

*Christma*  
BEGINS WITH  
*Christ*

**Fourth Sunday Of Advent to Epiphany~Year B**

Diocesan Theme: **The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World**

"Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience  
...above all, clothe yourselves with love!" (*Colossians 3.12, 14*)

Parish Mission Statement: "LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS, MAKE DISCIPLES"

Mass  for the  
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**Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**4:30pm~**For the repose of the souls of Mary, Harry  
& George Chyzyj by Myra Chyzyj

**Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>~Fourth Sunday Of Advent**

**9:00 am~**For the repose of the souls of all those on  
the Christmas flower donation list.

**10:45am~**For the intentions of the parishioners by  
the pastor

**Christmas~Nativity Of The Lord**

**4:30pm~(STA)~** For the intentions of the  
parishioners by the pastor

**7:00pm~**For the repose of the souls of George  
Hendley, family members and friends

**9:00pm~**For the intentions of the Mulholland  
family by Richard James Jr.

**Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>~The Nativity Of The Lord**

**10:00am~**For the repose of the soul of Georgina  
Gilarowski by John & Nancy Bazzetta

**Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup>~St. Stephen**

**7:00 pm~**For the repose of the soul of Terry  
Drummond by Kathy Mack

**Wednesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>~St. John**

**9:30am**

**Thursday, December 28<sup>th</sup>~The Holy Innocents**

**9:00 am**

**Friday, December 29<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 am~**For the intentions of the CWL life  
members and their families

**Saturday, December 30<sup>th</sup>**

**4:30 pm~** For the healing intentions of Natalie  
Stibernik by Myra Chyzyj

**Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>~The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary  
And Joseph**

**9:00 am~** For the intentions of the parishioners by  
the pastor

**10:45 am~**For the repose of the souls of family  
members, relatives and friends by the Kiskis family

**Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>~The Solemnity Of Mary, The Holy  
Mother Of God**

**10:00am~**For the intentions of the Wolfert family  
by Luke James

**Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>~St. Basil The Great & St. Gregory  
Nazianzen**

**7:00 pm~**For the repose of the soul of Fernand  
Bergeron by John Serjak

**First Friday Adoration~ Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 pm to**

**Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 4:00pm.**

**Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**9:30am**

**Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 am**

**Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 am~**For the repose of the souls of George  
Hendley, family and friends

**Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**

**4:30pm~**For the repose of the soul of Mary  
Merilees by the James family

**Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>~The Epiphany Of The Lord**

**9:00 am~** For the intentions of the Salvatorian  
fathers

**10:45am~**For the intentions of the  
parishioners by the pastor

**Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 pm**

**Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>**

**9:30am**

**Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 am~**

**Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup>~St. Marguerite Bourgeoys**

**9:00 am~**For the intentions of the Lehman  
family by the Joseph James

**Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup>**

**4:30pm~**For the repose of the soul of Georgina  
Gilarowski by Peter Gilarowski & family

**Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>~Second Sunday In Ordinary  
Time**

**9:00 am~**For the intentions of the  
parishioners by the pastor

**10:45 am~**For the intentions of the Quinton  
family by Theresa James

**INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR JANUARY;**

That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian  
countries, may be able to practice their faith in full  
freedom.

**The office will be closed from Dec. 22 to Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>.**

**~IN OUR PRAYERS~**

For the sick among our families and friends  
especially:

Jenifer Gunton, Melanie Joannette  
Yvette Barretto-Duval, and Noreen Plant.

**December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 to January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Are you new to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish?**

**WELCOME! If you have not yet registered, please complete a registration form found in the foyer or in the office.**

**You may bring the completed form to the office or drop it in the collection basket.**

**Work of Christmas Begins**

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
when the star in the sky is gone,  
when the kings and princes are home,  
when the shepherds are back with the flocks,  
then the work of Christmas begins:  
to find the lost,  
to heal those broken in spirit,  
to feed the hungry,  
to release the oppressed,  
to rebuild the nations,  
to bring peace among all peoples,  
to make a little music with the heart...  
And to radiate the Light of Christ,  
every day, in every way, in all that we do and in all that we say.  
Then the work of Christmas begins.

