing. John's Gospel uses these

questions to establish the relationship between Jesus and John the Baptist. John the Baptist is not the Messiah, nor is he Elijah or the Prophet. In John's denials, we hear echoes of the kind of messianic expectations that were common in first-century Palestine.

The only affirmative response that John the Baptist gives is when he quotes the prophet Isaiah. Upon answering the next question, John announces that the savior they seek is already among them, but as yet unrecognized. John's response highlights for us an important Advent theme: Jesus has already come into the world as our savior. During Advent, we pray that we will be able to recognize Jesus' presence in our midst. Advent also reminds us that Jesus will come again to fulfill the promise of salvation. We pray that we will continue to be watchful as we anticipate that great day.

The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete, a Latin word which means "rejoice," is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass. This theme is echoed in today's second reading from the first Letter to the Thessalonians. It is a reminder that Advent is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand. *From Loyolapress.com

BOXES OF OFFERTORY ENVELOPES AT OLPH CHURCH

The boxes of offertory envelopes for OLPH Church have been delayed. As soon as we receive them, they will be labelled and put out in the narthex for you to pick up. If you are currently not using envelopes put would like too, please call Shirl at the main office.

We have a new name for our Facebook page—Rose City Central Catholic Family of Parishes. We changed the name of the Our Lady of Perpetual Help page to now include posting content from all of the parishes in our family. Especially events and news from Immaculate Heart & St. Michael's. Please like the page to keep up to date on information, to see photos and more.

LETTER TO THE FAITHFUL FROM BISHOP FABBRO

Dec. 12

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Today, on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, I am pleased to provide you with an update on the work of the Diocesan Truth and Reconciliation Committee. For the past two years, the committee has been committed to walking with Indigenous people on the path of healing and reconciliation.

Their work has focused primarily on providing educational opportunities and engaging with local Indigenous communities. Through the educational opportunities and resources they provided, they invited all of us to enlarge our tent (Isaiah 54:2), to open our mind and hearts to the stories and lives of Indigenous people. This movement of the heart and mind is a prerequisite to truth and reconciliation.

The committee's work with local Indigenous communities has involved listening carefully to their concerns and hopes. As well as building relationships, the committee has helped to distribute approximately a half a million dollars of the \$1.8-million dollar 5-year commitment that our Diocese made to the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund.

Earlier this year, we had our first Truth and Reconciliation Collection, and you, the people of our Diocese, responded generously. To date, the total amount raised is over \$140 000. Thank you.

We join in offering our thanks to those who have finished their term of faithful service on the committee: Sarah Donohue, J.D., Father Michael Béchard, and Dr. Valerie Waboose. I am grateful that new members have agreed to serve on the committee and carry on the work of truth and reconciliation. I would like to announce that Kathy Furlong has agreed to serve as the chair. The new members on the committee are: Katie Jacobs, the Family and Youth Ministry Coordinator, South Windsor Catholic Family of Parishes;

Fr. Bernard Akum, who has done similar work in his previous diocese; Dianne Tucker, who is a parishioner of the Lake Huron Catholic Family of Parishes;

Justice Deb Austin, who is a retired Justice of the Peace.

Our committee is comprised of people from across the Diocese, some of whom identify as Indigenous and others who have been allies working in various settings with Indigenous Peoples.

My prayer is that their good work will continue to build bridges and change hearts. We are hoping, with the guidance of local Indigenous communities, to craft a "service of reparation" that will express the suffering and harm afflicted by the residential schools and atone for the role our Church played in them. Through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, may God give us courage and strength us as we journey on the path of healing and reconciliation.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Ronald Fabbro, CSB Bishop of London

Enter into the silence with MADONNA HOUSE to Await the Lord's Coming. Advent is a time of waiting—of silent growth of Jesus within each of us. Come join us Monday evenings through to Dec. 18 from 6—8 pm. to journey together with prayer and discussion. We will begin with a hearty bowl of soup then have a time of reflection and end the evening with Night prayer. Please RSVP to Madonna House 519-252-9236 or email mhwindsor@dol.ca.

Space is limited.

BINGO & GAMING—OLPH CHURCH

Our next assigned dates are & Wed. Dec. 27 from 5 - 7 pm. & Tues. Jan. 2 from 1 pm. - 3 pm. The Treat Bags for the children who attended the St. Nicholas Party were purchased with the funds raised from our sessions at All Star Gaming Centre on Walker Rd. Please support our volunteers and parish.

