

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, CHRISTMAS AND FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Mass Schedule for December 19-January 3

Saturday, December 19	5:15 p.m.	Intentions of Bill and Jeannine Watters
Sunday December 20	8:30 a.m.	For Parishioners
	10:00 a.m.	Deceased Members of the Gladu Family
Tuesday December 22	6:30 p.m.	Intentions of Jon Roughton
Wednesday December 23	9:00 a.m.	Angus MacDonald
Christmas Eve Thursday December 24	5:00 p.m.	Wilbert Scott
	7:30 p.m.	David Grant
Christmas Day Friday December 25	10:00 a.m.	Robert Pelletier
Saturday December 26	5:15 p.m.	For Gordon and Ellen McKenzie
Sunday December 27	8:30 a.m.	Lionel Dartois
	10:00 a.m.	For Parishioners
Tuesday, December 29	6:30 p.m.	Intentions of Father Jacob Chelamootil
Wednesday, December 30	9:00 a.m.	Angus MacDonald
New Year's Eve Thursday, December 31	5:00 p.m.	Angus MacDonald
New Year's Day Friday, January 1	10:00 a.m.	Barbara and Darcy Nolan
Saturday, January 2	5:15 p.m.	For Parishioners
Sunday, January 3	8:30 a.m.	Clem Leeder
	10:00 a.m.	David Grant
The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for: Dec 20-26: Deceased Members of the Cahill Family Dec 27- Jan 2: Bill and Jeannine Watters *Contact the Parish Office to book your Sanctuary Candle request*		

Our Weekly Target For Collections: \$3,500.00	Actual Offering for Dec. 13: \$5,371.00	Operating Surplus for Dec. 13: \$1,871.00
Thank you for your continuous support!!		

Pray for those who are Sick: Sr. Jaimy, Margie Tobin, Stella Heppleston, Kathryn Demsky, Sr. Navina, Fr. Martin, Hilda Armstrong, Claudette Thibault, Gerard Parker, Jennifer Khan, Kerry Walsh, Joseph Visneski and Cole Ferguson.

Christmas and New Year Mass Times

December 24, Christmas Eve: 5:00 p.m.; 7:30 p.m.
December 25, Christmas Day: 10:00 a.m.
New Years Eve: 5:00 p.m.
New Year Day: 10:00 a.m.

Christmas Greetings and Prayers to Everyone: Why do we celebrate Christmas with great rejoicing? Because Christmas is the Feast of God's sending us a Savior, the Feast of God's sharing His Love with us and Feast of the Emmanuel (God living with us and within us). With Angels in Bethlehem, our faith may move us to sing: "Glory to God in the Highest and peace to His people on earth"! True peace flows into our hearts from the recognition doing God's will and praising the glory of God. May Jesus be reborn in your heart and life during Christmas 2015 and every day of the New Year 2016. May he radiate his presence from within you to others as sharing love, unconditional forgiveness, humble service, a compassionate heart and overflowing generosity. May the Holy Babe of Bethlehem bless you with health in body and soul and grant you a peaceful and blessed New Year. I assure you of my special prayers during my Christmas Masses and every day in the New Year.
-Fr. Jacob Chelamootil



World Day of Peace January 1: The World Day of Peace was established by Pope Paul VI in 1968 who asked that "every year, this commemoration be repeated as a hope and as a promise, at the beginning of the calendar which measures and outlines the path of human life in time, that Peace with its just and beneficent equilibrium may dominate the development of events to come".

Congratulations: And prayerful best wishes to Rush McFarlane and his parents Nevin and Kimberley McFarlane, received into Baptism December 19. We also welcome Abbygail and Nicholas Ryan, children of Sarah and Justin Ryan, who will be received into Baptism on December 27.

Advent Penance Celebrations: There is still an opportunity for Advent Confessions at St. Mark, Prescott this Sunday, **December 20, at 3:00 p.m.**

SJB Children's Christmas Party: The annual Children's Christmas Party and Church Decorating will be held this Sunday, **December 20 from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.** Come and enjoy making Christmas crafts, cookie decorating, carolling and a Children's Christmas movie. There will be a pizza dinner for all to enjoy!

