

# Fourth Sunday of Advent – December 21, 2014



## CHRISTMAS EVE

- Wed, Dec 24 5:00 pm Children's Liturgy Mass**  
 Gloria Souliere by Maria Caliciuri  
 Greg Birtch by Mom & Dad  
 Gene & Pauline Duquette by Children & Grandchildren
- 7:00 pm** Ivan Labrosse by Pat Labrosse  
 Intentions of Walsh Family by Denise & Laurel Birtch  
 George & Moira King by King Family
- 10:00 pm** Mary Weisflock by Len Weisflock  
 Ray Carbonneau by June & Family  
 Al & Theresa Schiavo and Dick & Maura Mewett by Families

# Christmas Day – Thursday, December 25, 2014

- Thu, Dec 25 11:30 am** Tony & Alice Veltri by Victor & Sam Veltri & Family  
 Mary Costante by Shannon, Shawn & Sheri  
 Gerald Guillemette & Simon Carriere by Roger & Yvonne Guillemette

## FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

- Sat, Dec 27 5:00 pm** Rita Houle by Yvette Raciot  
 Agnes Duncan & Moira Hiscock by Rosellen King  
 Doreen Walsh by Jim & Leona Kotsilidis
- Sun, Dec 28 9:00 am** For the Intentions of All Parishioners by Father Tony
- 11:00 am** Homer Gauthier by Family & Friends  
 Naddy Ammerata by Maria  
 Intentions of Anita & Deneige by Marie, Rita & Theresa



Father Tony's homily is available online at [www.aaog.blogspot.com](http://www.aaog.blogspot.com)

**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:** *George Sanschagrín; Philip Aultman*



## OFFERING

Sunday, December 14, 2014 \$5 121.95  
 Thank you for your generous contributions!

## WISDOM QUOTE:

"What I am is God's gift to me. What I become is my gift to God." Anonymous



## Fourth Week of Advent

The fourth candle reminds us of the star that guided the Magi to the stable where Jesus lay.

**Prayer:** Dear God, we thank you for sharing Jesus with all the world. Please help us to care about and befriend those who might be different from ourselves. Help us, too, to remember that the gifts we share with each other at Christmas are reminders of the gift that Jesus is to us. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS: Dec 22-28

Monday	1 Samuel 1.21-28; Luke 1.46-56
Tuesday	Malachi 3.1-4; 4.5-6; Luke 1.57-66
Wednesday	2 Samuel 7.1-5, 8-12, 16; Luke 1.67-79
Thursday	Isaiah 52.7-10; Hebrews 1.1-6; John 1.1-18
Friday	Acts 6.8-10; 7.54-59; Matthew 10.17-22
Saturday	I John 1.1-4; John 20.2-8
Sunday	Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14; Colossians 3.12-21; Luke 2.22-40



**To All Prayer Partners:** Now is the time to reveal your name to your 2014 Prayer Partner. If you are letting them know in a Christmas card, please make sure to sign your name and indicate that you were their Prayer Partner. If you need any information please call Donna at 472-0513.

**New Year's Mass Schedule  
Feast of Mary, Mother of God**

**Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**

**9:00 am Mass (St. Peter's)**

11:30 am Mass (St. Elizabeth's)

Please note: There will be no weekday Masses at St. Peter's between Christmas and New Year's. The Parish Office will be closed from 4:00 pm on Tuesday, December 23, 2014 until 9:00 am on Monday, January 5, 2015.

**Regional Confirmation Preparation 2015**

Preparation Sessions, hosted by "YEO" (Youth Evangelizing Others), will once again involve candidate from the entire North Bay region. REGISTRATION FORMS are available from the Parish Office. Candidates requesting the Sacrament of Confirmation are presumed to be in Grade 7 or 8 (or older) and to have previously received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation, and First Eucharist. If you are missing one or more of these sacraments, please call the Parish Office at 705-472-1817. This is a great opportunity for you to meet other young people who are also preparing for their Confirmation. Come and engage in your faith and experience Jesus in the sacraments and prayer.



We are in the process of preparing our system to generate CHARITABLE RECEIPTS FOR 2014. If you have made an address change in the past year, please contact the Parish Office 705-472-1817 so that we can update our records. We wish to remind our supporters that if you wish to receive credit for contributions in 2014, **donations must be received and deposited on or before December 31, 2014.** Revenue Canada does not permit charitable organizations to back date receipts and we are bound by that regulation. So please have your year-end donations in by SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2014 or your donations must be calculated as donations for 2015.

# Christmas Joy!

Dear friends, each year at this time, we gather to remember and to celebrate: we remember the greatest gift ever given, for *God so loved the world that he gave us his only-begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life* (Jn 3:16). The birth of Jesus, the gift of our God, given in love, is the reason for our celebration, and the reason for our joy.

We demonstrate our joy in the singing of familiar carols, and in the gatherings of family and friends around a festive table where we share a meal together, where we share the stories of our lives and where we celebrate our faith. Jesus came into the world in order to teach us that in such gatherings, He is present, God is present, celebrating and sharing his divine joy.

On behalf of all those who have come to join us around the Lord's table, I would like to say thank you to all those who have contributed in small and not so small ways to making our celebrations of faith such vibrant occasions of joy: choir members and musicians who have shared their talents and gifts with us in order to help enhance our gatherings with the beauty of music; lectors who have helped us to tell and re-tell the story of our salvation; Eucharistic ministers who have helped us to share the bread of life with all those who have come to pray with us; ministers of hospitality who have helped us to welcome strangers and friends; and of course all those who have worked behind the scenes to help us in so many ways.

God's gift of divine joy sometimes surprises us, especially because it is present even in times of trial, yet these are often the moments in which we are most tenderly held in God's embrace. Pay attention this year to the ways in which He calls us to reach out to unexpected souls who are in need of our encouragement in order to discover the joy that only our heavenly Father can give. May Mary, the mother of Jesus help us to discover the tender love of the child Jesus, and to share it with those we meet.

Merry Christmas,  
Father Tony

