

HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

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prepare the way...



ADVENT

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour."
(Cf. Isaiah 45.8)

Christmas Message

Dear brothers and sisters in the Lord:

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a blessed Christmas! The vitality of a parish depends on the openness of parishioners and their pastor to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. It is a blessing to be part of a community of believers who take the Gospel literally and seek to live the faith we profess each Sunday at Mass. More and more people are becoming engaged in parish life and have expressed a desire to grow in their knowledge and love for God and neighbour. Keith, our new LPA, and Jadwiga, our Hospitality Coordinator, have made tremendous strides in beginning and nurturing our Youth and Young Adult Ministries. There have been so many graces granted to this community! I know it stems from the Mass, daily adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Chaplet, and our devotion to Our Lady and her Holy Rosary.

When the birth of Christ took place over 2000 years ago, it was only celebrated by a few people. Jesus' first coming was very hidden in the poverty and simplicity of tiny Bethlehem. Everyone, including the most religious at the time, was deeply distracted by many things. Today, people are even more distracted due to the overuse of technology and the endless search for physical comfort and well-being. I invite you to take time over this Christmas season to find time for silence and prayer before our new nativity scene. Remember, our baptism permits us to kneel next to Mary and Joseph to adore the Incarnate Son of God. There you will find the peace you are looking for, there you will find the graces to strengthen your commitment to invite others to join us in our worship of the Lord, Jesus Christ.

Thank you to every volunteer who gives of their time, talents, and treasure to help this Parish thrive. Lectors, Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Visitors to the Sick, Counters, Collectors, St. Vincent de Paul, Out of the Cold, Seniors Group, Finance Committee, Building Committee, Parish Council, Children's Liturgy Group, Communications Committee, Lector and EMC coordinators, 5 PM choir,

Geoff, Edwin, George, cantors, hospitality crew, our hard working office and maintenance staff, Rosemary, CWL, St. Ursuline Community, Deacon Kevin, Deacon Matteo and all visiting priests.

Have a blessed Christmas and new year, Fr. Peter

Announcements

1. 2025 DONATION DEADLINE

Any donations received in the Parish Office by **noon on December 31, 2025**, will be credited toward your 2025 charitable donation tax receipt. Donations received after that time will be considered 2026 donations. In accordance with CRA regulations, donations submitted by mail must be postmarked by Canada Post by December 31, 2025, to be eligible for a 2025 tax receipt.

2. If you are registered to receive donation envelopes, the 2026 donation envelopes are ready for pickup at the accessible entrance of the Church.

Please DO NOT USE these envelopes until January 1st, 2026. If you would like to register to receive donation envelopes, please contact the Parish Office.

3. The Churches-on-the-Hill DECEMBER Food of the Month donation is DRY PASTA. Please bring your donation to the Parish Office. With rising food costs, the Foodbank is serving a record number of clients (approximately 1200 people per week). Visit us at our website, www.cothfoodbank.ca, for more information or to donate. On behalf of the clients and volunteers at COTH Foodbank, thank you for your support.

4. On Tuesday, January 27th, at 7 PM, in the Parish Hall, we will be showing the movie on St. Maximilian Kolbe, titled "Triumph of the Heart." Tickets are \$10 and are sold on a first-come-first-serve basis. To purchase tickets, please email LPA@holynosary.ca.

DECEMBER 21st, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 22, 2025

12:10 pm. Helene Charlier (+) & Deceased Family Members

Tuesday, December 23, 2025

12:10 pm. Diogo Fernandes (+)
Requested By: The Family

Wednesday, December 24, 2025

Christmas Eve

5:00 pm. Thomas Tang (+)
Requested By: Yen Bui

8:00 pm. Archbishop Francisco Morlino Barron (+)

Thursday, December 25, 2025

Christmas Day

8:00 am. Fr. Frank Kelly (+)

10:00 am. Holy Rosary Parishioners

12:00 pm. Holy Rosary Volunteers

Friday, December 26, 2025

Saint Stephen

9:00 am. Dionesio Lampong (+)
Requested By: Ana Lampong

Saturday, December 27, 2025

Saint John

9:00 am. Intentions of the Blessed Virgin Mary and in reparation for all sins committed against her Immaculate Heart

5:00 pm Donato Citta (+)
Requested By: Lillian Nasello

Sunday, December 28, 2025

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:00 am. Holy Rosary Parishioners

10:00 am. In Thanksgiving
Requested By: Marie Garol

12:00 pm. Cara Mulhall (Birthday Blessings)
Requested By: The Family

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick, especially: Richard Marshall, Paul Swarney, Kaye Graham, Mary Hopkins, Peter Robinson, Dominic Curran, Gerard Gonsalves, Mary Castillo de Vega, Mary Agnes Ludwick, Madeleine Mendoza, Peter Verwoerd,

Paul Morisset, Mark Colbreath, Betty Dempsey, Anthony Verombeck, M.M. Mackenzie, and Jamie.

Please remember in your prayers those who recently died, especially: Fr. Frank Kelly (+), & Fr. David (+).



Christmastide Mass Schedule

Wednesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

5 PM & 8 PM Mass (Christmas Caroling at 7:30 PM)

Thursday, December 25 - Christmas Day

8 AM, 10 AM*, & 12 PM Mass

Friday, December 26

9 AM Mass (there is no 12:10 PM Mass)

Saturday, December 27

9 AM & 5 PM Mass

Sunday, December 28 - Feast of the Holy Family

8 AM, 10 AM*, & 12 PM Mass

Monday, December 29

12:10 PM Mass

Tuesday, December 30

12:10 PM Mass

Wednesday, December 31 - New Year's Eve

5 PM Mass (no 12:10 PM Mass)

Thursday, January 1 - Feast of Mary, Mother of God

8 AM, 10 AM*, & 12 PM Mass

Friday, January 2

12:10 PM Mass

Saturday, January 3

9 AM & 5 PM Mass

Sunday, January 4 - Epiphany of Our Lord

8 AM, 10 AM*, & 12 PM Mass

*Masses will be livestreamed

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