

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph – December 31, 2023

“Imitate the Holy Family, the true model of life.”

MASS INTENTIONS:

Mon, Jan 1	9am	Carmelo & Antonina Muratore+ by the Muratore family
Sat, Jan 6	4pm	Lillian Morel+ by Joanne Chapman
Sun, Jan 7	9am	Intentions of all Parishioners by Father Francis
	11am	Jean-Guy Pharand+ & Deceased members of the Bean & Pharand families+ by Helen Pharand

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: Peter Dupuis

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED:

SCRIPTURE READINGS Jan 1 – Jan 7, 2024

Monday	Numbers 6:22-27 Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:16-21 <i>The Solemnity of Mary The Holy Mother of God The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord World Day of Peace</i>
Tuesday	1John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28 <i>St. Basil the Great</i>
Wednesday	1John 2:29; 3:1-6; John 1:29-34
Thursday	1John 3:7-10; John 1:35-42
Friday	1John 3:11-21; John 1:43-51
Saturday	1John 5:5-13; Mark 1:4-5,7-11++
Sunday	Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 Matthew 2:1-12 <i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2023

The Holy Family

“The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon Him.”

Luke 2:40

On this first Sunday after Christmas, while we are still immersed in the joyous climate of celebration, the Church calls us to contemplate the Holy Family of Nazareth.

“The message that comes from the Holy Family is first of all a message of faith. In the family life of Mary and Joseph, God is truly at the centre, and He is so in the Person of Jesus. This is why the Family of Nazareth is holy. Why? Because it is centred on Jesus.

When parents and children together breathe in this climate of faith, they have an energy that allows them to face even difficult trials, as the experience of the Holy Family shows, for example, in the dramatic event of their flight to Egypt: a difficult ordeal.

The Baby Jesus with his Mother Mary and with St Joseph are a simple but so luminous icon of the family. The light it casts is the light of mercy and salvation for all the world, the light of truth for every man, for the human family and for individual families. This light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth in those family situations in which, for various reasons, peace is lacking, harmony is lacking, and forgiveness is lacking.

May our concrete solidarity not diminish especially with regard to the families who are experiencing more difficult situations due to illness, unemployment, discrimination, the need to emigrate....” Dec.28, 2014

Let us pause here for a moment and pray in silence for all these families in difficulty, whether due to problems of illness, unemployment, discrimination, need to emigrate, due to difficulty in understanding each other and also to disunion.



Sunday December 17, 2023 \$2 607.25

Building Fund balance to date \$160 937.78

Building Fund Goal: \$200 000

Thank you for your generous contributions!



2024 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 Missal 2023-2024 - Sunday

Missals are for sale at the Church Office.

They are \$5 each.



SOLEMNITY OF
MARY, MOTHER
OF GOD
January 1st

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
Monday, January 1st


9:00 am Mass (St Peter's)
11:30 am Mass (St. Elizabeth's)

THIS WEEK

Wednesday Jan. 3 **9:00AM-5PM – Eucharistic Adoration**
6:30PM – Knights of Columbus 1007
(General Meeting)

Thursday Jan 4 **1:00PM** – Choir Practice (11AM)
6:30PM – Choir Practice (9AM)


World Day of Peace: January 1, 2024



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, 2024:** <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace.index.html>

CWL NEWS

Here is a prayer for God’s blessings in the new year: Remember us, O God; from age to age be our comforter. You have given us the wonder of time, blessings in days and nights, seasons, and years. Bless your children at the turning of the year and fill the months ahead with the bright hope that is ours in the coming of Christ. You are our God, living and reigning, forever and ever. Amen



Blessings for a wonderful 2024 for everyone

Concert & Spaghetti Supper -
STE-MARGUERITE D’YOUVILLE Church Hall
4290 Route 69 Nord Val Thérèse 705 969 9339



All are invited to a concert and spaghetti supper!
Sunday January 21, 2024: 2 pm to 7 pm
\$20/person
Fundraiser for Ste-Rose-de-Lima Church, River Valley, ON

Pope Francis – January Prayer Intention

For the Gift of Diversity in the Church



We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

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 2023 year that requires a tax receipt must be received by December 31, 2023
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 2024.




Alpha Is Back!!!
@ Pro-Cathedral

Tuesday January 16 at 6pm
Register at AlphaNorthBay.com



January 16, 2024 – All are welcome to join Tuesday evenings! Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith, designed to create conversation. Whether you’re just curious about faith or new to Christianity Alpha provides an open and welcoming environment where you can explore life’s biggest questions with people who are asking the same things. www.alphanorthbay.com

Coming to Stillness: An Invitation to Face Sacred Moments – Beginning January 15th, 2024



Is your life too hectic? Out of balance? Do you need renewed energy for your inner life? All are welcome to join a series of **6 ZOOM contemplative prayer experiences** sponsored by Shalom Place and facilitated by Sr Léa Joannis. Held on the third Monday of each month. You may register for all six sessions or any individual session. Individual sessions must register by each Tuesday. **To register: shalomssm@shaw.ca, www.shalomplace.ca or (705) 254-4690.** A financial gift (whatever you can afford) allows the ministry of Shalom Place to thrive and grow. Thank you for your generosity.



Eucharistic Adoration -
Spend an hour with Jesus!
Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration **9:00am – 5pm**
Wednesday, January 3rd beginning at 9:00am. Everyone is invited. Please sign the sign-up sheet at the entrance of the Church and select your hour time slot as we do not want to leave Jesus alone. **The Church will remain open all day if all time slots are filled. Unscheduled drop-ins are welcome.**