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**Registrations now open for Academia Stella Maris Winter Semester Workshops:** Theology, Latin II, Excellence in Writing, French II, Logical Fallacies, Greek I, Socratic Literary Analysis (White Fang), Bible Study and Intro to Moral Philosophy. More details on the website [www.academiastellamaris.ca](http://www.academiastellamaris.ca)  
Register online at:  
[www.academiastellamaris.ca](http://www.academiastellamaris.ca) or by phone at:  
343-883-6600  
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**A SPECIAL THANK-YOU** to everyone who donated for the Christmas flowers, in memory of a loved one. It had enabled us to make our church so very beautiful for this Christmas season.  
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**Please pickup your 2018 envelopes** in the foyer. The envelopes are only for those parishioners that are NOT on automatic payment. For the special collections throughout 2018 there will be envelopes in the pews.  
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**Have you moved or changed your phone number in the past two years?** If so please contact the office with your updated information so we can input the information for the upcoming tax receipts. Thank you.

**A NEW YEARS PRAYER**

Dear God,  
Thank you that you make all things new. Thank you for all that you've allowed into our lives this past year, the good along with the hard things, which have reminded us how much we need you and rely on your presence filling us every single day.

We pray for your Spirit to lead us each step of this New Year. We ask that you will guide our decisions and turn our hearts to deeply desire you above all else. We ask that you will open doors needing to be opened and close the ones needing to be shut tight. We ask that you would help us release our grip on the things to which you've said "no," "not yet," or "wait." We ask for help to pursue you first, above every dream and desire you've put within our hearts.

We ask for your wisdom, for your strength and power to be constantly present within us. We pray you would make us strong and courageous for the road ahead. Give us ability beyond what we feel able, let your gifts flow freely through us, so that you would be honored by our lives, and others would be drawn to you.

We pray that you'd keep us far from the snares and traps of temptations. That you would whisper in our ear when we need to run, and whisper in our heart when we need to stand our ground.

We pray for your protection over our families and friends. We ask for your hand to cover us and keep us distanced from the evil intent of the enemy; that you would be a barrier to surround us, that we'd be safe in your hands. We pray that you would give us discernment and insight beyond our years, to understand your will, hear your voice, and know your ways.

We ask that you would keep our footsteps firm, on solid ground, helping us to be consistent and faithful. Give us supernatural endurance to stay the course, not swerving to the right or to the left, or being too easily distracted by other things that would seek to call us away from a close walk with you.

Forgive us for the times we have worked so hard to be self-sufficient, forgetting our need for you, living independent of your spirit. Forgive us for letting fear and worry control our minds, and for allowing pride and selfishness wreak havoc over our lives. Forgive us for not following your ways and for living distant from your presence.

We confess our need for you...fresh...new...again. We ask that you make all things new, in our hearts, in our minds, in our lives, for this coming year. We pray for you to refresh our hearts.

We ask that you would provide for our needs, we ask for your grace and favor. We pray for your blessings to cover us, we pray that you would help us to prosper and make every plan that you have birthed in our heart to succeed. We pray that others would take notice of your goodness and could not help but to say, "These are the ones that the Lord has blessed."

Help us to be known as great givers, help us to be generous and kind, help us to look to the needs of others and not be consumed by only our own.

May we be lovers of truth, may the fruits of your spirit be evident in our lives - your love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Shine your light in us, through us, over us. May we make a difference in this world, for your glory and purposes. Set your way before us. May all your plans succeed. We may reflect your peace and hope to a world that so desperately needs your presence and healing. To you be glory and honor, in this New Year, and forever.  
In Jesus' name,

Amen.

*Merry Christmas  
&  
A Very Happy New Year*

