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The Nativity of the Lord

Christmas – The Nativity of the Lord – December 25, 2022

Christ lights the way to freedom and salvation.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat, Dec 31 4pm Gerry Lafontaine+ by Moe & Jeannine Savage & Family
Sun, Jan 1 9am Sister Celina Racicot+ by Lorraine Chamberlain
 11am Intentions of all Parishioners by Father Francis

PRAYER LINE: *In sorrow and suffering, go straight to God with confidence, and you will be strengthened, enlightened and instructed.* If you or any member of your family, or anyone you know, is sick, in distress or experiencing troubling times, we invite you to call the Parish Office to place that person on our prayer list.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED: Karen Lebel+

| SCRIPTURE READINGS <i>Dec 26 – Jan 1, 2022</i> | |
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| Monday | Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59;Matthew 10:17-22 <i>St. Stephen</i> |
| Tuesday | 1John 1:1-4; John 20:2-8 <i>St. John</i> |
| Wednesday | 1John 1:5 – 2:2; Matthew 2:13-18 <i>The Holy Innocents</i> |
| Thursday | 1John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35 <i>Fifth Day Within the Octave</i> |
| Friday | Sirach 3:2-6,12-14; Matt2:13-15,19-23 <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph</i> |
| Saturday | 1John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18 <i>Seventh Day Within the Octave</i> |
| Sunday | Numbers 6:22-27 Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:16-21 <i>The Solemnity of Mary The Holy Mother of God World Day of Peace</i> |

PADP November, 2022 \$4 266.00
 Building Fund balance to date \$126 158.78
Building Fund Goal: \$200 000

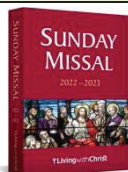
Thank you for your generous contributions!



2023 Envelopes are ready to be picked up. Please call the

Church office for more information: 705-472-1817 ***Please do not use your 2023 envelopes until January!***

Sunday Missals are for sale at the Church Office. They are \$5 each.



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2022

The Holy Family of Jesus Mary & Joseph

“The Angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up, take the child and His mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you,” Matthew 2:13-15



“Every nativity scene shows us Jesus together with Our Lady and St Joseph in the grotto of Bethlehem. God wanted to be born into a human family, He wanted to have a mother and father like us.”

“And today the Gospel presents the Holy Family to us on the sorrowful road of exile, seeking refuge in Egypt. Joseph, Mary and Jesus experienced the tragic fate of refugees, which is marked by fear, uncertainty and unease.” (Mt2:1315;1923) In distant lands, even when they find work, refugees and immigrants do not always find a true welcome, respect and appreciation for the values they bring. But let us also think of the other “hidden exiles” found within their own families: the elderly for example who are sometimes treated as a burdensome presence.

The flight into Egypt shows us that God is present where there is danger, suffering, fleeing, rejection and abandonment; but God is also present in our dreams, hopes, future plans and life choices for ourselves and our families. Today our gaze on the Holy Family is an example that does our families great good, helping them increasingly to become communities of love and reconciliation.” Dec.29, 2013

Let us fervently call upon Mary Most Holy, the Mother of Jesus and our Mother, and St Joseph her spouse. Let us ask them to enlighten, comfort and guide every family in the world, so that they may fulfill with dignity and peace the mission which God has entrusted to them.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
FROM DECEMBER 23 TO JANUARY 9, 2023**

Mass Schedule



Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

Saturday, December 31st

St Peter's: 4pm

Sunday, January 1st

St. Peter's: 9am

St. Peter's: 11am

St. Elizabeth's: 2pm

Epiphany

Saturday, January 7th

St. Peter's: 4pm

Sunday, January 8th

St. Peter's: 9am

St. Peter's: 11am

World Day of Peace: January 1, 2023



Celebrated on January 1st every year, this Catholic feast day began in 1968 by Pope Paul VI. He asked that, "every year, this commemoration be repeated as a hope and as a promise ... that Peace

with its just and beneficent equilibrium may dominate the development of events to come." The benefits of a peaceful society have been the emphasis of every year's World Day of Peace. Each year a specific theme is chosen by the Holy Father. **To read the message for Jan. 1st, 2023:** <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace/index.html>

CWL NEWS

**To all of our CWL Sisters and their families,
May God's light shine upon you during this Christmas season and bring you peace and joy during the coming New Year.**

Your CWL Executive



Pope Francis - December Prayer Intention



For Volunteer Non-Profit Organizations

We pray for volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development; may they find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

Reminder: We are still collecting stamps!



Help fund Projects for Development & Peace. Please support this initiative by simply cutting off the stamps from your envelopes without damaging the

perforations. Save them in baggies/ envelopes & drop them off at the church office.

For tax purposes, any donations for the 2022 year that requires a tax receipt must be received by December 31, 2022

For those that have moved and wish a tax receipt please let the church office know of any address changes by the second week of January 2023.

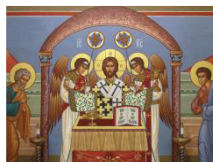


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Christmas Divine Liturgy:

**Saturday, January 7, 2023 at 11:00
am at the Pro-Cathedral
of the Assumption**

Fr. Petro Bodnar, Pastor of St. Mary's

Ukrainian Catholic Church, Sudbury, ON will celebrate the Christmas Divine Liturgy (Mass) on the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, in Ukrainian/English. Come and pray for the Ukraine! Everyone is welcome!

The Good Samaritan Corner

Did you know that the Gathering Place provides the following programs: drop-in meals, a community garden, a community kitchen, food rescue, extreme weather centre, community clinics and a place to volunteer? The Gathering Place feeds, on average, 111 people each day for lunch Monday to Friday, and, therefore, is always looking for donations such as: coffee, tea, sugar, pasta, pasta sauce, cheese strings, jam, peanut butter, toiletries, and cleaning supplies. Please drop off your donations at 1181 Cassells St, North Bay. For more information call 705-474-7687 and visit them online at <https://www.thegatheringplacenorthbay.ca/>





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