For the month of December the OLPH CWL will be collecting *peanut butter & jam* for our SSVP at OLPH. If parishioners would like to contribute—you can bring in the jam or peanut butter when you come to

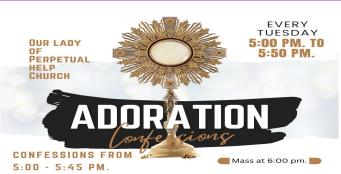


JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT VIDEO SERIES

The CCCB has launched their 2023 video series "Journey Through Advent." Each video in the series serves as an introduction to the liturgical season of Advent and presents reflections on the Gospel readings for each Sunday leading up to Christmas. This year's spiritual reflections are delivered by the Most Rev. Jon Hansen, C.Ss.R., Bishop of Mackenzie-Fort Smith (in English), and the Most Rev. Alain Faubert, Auxiliary Bishop of Montreal (in French). The videos are available at www.cccb.ca, or on their YouTube channel. https://www.youtube.com/@CCCBCECC/

Thank you to all our families who attended the St. Nicholas Party last Sunday at Immaculate Heart/St. Michael's. A **HUGE thank you** to the 9 teens who volunteered on Thurs. to organize the games and crafts AND to the 5 teens who volunteered on Sunday to run the crafts and games. **Thank you** to our Knights of Columbus men & Ms. Stella for their presence and help at the event. It was such a JOY to see so many families here in our Rose City Central Catholic Family of Parishes coming together for a family social.

We especially **thank** our cbingo volunteers from OLPH – because of their time volunteering—our parish was able to supply the families with the Christian treat bags, the Christian giveaways and the Nativity games for the St. Nicholas Party. This was a big expense covered by the cbingo funds from OLPH Church.







FEAST & MEMORIAL DAYS

Dec. 21— St. Peter Canisius Dec. 23—St. John of Kanty Dec. 25—Nativity of the Lord



OLPH SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

If you would like to make a monetary donation to the SSVP we offer the option for you to make an e-transfer to

ssypolph@hotmail.com—in the memo line please put your name & address. The answer to the question is: SSVPOLPH or you may leave a donation in the offertory basket. The SSVP green envelopes are found next to the offertory basket. Calls to the SSVP can be reached at 519-966-1953 EXT. 236

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AT HOLY TRINITY



January 6.



SSVP AT IMMACULATE HEART

Your generosity allows us to help those in need. St. Vincent de Paul food calls: 519-258-0910 Ext 235

IMMACULATE HEART PARISH CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL BOOKLET

We will remember at all our Christmas Masses all of our beloved deceased. If you would like your loved one to be remembered in our Memorial Booklet, please PRINT the names of your loved ones whom you wish to include and as you want them to appear in the booklet on the special envelopes found at the back of the church. Donations will be used

for Christmas flowers and decorations. Place this envelope in the Collection basket or deliver it to the office. The deadline to submit the envelope is December 17th.



BINGO COMMITTEE AT IMMACULATE HEART

Please do not forget to support our Church Bingo's from Immaculate Heart Church. They are held at **All Star Gaming Centre** on Walker Rd. The Bingos are very important to Immaculate Heart parish. A big thank you to all the volunteers and participants who continually make the effort to support Immaculate Heart parish. Our next assigned dates are: *Tues. Dec. 19 from* 3—5 pm. & Thurs. Dec. 28 from 1–3 pm..





If you have taken a tag(s) from the Giving Tree, please return the gift with TAG ATTACHED no later than SUNDAY DECEMBER 17. If you plan on not fulfilling the commitment please drop the tag into the collection basket or drop it off to the church office.

2024 BOXES OF OFFERTORY ENVELOPES can be found in the entrance of St. Michael & Immaculate Heart Churches on a table. Did you know that you have the option of pre-authorizing your offerings? To set up your gift, you can take home the 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 parishes. PLEASE DO NOT USE THE 2024 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES UNTIL JANUARY 1, 2024. We thank you for your generosity.



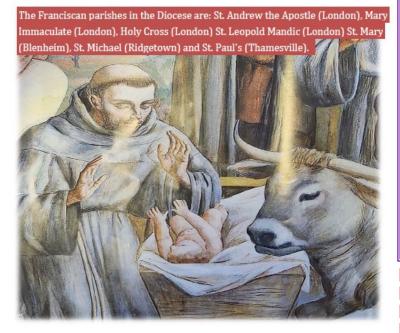
Plenary Indulgence at Franciscan Churches

To celebrate the 8th centennial of the world's first crib/nativity scene (1223-2023) by St. Francis of Assisi, in Greccio, Italy, Pope Francis has approved a Plenary Indulgence.

The faithful are being offered the opportunity to receive a Plenary Indulgence, from December 8, 2023 to February 2, 2024, at our Franciscan churches where the Nativity Scenes will be available, if you pray before the Nativity Scene.

- celebrate the sacrament of Confession,
- receive Holy Communion,
- pray for the intentions of the Pope,
- pray the Creed and Our Father

A plenary indulgence will be granted.



IMMACULATE HEART CWL

To all our Immaculate Heart CWL members—your Dues are due! Please submit your dues of \$30.00 in the offertory basket or to Mary at Mass.

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The IMMACULATE HEART CWL is looking for donations of yarn. Please bring to any Mass, there will be a box the back (entrance) of the church.

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD-

NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

Immaculate Heart & OLPH -

Sun. Dec. 31 - 5:00 pm.

OLPH - Mon. Jan. 1 - 10:30 am.