Christmas Office Hours: The parish office will be closed on **Friday, December 25, Monday, December 28 and Friday, January 1.**

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"His parents found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers." Luke 2.41-52

DECEMBER 20 AND 27, 2015

MINISTRY SCHEDULES				
MASS TIMES	HOSPITALITY	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS
<i>Thursday, December 24</i> 5:00 p.m.	Teresa & Kevin Tanney	Mary MacDermott, Marc Dennis	Phyllis Dennis, Judith Hart, Sylvia Shackles	Christopher Logstrup, Evan Duffy
<i>Thursday, December 24</i> 7:30 p.m.	Josie Bracamonte, Noreen Shepherd, Margaret Bougie	Olga Brougham, Peter Verhoeven	Margaret Bougie, Marguerite Whiteland	Jacob Thornycroft, Grace Whiteland, Joshua O'Keefe
<i>Friday, December 25</i> 10:00 a.m.	Leone McIntyre	David Cody, Lise Lalonde-Matte	Doug Roughton, Larry Baldissara	Sarah & Lauren McDonald
<i>Saturday, December 26</i> 5:15 p.m.	Josie Bracamonte	Neil & Margaret Cameron	Cecile Houle, Rick Fraser	Allie White, Sarah & Lauren McDonald
<i>Sunday, December 27</i> 8:30 a.m.	Margaret Bougie, Leone McIntyre	Dave McCrae, Deborah Souder	Heather Charbonneau, Judith Hart	Evan Duffy, Grace Whiteland
<i>Sunday, December 27</i> 10:00 a.m.	Donna Cody, Kim Giroux	Robin Reil, Ann Gilliard	Peter Verhoeven, Shawn Souder	Joshua O'Keefe, Jacob Thornycroft
<i>Thursday, December 31</i> 5:00 p.m.	TBD	Michael McMahon, Sylvia Shackles	Rick Fraser, Susan Visneski	Julia Wheeler, Christopher Logstrup
<i>Friday, January 1</i> 10:00 a.m.	Noreen Shepherd, Margaret Bougie	Larry Baldissara, Christine White	Mary Gilliard, Shawn Souder	Allie White, Maleigha Whalen
<i>Saturday, January 2</i> 5:15 p.m.	Carol Ravnaas	Joanne Story, Rick Fraser	Melinda Condon, Sylvia Shackles	Sarah & Lauren McDonald
<i>Sunday, January 3</i> 8:30 a.m.	Marguerite & Jill Whiteland	Judith Hart, Deborah Zabloski	Heather Charbonneau, Margaret Bougie	Evan Duffy, Grace Whiteland
<i>Sunday, January 3</i> 10:00 a.m.	Lloyd & Judy Clayton	Olga Brougham, Isabelle Heffernan	Maureen Laurin, Shawn Souder	Isabelle & Liam Heffernan, Robyn Black

Year End Donations: The parish financial books close on December 31, 2015. Donations received after that will be credited for the 2016 tax year. 2015 income tax receipts will be available by the end of January.

Holy Hour on January 1: This year New Year's Day is on the first Friday of the month. We will have Holy Hour from 9:00- 10:00 a.m. followed by Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Reminder to the Faithful: January 1 is a "Day of Obligation" as the Church celebrates the Feast of "Mary, Mother of God" so make sure you fulfill your obligation of Mass as on Sunday.

2016 Collection Envelopes: May be picked up in the atrium now. Please notify the parish office of any errors or changes. If you wish to start using envelopes or cannot find yours, please sign the sheet on the table.

Refugee Support: Last weekend's donations were \$2,566.00. Along with \$1,000.00 of other donations, our total is now **\$16,856.00**. Thank you for your generosity. We still need household items and some furniture; contact Sara at sarawashbush@gmail.com if you can help. And don't forget to buy your raffle tickets after church. Thanks again for your support.

RAFFLE for St. John Bosco Parish Refugee Support:
Three great prizes: **1st** - Columbia 24" Electric Start Snow Blower (value \$1099); **2nd** - Tanaka Professional Weed Trimmer (value \$329) Both prizes donated by Weagant Farm Supplies. **3rd** Prize - \$100. These raffle tickets make great stocking stuffers. Only 300 tickets to be sold at \$10 each. Phone Maureen Laurin (498-0489) or Elise Weagant (498-4173).

Parish Photos: There is a complimentary 8x10 print for all parishioners who had a photo taken but did not order a package. Please pick up your print at the parish office.

2016 Religious Calendars: Are available at the back of the Church for all parishioners. We thank Irvine Funeral Home for donating the calendars again this year.

St Vincent de Paul Collection January 2&3: For the Brockville conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. We ask for your support to help the local poor and needy. Representatives will be in the atrium at each Mass to receive your financial support. If you know of someone in need, please call 613 340 8712.

Marriage Preparation Course 2016: Will be held at SJB Parish on **February 26 & 27**. Details and application forms are available on our website or from the parish office.

St. Francis Xavier Community Christmas Dinner: For those who would be alone on Christmas Day at the Rowing Club. Please call toll free 1-844 386 2833 to reserve at no cost. Volunteers are needed to set up, decorate, pick up and package groceries on Christmas Eve. If you can help, please call Matt and Dana Wren at 613 345 3105.

Meals on Wheels Volunteers Urgently Needed: The Roman Catholic parishes of Brockville are responsible for two delivery routes for local shut-ins on Tuesdays. If you have an hour to spare from 11:20-12:20 once every six weeks, please call Jean (613) 345 5561 for more information.

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