



Precious Blood Cathedral

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Fourth Sunday Of Advent

December 18, 2022

Pastor:

Father Hamish Currie

Parochial Vicar

(Associate Pastor):

Father Jeff Shannon

Parish Office:

Monday-Friday

8:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Office Admin Jennifer

Sunday Masses :

Saturday Mass: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9am and 11am

Weekday Masses :

Morning Mass:

Tues to Fri at 9am

Sacrament of Penance :

Saturday : 4:15pm-4:45pm

Baptism :

Usually on the **3rd Sunday** of the month. Please make arrangements **one month in advance** by contacting the Parish office.

Marriage :

Please make marriage arrangements **6 months in advance** by contacting the Parish office.

Papal Blessing :

Please **allow at least 6 months** for Papal Blessing to arrive after the request has been made.

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Ernie Console

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Liturgical Music / Choir :

Bruce Douville

bruce.douville@gmail.com

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Email yours to

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Before 11:00 AM Wednesday

Prayer Line :

Corona McNally

705-575-6975



Precious Blood Cathedral Mass

SATURDAY at 5 PM
SUNDAY AT 9AM AND 11AM

Daily Morning Masses
Tuesday-Friday 9am

When considering Christmas and end of year donations please remember Precious Blood Cathedral. We have not recovered from the financial effects of Covid. We do our best to keep cost to a minimum, but we have a few months of high heating bills ahead of us.

Your generosity and continued support are greatly appreciated.

Thanks
Fr. Hamish for
The Finance Committee

Sunday Collections
December 10th & 11th Weekend

\$4613.00

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**Weekday Scripture Readings:
December 19th-24th**

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	Judges 13.2-7,24-25a	Luke 1.5-25
Tuesday	Isaiah 7.10-14; 8.10d	Luke 1.26-38
Wednesday	Zephaniah 3.14-18a	Luke 1.39-45
Thursday	1Samual 1.24-28	Luke 1.46-56
Friday	Malachi 3.1-4; 4.5-6	Luke 1.57-66
Saturday	2Samual 7.1-5,8-12,16	Luke 1.67-79

Coffee Sundays

**The first Sunday of each month—join us after the
9am and 11am mass for coffee in the Gathering
Place. Next Coffee Hour: January 8, 2023**

Christmas Flower Donation



**Jeannie Devon & Keith Devon
by Meryn Devon**

**Rosario Esposito & Carmel Chiarello by
Domenic Esposito & Family**

Vickie Italiano by Sam & Sue Colizza

Saturday December 17, 2022 5pm

† Guiseppi Bruno by Maria & Anthony Bruno

Sunday December 18, 2022 @ 9am

† Helen & Albert Raymond by Paula & Rod Smith

Tuesday December 20, 2022 @ 9am

† Jack Schikofsky by Rose Perri & family

Wednesday December 21, 2022 @ 9am

† Mary & Michael Martan by John and Jean Martan

Thursday December 22, 2022 @ 9am

† Livio Frani by Family

Friday December 23, 2022 @ 9am

† Gertrude Legare by John & Jean Martan

Fourth Week of Advent

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On the **Fourth Sunday of Advent**, we read in **Matthew's Gospel** about Joseph and his decision to divorce the pregnant Mary. An angel comes to Joseph: "Do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her."

Luke's Gospel is our guide this week. Monday we read of Mary and Elizabeth. Thursday is Mary's magnificent prayer in the continuation of the annunciation story. Friday is the naming of John by Zechariah. Saturday, in the morning, has Zechariah's prayer of praise after being allowed to speak again. The scenes and canticles, or songs, which are part of the story, are so well known to us that we can miss hearing them with an open heart.

If we celebrate the **Vigil of Christmas** on Saturday, **Matthew's Gospel** (though any of the gospels for Christmas may be used at any of the Christmas liturgies) offers the history of Jesus' family.

Christmas is on Sunday. The first celebration of **The Nativity of the Lord** is the **Mass at Midnight**. The first reading is from **Isaiah**: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone." This powerful reading deserves a slow contemplation. The Gospel is from **Luke**: the journey to Bethlehem, the birth, the angels announce the birth to the shepherds. The second celebration of **The Nativity of the Lord** is the **Mass at Dawn**. The Gospel is from **Luke**: the shepherds visit the newborn child. "And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." The third celebration of **The Nativity of the Lord** is the **Mass during the Day**. Here the Gospel is from the beginning of **John's Gospel**: "And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth."

