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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Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph December 31, 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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Paul Smith (OLPH)

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....."

For those who have died from our families and from our Rose City Central Catholic Family of Parishes', especially Tilly Keglevich.

Pope's Prayer Intentions for January: For The Gift Of Diversity In The Church. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.



Mary, the Holy Mother of God—Gospel Reflection: Luke 2:16-21 The shepherds find Jesus in a manger in Bethlehem.

Today's reading is a continuation from the Gospel proclaimed at the Christmas Mass at midnight. In it the shepherds act upon the message they receive from the angel and go to find Jesus in the manger in Bethlehem. In their visit to the manger, the shepherds find things just as the angel had said. The shepherds' visit, therefore, is a moment of fulfillment, manifestation, and the beginning of the salvation we receive through Christ.

In the context of today's Solemnity, this reading also helps us focus on Mary as the Mother of God. The reading tells us at least three things about Mary as a mother. First, Mary is described as a reflective person, keeping the reports of the shepherds in her heart. Second, we are reminded of how obedient Mary was to God when she named the baby Jesus as the angel Gabriel had directed. Third, this reading shows Mary and Joseph faithfully observing their Jewish tradition by having Jesus circumcised.

Mary's faithfulness to God is evident in all three of these things. Her reflection upon the events in her life indicates that she was a person of prayer. This prayer made possible her obedience to God and God's will, even if the outcome was not clear. Finally, her faithfulness to a community of faith grounded her relationship with God and enabled

her to participate in God's plan of salvation.



Because of Mary's faithfulness to God, she was able to receive the gift of God's Son and accept her role in God's plan for salvation.

By doing so, she models for us the path of discipleship and is also called Mother of the Church.

Our call to discipleship also includes these three aspects. First,

discipleship means prayer and reflection on the events of our lives that we might see God's presence and work in our lives. Second, discipleship means obedience to God and God's will. Third, discipleship includes fidelity to a community of faith. *From Loyolapress.com

Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed — and a sword will pierce your own soul too." Luke 2: 34-35

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



Tues. Jan. 2 at 6:00 pm. at OLPH

No Mass

Wed. Jan. 3 at 12:00 pm. at Immaculate Heart/St. Michael's Intentions of Annibale Biasutto

Thurs. Jan. 4 at 6:00 pm. at OLPH

- + Vincenzo Panecaldo ... by Family
- + Paul Chepeka Sr. ... by Bob, Mike, Paul & Sherry
- + Rodrick Dunford ... by Angus & Anne Rankin

Fri. Jan. 5 at 8:00 am. at Immaculate Heart/St. Michael's

+ For all those in purgatory ... by Parishioner

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph— Luke 2:22-40 (or shorter form: Luke 2:22,39-40)

Mary and Joseph present Jesus at the Temple in accordance with the Law of Moses.

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family. This celebration is assigned to the Sunday within the octave of Christmas. The Gospel for today is taken from the Gospel according to Luke and is part of Luke's Infancy Narrative.

Today's Gospel describes the presentation of the child Jesus in the Temple and shows Joseph and Mary as devout Jews, following the prescriptions of the Law of Moses. The Gospel alludes to several aspects of the Law of Moses: circumcision, the dedication of the firstborn son to the Lord, and the purification of a woman after childbirth. According to the Law of Moses as presented in the Book of Leviticus, a woman was considered ritually unclean during her menstrual period and for a prescribed period of time following the birth of a child. After the birth of a son, a woman was considered ritually unclean for 40 days. After the birth of a daughter, a woman was considered unclean for 80 days. In order to be restored to ritual purity, a Jewish woman performed the appropriate rites of purification and made the prescribed ritual offering. Today's Gospel notes that Jesus was circumcised on the eighth day after his birth, in accordance with the Mosaic Law. At that time, he was called Jesus, the name he was given by the angel Gabriel. On the 40th day after Jesus' birth, Mary performed the appropriate purification rites and made her offering at the Temple. Although the Law of Moses required an offering of a lamb, those who could not afford a lamb could substitute two turtledoves or two pigeons. In this scene, Luke identifies Joseph and Mary as being poor, and indeed throughout Luke's Gospel, Jesus will show special concern for the poor. Another Jewish rite referenced in this Gospel is the dedication of the firstborn son to the Lord. In remembrance of the feast of Passover, when the firstborn children of the Israelites in Egypt were saved from death, the Law of Moses prescribed that all firstborn males of Israel should be consecrated to the Lord. In this tradition, Mary and Joseph present the infant Jesus in the Temple in Jerusalem. In Jerusalem, Luke reports that Mary and Joseph encounter two devout Jews, Simeon and Anna, who recognize the infant Jesus as

the fulfillment of Israel's hope for redemption. In Simeon's words we find a prediction of Mary's witnessing of Jesus' death on the cross. The Canticle of Simeon, also called by its Latin name, Nunc Dimitis, is prayed at night prayer, or compline, during the Liturgy of the Hours. *From Loyolapress.com

SAVE THE DATE

The K of C Mother Teresa Council #12494 will be hosting a Breakfast at OLPH Church in the hall on **Sun. Feb. 11, 2024**.



