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*May the Blessings of this
Holy Season be with you Always.*

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God – January 1, 2023

The birth of Christ is manifestation of God's unending love for humanity.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat, Jan 7	4pm	Glen Evans+ by the Downey family Ron Fournier+ by the family
Sun, Jan 8	9am	Intentions of all Parishioners by Father Francis
	11am	Jean Guy Pharand+ & deceased members of the Bean & Pharand families+ by Helen

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:

SCRIPTURE READINGS Jan 2 – Jan 8, 2022	
Monday	1John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28 <i>St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen</i>
Tuesday	1John 2:29; 3:1-6; John 1:29-34
Wednesday	1John 3:7-10; John 1:35-42
Thursday	1John 3:11-21; John 1:43-51
Friday	1John 5:5-13; Mark 1:4-5, 7-11++
Saturday	1John 5:14-21; John 2:1-12 <i>St. Andre Bessette</i>
Sunday	Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 Matthew 2:1-12 <i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>

Sunday December 18, 2022	\$3 726.65
Christmas Offering Dec.18,2022	\$125.00
Building Fund balance to date	\$126 203.78
Building Fund Goal:	\$200 000

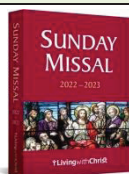
Thank you for your generous contributions!



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!**

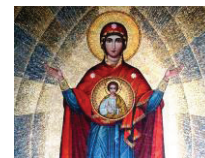
Sunday Missals are for sale at the Church Office. They are \$5 each.



SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023

The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

“So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger...But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.” Luke 2:16-20



“We should be amazed today by the Mother of God, and allow Mary to gaze on us, embrace us and take us by the hand.”

“Mary is not only the Mother of God, she also presents all of us reborn to the Lord. The Church too, needs to be amazed, at being the dwelling place of the living God, the Bride of the Lord, a Mother who gives birth to her children. It is Our Lady who gives the Church the feel of home.

Whenever Mary gazes on us, she does not see sinners but children. By allowing her to gaze on us, we will see the reflection of God's beauty and Heaven. Her gaze, penetrates the darkest corner and rekindles hope. As she gazes upon us, she says: ‘Take heart, dear children; here I am, your Mother!’

Mary takes all of us to heart in the same way that she took every person and event to heart during her life: her visit to Elizabeth, the newlyweds at Cana, the disciples in the Upper Room. She wants to embrace our every situation and present it to God.

God Himself needed a Mother. And Jesus gave her to us from the cross. Our Lady is not an optional accessory: she has to be welcomed into our life.” Jan.1, 2019

“Mary, take us by the hand. Gather us beneath your mantle, in the tenderness of true love, where the human family is reborn: ‘We fly to thy protection, O Holy Mother of God.’ ”

THIS WEEK

Wednesday Jan. 4 **9:30AM** – Rosary Cenacle
9:30AM-5PM – Eucharistic Adoration
6:30PM – Knights of Columbus 1007
(General Meeting)

Thursday Jan 5 **1:00PM** – Choir Practice (11AM)
6:30PM – Choir Practice (9AM)

World Day of Peace: January 1, 2023



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. The theme of this year's message is: **"No one can be saved alone: Combatting Covid19 together, embarking together on paths of peace."**

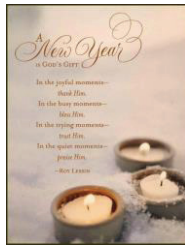
"Let our hearts be changed...the time has come for all of us to endeavour to heal our society and our planet, to lay the foundations for a more just and peaceful world, and to commit ourselves seriously to pursuing a good that is truly common."

To read the message for Jan. 1st, 2023: <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace/index.html>

CWL NEWS

May **GOD** be with you through **NEW YEAR** and fill your life with **COMFORT, LOVE** and **CHEER**. May this day and the days ahead, Hold many **BLESSINGS** for you and yours.

Happy New Year From your CWL Executive



Pope Francis - January Prayer Intention

For Educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.



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.

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Order forms are available at the front entrance of the Church. We have extra gift cards!

Christmas Divine Liturgy:

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



Come and pray for the Ukraine! Everyone is welcome!

Eucharistic Adoration -

Spend an hour with Jesus!
Please join us for Eucharistic
Adoration **9:30am - 5pm**



Wednesday, January 4th beginning at 9:30am.

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.**

The Good Samaritan Corner

The Gathering Place will, once again, run the North Bay warming centre during the winter months.

Located at the **Northern Pines transitional housing location on Chippewa Street from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.**

starting the first week in January. The warming centre needs volunteers to assist with various administration duties. There will be two shifts: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., and 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. The facility will have two security guards, three staff and one volunteer per shift. Safety and first aid training will be provided. For more information, or if you are interested in volunteering, please contact Bryan Eade at 705-358-9639 or at bryaneade@gmail.com



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FEATURING KEYNOTE SPEAKER
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