

# Holy Cross Bulletin – 17 December 2023

“Make straight the way of the Lord,”  
as the prophet Isaiah said.

John 1:23

## 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### Mass Obligations for Christmas 2023

The Archdiocese of Kingston has sent a reminder about Mass obligations this year: Christmas is always a holy day of obligation and this year it falls on a Monday, immediately following the Fourth Sunday of Advent. The two separate obligations to attend Mass (one for the Fourth Sunday of Advent and one for Christmas) are both important and are met by attending two separate Masses. The Sunday obligation can be fulfilled by attending Mass on Saturday evening or any time on Sunday. The Christmas obligation can be fulfilled at Mass on Sunday evening or any time on Monday. However, the same Mass cannot meet both obligations.

### **Mass Schedule - Christmas Season 2023**

*This year the 4th Sunday in Advent and Christmas Eve fall on the same day*

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>23 December</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>4th Sunday in Advent</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>24 December</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>4th Sunday in Advent</b>
		<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Christmas Eve Holy Mass</b>
		<b>8:30 PM</b>	<b>Christmas Eve Holy Mass</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>25 December</b>	<b>Midnight</b>	<b>Christmas Eve Holy Mass</b>
		<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Christmas Day Holy Mass</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>30 December</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>31 December</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>The Holy Family</b>
		<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>The Holy Family</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>1 January</b>	<b>10:00 Am</b>	<b>Mary, The Holy Mother of God</b>



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## Sacred Vessels



The Pastoral Council this year sent some of our sacred vessels for repair and restoration. Earlier this fall, the ciboria (used for the Sacred Hosts) were returned, displayed in the church, and are now being used for Holy Mass. This month three chalices (used for the Precious Blood), not used in many decades, have returned from polishing and re-plating. You can see the results at the back of the church, along with the "before" photographs. Many thanks to those parishioners who made special offerings toward the cost. It's expensive, but part of caring for the patrimony of our parish. We will be able to use the newly-restored chalices at Christmas!

## **Knights of Columbus Christmas Support**

Dear Parishioners,

Once again, your Kemptville Knights of Columbus Council 5333, is asking for financial assistance. The funds we are raising will help to provide 75 families in our community with the means to purchase their groceries over Christmas as well as obtain a gift card for each Child.

One of our Knights will be in the narthex after each mass for this collection.

In addition to giving cash, you will also have the opportunity to make a donation using the QR code with your smart phone. The code will be on the table.

Another method for you to donate will be to use this link and go through our fund:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/pages/k-of-c-5333-christmas-hampers/>

Both of these methods will provide you with a tax receipt.

We thank you in advance for your generosity.  
Merry Christmas and God Bless you and your families.

## WAITING FOR JESUS

♥ LITTLE ONES' WORD ♥ JOHN 6:1-8; 19-28 ♥

It is the 3rd week of Advent!

This week we light the pink "Joy" candle which reminds us of the joy we feel at the coming of Jesus' birth. During this week of Advent think of all the blessings that you have in your life and say a "Thank You Prayer" to Jesus.

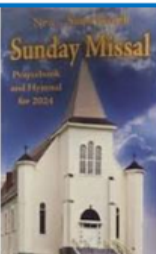


## **Seeking Volunteers**

We will be putting up our Christmas trees in the sanctuary on Friday, 22 December 2023.

We need some volunteers to decorate the trees. Everything is provided. It involves putting up the lights, balls and other decorations. Four peoples would be sufficient. You may need to climb a ladder.

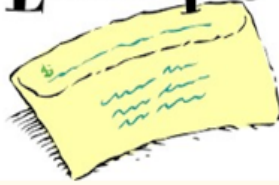
Please contact the parish office if you can help.



## **Sunday Missal for 2024**

Our new Sunday Missals for 2024 were distributed in the pews for the beginning of Advent last week. Already a dozen have gone missing. These missals are for your use, and others, during the Mass. Please do not remove them from the church. If you would like to purchase a missal, please contact the parish office and we will arrange one for you.

## Offering Envelopes



### 2024 Contribution Envelopes

Our envelopes for the coming year have been delayed. They are normally distributed around the beginning of Advent.

We had a bit of a glitch with our order, and we do expect them to be here before the end of the month. We apologize for the delay.