Immaculate Heart - Mon. Jan. 1 - 10:30 am.





SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sat. Dec. 23—Mass at 5:00 pm. at both parishes Sun. Dec. 24—9:00 am. Mass at Immaculate Heart * note change of time 10:30 am. Mass at OLPH

Nativity of The Lord

Sun. Dec. 24—5:00 pm. at Immaculate Heart & OLPH. 7:00 pm. at OLPH.



Nativity of The Lord

Mon. Dec. 25—12- midnight at Immaculate Heart Mon. Dec. 25—9:00 am. at St. Michael's

10:30 am.— at OLPH

11:00 am.—at Immaculate Heart *note change of time

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Sat. Dec. 30—5:00 pm at both parishes Sun. Dec. 31—10:30 am. at OLPH 12:30 pm.—at Immaculate Heart

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Sun. Dec. 31—5:00 pm. at both parishes Mon. Jan. 1—10:30 am. at both parishes

There will be no daily Mass on Tues. Dec. 26, Wed. Dec. 27 & Tues. Jan. 2.

OLPH MEMORIAL FLOWERS

There is a Christmas Flower Donation Envelope in your offertory envelope boxes. If you would like to donate towards the Christmas Flowers in memory of a loved one, just fill out the front and back of the envelope and enclose your donation. You can put your envelope in the collection basket. If you do not have offertory envelopes, there are some Flower Donation envelopes near the offertory basket. Please return the envelope by Sun. DEC. 17 (no later), in order for us to include your loved ones' name in our Christmas Booklet.

What does Gaudete mean? Gaudete means "rejoice" in Latin. Why do we light a pink candle on Gaudete Sunday? The Catholic Church uses the color rose to indicate a joyful feast day or holiday. Gaudete Sunday's counterpart in Lent is Laetare Sunday, another break in penance to rejoice in hope as we approach Easter. During both days, a priest will usually wear rose vestments.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday – Jeremiah 23:5-8; Responsorial Psalm 72; Gospel Matthew 1: 18-24

Tuesday— Judges 13:2-7,24-25a; Responsorial Psalm 71;

Gospel Luke 1:5-25

Wednesday— Isaiah 7:10 –14; 8:10d; Responsorial Psalm, 24; Gospel, Luke 1:26-38

Thursday—Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Responsorial Psalm, 33; Gospel, Luke 1:39-45

Friday— 1 Samuel 1:24-28; Responsorial Psalm, 1 Samuel 2; Gospel, Luke 1:46-56

Saturday— Malachi 3:1-4; 4:5-6; Responsorial Psalm, 25; Gospel, Luke

Sunday-First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Responsorial Psalm, 89; Second Reading: Romans 16: 25-27; Gospel, Luke 1:26-38



PARISH COMMITTEES & GROUPS at IMMACULATE HEART

CATHOIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Anna St. Antoine; President

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Pat Rondot; President **SACRISTAN**

Vicky Masotti

HOMEBOUND

Paulette DesRosiers

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Pat & Michelle Rondot

PARISH COMMITTEES & GROUPS at OLPH

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Steve Pellarin, Grand Knight

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

Janis McIsaac; President

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:

Gail Lee-Woodcock; President

PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY

Dory Jimenez

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Bonnie Drago



Welcome! We are glad you joined us! Registration forms are available online— on our website or in the narthex or back of the Church. If you need to update your information on record, please email or call the office.



**Mass Intentions at OLPH can be made with Christine by emailing her, or leaving an envelope in the offertory basket,. Mass Intentions for Immaculate Heart or St. Michael's can be made by leaving an envelope in the offertory basket or calling Shirl at 519-258-0910 or by emailing her.

.Mass Intentions are \$10.00 each.

** Please note that if you are asking for a certain date please send in your request at least three weeks in advance. Thank you.

Pastoral Family of Parishes Council

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AA meetings are held every Tuesday at 10:00 am. in the small hall at Immaculate Heart Church.

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MISSING CENTRE PIECES

If you attended the CWL Pasta Dinner at OLPH last Friday, an announcement was made that was incorrect. If you took home one of the items from the table center pieces, can you kindly return them to Christine. The items do not belong to the CWL or the parish. It might have been a wooden reindeer, a red metal reindeer or a sparkling metal Christmas Tree.



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OLPH CWL

The OLPH CWL thank all those who attended their Pasta (sauce contest) Dinner and Paddle Auction. The winner of the best pasta sauce was Cari Marcoccia. Thank you to the ladies in the kitchen. A special thank you to the nine teens who volunteered at the dinner. And the nine teens who volunteered on Thurs. night to set the tables for the dinner. We must mention that Nancy, Fr. Glen and one our youth—Paul were very generous of their time as they stayed very late doing the dishes.

* the teens that are volunteering currently in our

* the teens that are volunteering currently in our two parishes come from both parishes. It is so nice to see youth from Immaculate Heart volunteering with us at OLPH & OLPH youth volunteering at Immaculate Heart. The teens are great examples of working together as a Family of Parishes.