Fr Alex would like to let everyone know that there is
11pm Mass at St Jerome on Christmas Eve
in the Malayalam language for international students
and families



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Daily Prayer This Week

This may be one of the most difficult weeks to be reflective throughout each day. This weekend may be quite full for many of us. Others of us may be alone although we may be a part of the faith community on Friday or Saturday, or perhaps daily this week. While some of us have had guests staying with us and a house to clean this week, others of us will be reviewing memories and struggling, even a little, with being alone.

Even though this may be a very busy week, with final Christmas preparations, or perhaps travel to visit family, it can be a contemplative week if we focus our desires each morning. No matter what our days hold, we can take a few minutes in the shower or while getting dressed to consciously ask for the grace to approach Christmas with faith and with a heart open to the graces offered us. "Lord, help me today to stay focused on your coming in the flesh to be with us. While I'm busy about this and that, I ask your help. Keep reminding me throughout this day about Mary's acceptance of your plan for her, about the poverty into which Jesus was born." We will use our own words to connect these stories of our Salvation with the concrete interactions and events of our upcoming day.

Then, throughout the day, we will be able to let familiar parts of the story sustain us this week. All of us can relate to Zechariah's hesitation. We can look for and notice the times when we are hesitant to place our trust in God and how little we have to say about faith. But, when Zechariah could write "His name is John (God is gracious)," Zechariah could speak again. As we rush from one place to another, we can pray, "Lord, I know you are gracious, even when I act like I doubt it. Let me place my trust in you." A number of helpful contemplations are available on the [Praying Advent](#) site.

Mary herself can be a wonderful guide for us this week, and we can be bold in asking her to show us the graces her Son wants to give us this week. The one who says "Behold the handmaid of the Lord" and "My being proclaims the greatness of the Lord" can help us find words for our "yes" and for our giving praise to God this week.

It could be a great grace to pause before going to church, Christmas Eve or Christmas morning, as individuals or for a brief prayer as a family, to ask for the grace to be touched by how he came in history for us and how he comes now among us still, to set us free.

From now until the celebration that closes the Christmas season - the Baptism of the Lord on January 9th - we can enter more fully into this sacred season with the

[Celebrating Christmas](#) section of our website.

SUNDAY MISSAL 2022/2023

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Christmas 2022	
Lector Schedule	
CHRISTMAS EVE, Saturday Dec 24	
4:00 PM	Kathleen MacDonald
5:30 PM	Andrea Greco
7:00 PM	Susan Colizza
10:00 PM	Alison Vance
CHRISTMAS DAY, Sunday Dec 25	
10:00 AM	
NEW YEARS EVE, Saturday Dec 31	
5:00 PM	Terry Bos
NEW YEARS DAY, Sunday Jan 1	
9:00 AM	Donna Bos
11:00 AM	Joanne Dumanski

Christmas 2022					
Ushers & Greeters					
	Parking Lot Entrance	Queen Street Entrance	Main Aisle Front	Main Aisle Rear	Alternate\ Backup
CHRISTMAS EVE, Saturday Dec 24					
4:00 PM	Linda Clement	Sue St. Jules	Jim St. Jules	Joanne Young	Fil Lettieri
5:30 PM					
7:00 PM	Ivan McCaig				
10:00 PM					
CHRISTMAS DAY, Sunday Dec 25					
10:00 AM	Terry-Lou Legros	Richard Breton	Sandra Suurna	Rosanne Breton	Rose McCormick
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The Journey Continues!!

This years draw will be 50/50

Draw Date

Saturday December 31, 2022 at start of 5PM Mass
Tickets are \$5 each, with 2,000 tickets printed.

We need your help!! Please join us for take a book, sell a book!!
At masses next weekend **November 26th and 27th** we will be
distributing tickets to parishioners who are able to assist
with selling tickets. Tickets are in books of 10, one full book
sold is \$50 . Tickets are due back from sellers before or
after mass, or to the Parish office prior to Christmas
weekend

On behalf of the Journey Lottery committee, we thank-you
in advance for all of your help!!

Prayer Line

Anyone wishing to have prayers for a special Intention, or someone who is ill, having surgery, for the deceased, or any other intention **Shawl**

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3 PM

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