### Mass Attendance History - 1st Sunday in December

Year	Dates	5 PM	9 AM	11 AM	Total
2019	Dec 7/8	88	123	139	350
2020	Dec 5/6	46	62	95	203
2021	Dec 4/5	48	73	132	253
2022	Dec 3/4	51	84	134	269
2023	Dec 2/3	62	116	108	286

### Mass Attendance History - 2nd Sunday in December

Year	Dates	5 PM	9 AM	11 AM	Total
2019	Dec 14/15	105	117	119	341
2020	Dec 12/13	47	71	66	184
2021	Dec 11/12	48	67	108	223
2022	Dec 10/11	76	78	119	273
2023	Dec 9/10	63	112	121	296



### Save a Life!

"If you or someone you know is facing a crisis pregnancy, please call 613 830-8623 or 613 231-5683 for confidential, compassionate help."

### November 2023 Revenue from Lord's Day Offerings and Donations

Credit Card Contributions Online	\$1,454.48
Canada Helps – Credit Card	\$390.83
PAR - Pre-Authorized Remittance	\$6,415.00
Lord's Day Collections at Mass	\$16,802.10
Building Fund	\$884.39
Other: E-transfers & Account Interest	\$526.15
<b>TOTAL - NOVEMBER 2023</b>	<b>\$26,472.95</b>



## Liturgy Schedule

Date	Day	Time	Mass Intention
16 Dec	Sat	5:00 pm	Holy Mass - Melanie Desroches
17 Dec	Sun	9: 00 am	Holy Mass - Sue LeBlanc
		11:00 am	For the People
		<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>Confessions</b>
18Dec	Mon	<b>11:00 am</b>	Funeral Mass— Gene Seed
19 Dec	Tues	<b>8:15 am</b>	Holy Mass - Pat Morin <b>Confessions to Follow</b>
20 Dec	Wed	<b>7:00 pm</b>	Holy Mass - Souls in Purgatory <b>Confessions to Follow</b>
21 Dec	Thurs	<b>8:15 am</b>	Holy Mass - Stephanie Lys <b>Confessions to Follow</b>
22 Dec	Fri	<b>6:00 pm</b>	Adoration & <b>Confessions</b>
		7:00 pm	Holy Mass - Sam MacEachern
23 Dec	Sat	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Confessions</b>
		5:00 pm	Holy Mass - Patsy Sauvé
24 Dec	Sun	10: 00 am	For the People
<b>24 Dec</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Christmas Eve— Holy Mass</b>
		<b>8:30 pm</b>	<b>Christmas Eve— Holy Mass</b>
<b>25 Dec</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Midnight</b>	<b>Christmas Day— Holy Mass</b>
		<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Christmas Day— Holy Mass</b>

### Prayers requested for those in need of healing

*(August 2023 to November 2023 List)*

*Names in **Bold** indicate that they were newly added*

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John Berendsen; Desneiges Bekkers; Linda Bekkers; Dora Birtch; Isabella Boles  
 George Breau; Bernie Brennan; Alain Brizard; Doug Brunton; Lynne Clark  
 Noela Cleroux; Elizabeth Fleury; Marc Dennis; Tom Doyle; Chantale Fetch  
 Bob Galvin; Joan Gaudaur; Fred Godwin; **Michael Hopkins**; Teddy Kelly; Jo-Anne Laverty  
 Ken Laverty; Gregory Langley; Ruby Leach; Marie McRorie; Melissa Heil ; Karen Hill  
 Christine Johnston; John MacEachern; Nathan Livingstone; Paul Mahabir; Judy MacKay  
 John Mondoux; Hilary Morey; Mary Lou Ora; Matthew Patrick; Carole Perkins  
**Ray Porter**; Cecile Prodonick; Michael Prosciak; Joe Ryan; Joyce Seguin  
 Nancy Steele; Ann Rodney; Patricia Sawarna; Carolyn Selleck  
 Mary-Jane Stinson; Wiesia Stobiedzki; Ellen Vibert; Bernie Wichers; Matt Zanutta

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**Pray for those who have died: Ryan Forbes,**

**Gene Seed** husband of Marg Seed, and **Tom McDonald** father of Jenifer Mc Donald

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To **add** or **remove** a name please see Prayer Intentions Form on our Website.

In order to keep our prayer request list current and up to date, entries will only be posted for 4 months, after that they will be automatically removed. If you wish to keep them on the prayer list you may do so by resubmitting your request once they have been removed.