Tickets will be sold very soon after all the Masses.

ALLIANCE OF THE TWO HEARTS- ALL NIGHT COMMUNION OF REPARATION.

Overnight Eucharistic Vigil at Our Lady of Assumption Rosary Chapel. On the first Friday—Jan. 5 to the first Saturday—Jan. 6.

On Jan, 5 Mass at 9 pm. On Jan. 6 Mass at 7 am. All are invited.



MANY, MANY THANKS to the parishioners of Immaculate Heart and St. Michael. Your continued generosity has allowed the Society to once again fulfill their



Christmas tradition. The Giving Tree was adorned with 154 tags requesting new gifts for children. All tags were returned attached to a gift putting a smile on the faces of 77 children (2 new gifts per child). 30 families (50 adults, 77 children) each received

Christmas hampers with a week's worth of groceries, along with a 15 pound turkey and a \$25.gift voucher for Silverstein Produce.

The Society wishes to thank Italo and Marina Vadori, along with Silvio and MaryJean Corrente for organizing and executing this project. To the many Vincentians, Knights, and family members that came out to personally deliver all the boxes, we can't thank you enough.



Wishing everyone a HEALTHY and HAPPY NEW YEAR!

THANK YOU TO

Our volunteer Ushers, Lectors, & Eucharistic Ministers.

Our Cantors, Choirs and Musicians.

Our Decorators. Immaculate Heart/St. Michael's & OLPH Churches looked beautiful. Your talent and time was appreciated by all. Our Sacristans. For always keeping a clean supplies of purificatiors and towels for the priests and for setting up for our Masses. Our Altar Servers.

Our Collection Counters.

Our PowerPoint Operators.

Fr. Bill for celebrating the Christmas Masses at Immaculate Heart

And our parishioners. For your presence and participation.

Thank you for the many gifts and cards given to our Rose City Central Catholic Family of Parishes' Pastoral Team and Staff. Many Blessings from Fr. Glen



Feast of the Holy Family: That Catholic mothers and fathers will help their children grow, become strong in their faith and filled with the wisdom of God by fostering openness to vocations, especially to the priesthood, we pray to the Lord

Solemnity of Mary, Mother if God: That in union with Mary, the Mother of God, we who have received the spirit of her son into our hearts will pray with zeal for vocations to the priesthood in our diocese, we pray to the Lord.

"Actions speak louder than words. Let your words teach and your actions speak." St. Anthony of Padua

If you have a loved one who is homebound and they would like to receive a visit from our Pastoral Care Team, please call the office to set up a time. The Eucharist can be brought to them at home by a member of the Team. Home visits can take place for parishioners from Immaculate Heart, OLPH & St. Michael's Church.





EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AT HOLY TRINITY

Eucharistic Adoration takes place on the first Friday of every month at Holy Trinity. It will begin one hour before the 7:00 pm. Mass on Friday and continue after Mass until Saturday at 7:30 am. The Rosary will prayed at 7:30 am. English Mass at 8:00 am. Come and spend time with our Lord on **Friday**, **January 5 to Saturday**, **January 6**.





FEAST & MEMORIAL DAYS

Jan. 2— St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen

Jan. 3—The Most Holy Name of Jesus



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



The Immaculate Heart Social Committee is hosting our annual SOUP SUNDAY ON JANUARY 14TH after the 12:30 pm mass. All are welcome! SIGN UP SHEET is now at the back of the church. Please let us try your favourite soup recipe and we can use a few servers too. Cost is a free will donation to the SVDP outreach program or a donation of hats, scarves and gloves (new or gently used) for the homeless. BOTH MASSES that weekend will have a collection basket for the outerwear. You can help to make a difference at a cold time of the year.

______ 2024 MEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE

January 20th, 8am-3:30pm, at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Windsor. Men and young men, join us for the 12th annual Men of Faith Conference on Saturday, January 20th. Bishop Scott McCaig, bishop for the Military Ordinariate of Canada, will be speaking livestreamed from All

Saints Parish, Strathroy. Come be inspired in your faith and strengthened in fraternity with other men. Open to men of all



ages and features other dynamic speakers, Q & A sessions and fellowship. \$25/adult \$15/student. For more info or to register go to their website on line at Men of Faith Conference Windsor or go to famfi.ca/men/

windsor

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Have you ever thought about volunteering in your parish? At the present time we are asking members of our parishes to consider becoming an active disciple in your parish. At OLPH: Readers for Sat. Mass, Adult Funeral Altar Servers, PowerPoint helper at the Sat. Mass, Sign changer, to help change the message on the sign. At Immaculate Heart more readers are always welcomed, or join one of our parish community groups-CWL, K of C, or SSVP. Contact Christine or Shirl if you are interested in volunteering.

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: Wed. Jan. 3 from 11 am.—1 pm. & Fri. Jan. 12 from 3—5 pm.



SSVP AT IMMACULATE HEART

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



2024 BOXES OF OFFERTORY ENVELOPES can be Offering found in the entrance of St. Michael, Immaculate Heart & Fovelones OLPH 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, preauthorized 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

BINGO & GAMING—OLPH CHURCH

Our next assigned dates are *Tues. Jan. 2 from 1 pm. – 3 pm. & Tues.* Jan. 16 from 11 am - 1 pm.. Our sessions are at All Star Gaming Centre on Walker Rd. Please support our volunteers; Diane Miller, Len Lozon, Donna Desjardins, John Salalila, Sharon Beneteau, Donny Thivierge, & Janis McIsaac. We would love to welcome more volunteers. Please consider joining this very important ministry in our parish. Contact Christine if you are interested. The sessions are only 2 hours long, and we are assigned only three dates out of the month. Two volunteers work together.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE - CARITAS CANADA: A CALL FOR PEACE IN GAZA.

His Eminence Pierbattista Cardinal Pizzabella, the Latin Patriarch of



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Jerusalem and Anton Asfar, the secretary general of Caritas Jerusalem were the panelists on a special webinar hosted by DPCC on December 16. A summary of the webinar, which includes a

recording, can be found at this link https://devp.org/en/completeceasefire-now/

OLPH CWL

The next OLPH CWL meeting will be **Tues. Jan. 9** after the 6:00 pm. Mass. At the Mass our new executive will be given a blessing as they begin their two year term.









The youth of the Holy Trinity Parish invites all teenagers and young adults to our

YOUTH MASS

 Adoration/Confession from 5:30PM

Mass at 6PM followed by youth meeting

Scheduled on the listed dates

Oct. 22nd Nov. 26th

Dec. 16th (Sat.) Jan. 7th

Feb. 25th

Mar. 16th (Sat.)

Apr. 28th May TBD June 6th

Location: 1035 Ellis St E, Windsor, ON N8X 2J2

Youth Mass at Holy Trinity Church on Sun. Jan. 7 at 6:00 pm. All young adults and teens are invited to attend.

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.

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.





The main parish office (at Immaculate Heart) will be closed on Tuesday, January 2.





CATECHIST RETREAT



Please keep our 12 catechists from Immaculate Heart & OLPH Church in your prayers. They will gather on Sat. Jan. 6 to spiritually prepare themselves to lead our children and youth in their faith journey.

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Happy New Year from the Pastoral Team and Staff from Immaculate Heart, St. Michael & OLPH parishes.

"Be all for Jesus and with Jesus and you will be happy and holy throughout the year. Give yourselves over to prayer and close union with God and to a deep, joyful charity. Be a follower of God in thought, word, and deed; if you do this in your family, it will overflow to all." *Daily mediations Mother Teresa.

A FAMILY PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Father, thank You for our perfectly unique family. We desire to put You first in our hearts and home this year. Please meet us in the midst of our crazy, busy lives. Show us when we need to slow down and simply be . . . with each other and with You. May Your Spirit guide us to discover truth in the middle of our messes. Help us to find faith-building moments in daily activities as well as opportunities to share Your love with those we meet each day. We trust You to bring beautiful growth for our family as we plant simple seeds of faith.

In Jesus Name, Amen.

*taken from https://www.gominno.com/parents/a-family-prayer -for-the-new-year/



READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday— Numbers 6:22-27: Responsorial Psalm 67; Second Reading: Galatians 4:4-7; Gospel, Luke 2:16-21

Tuesday— 1 John 2:22-28; Responsorial Psalm 98; Gospel John 1:19-28

Wednesday— 1 John 2:29, 3:1-6; Responsorial Psalm, 98; Gospel, John 1:29-34

Thursday—1 John 3:7–10 Responsorial Psalm, 98; Gospel, John 1: 35-42

Friday— 1 John 3:11—21; Responsorial Psalm, 100; Gospel, John 1:43-

Saturday— 1 John 5: 5-13; Responsorial Psalm, 147; Gospel, Mark 1: 4 -5, 7-11

Sunday– First Reading: Isaiah 60: 1-6; Responsorial Psalm, 72; Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2–3a, 5-6; Gospel, Matthew 2:1-12

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

Father Glen Ball * Father Stanislaw Izdebski Holy Trinity * Father Miro St. Francis of Assisi * Sister Elzbieta Mruczek Holy Trinity * Christine Toffolon Our Lady of Perpetual Help * Tony Blak Holy Trinity * John Nabben St. Michael * Tina Papac St. Francis of Assisi * Steve Pellarin Our Lady of Perpetual Help * Joe Piskovic St. Francis of Assisi * Frank Quint St. Michael & Immaculate Heart * Michelle Rondot Immaculate Heart * Chris Sak Our Lady of Perpetual Help * Victor Wolanski Holy Trinity * Nancy Charron (recording secretary) Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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

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Is your marriage struggling?



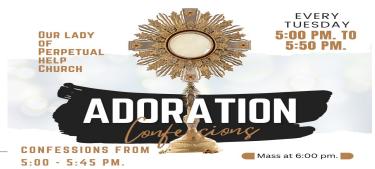
Retrouvaille has helped couples



RETROUVAILLE

LIVING WITH CHRIST SUNDAY MISSALS

We still have some Missals for 2023-2024 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.



There will be NO Confessions & NO Adoration at OLPH on Tues. Jan. 2.



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.