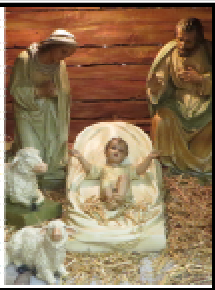


December 23, 2018 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sun.,	Dec. 23 rd	12:15 pm	Rehearsal/Children's Christmas Pageant
Mon.,	Dec. 24 th	5:00 pm	Christmas Eve Mass/Children's Pageant
		8:00 & 11:00 pm	Two more Christmas Eve Masses
Tues.,	Dec. 25 th	10:30 am	Christmas Morning Mass
Wed.,	Dec. 26 th	12:10 pm	Mass of St. Stephen



Bishop Colli's Schedule
Dec. 24: 8 pm & 11pm
Cathedral Masses

Our Parish Office
is closed on
December 26th

**Children's Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
This Sunday at 12:15 pm in the Church**

- n Pizza and beverages after the rehearsal;
- n Children can be left with the Children's Liturgy Team during the rehearsal;
- n Pick up time at 1:30pm

**ALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO TAKE PART
IN OUR CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**



**BISHOP'S DIOCESAN
MINISTRY CAMPAIGN**

Parish Goal... \$ 34, 000.
Donations:
Last Week.... \$ 6, 955.
Total Donations
to Date \$ 29, 840.
% of Goal 87.8 %
Just \$ 4, 160. needed!
Many thanks to all.



**CATHEDRAL GRIEF SUPPORT
GROUP - WINTER SESSIONS**

Our Support Group team is planning to offer the program beginning Sunday, February 3rd. The sessions will run from 1 to 3 pm for 6 weeks. Participation is open to adults who have lost a loved one to death in the last 2 years. Please contact the Office (622-5389) to register. You will be contacted by a member of the team to address questions and confirm your commitment. The program is free.

**2019 BULLETIN ADVERTISING
SPACES ARE STILL AVAILABLE
Call our Parish Office: 622-5389**



Development and Peace "I was a stranger and you welcomed me"
CARITAS CANADA (Mt. 25:35)

Please pause to reflect on the plight of those who endure forced migration. Share their journey this Christmas by signing the action card located at all the entrances to the Cathedral.



*May the angel's greeting
of peace and goodwill
inspire and guide
our Parish family
this Christmas!*

Your
Cathedral Pastoral
Team

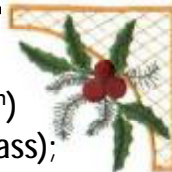
CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS MASSES

CHRISTMAS EVE (Monday, December 24th)
5:00 pm (Children's Christmas Pageant Mass);
Eve Masses also at: 8:00 pm and 11:00 pm

CHRISTMAS DAY (Tuesday, December 25th): 10:30 am

NEW YEAR'S EVE (Monday, December 31st): 5:00 pm

NEW YEAR'S DAY (Tuesday, January 1st, 2019)
8:30 am and 10:30 am



YOU WERE ASKING by Msgr. P. Stilla

Q. Why is the day after Christmas universally known as, 'Boxing Day'?

A. In fact, December 26th is not known as 'Boxing Day' in most countries of the world, but only in the United Kingdom and in a few other Commonwealth countries like Canada. Instead in most of the rest of the Christian world, the day after Christmas is always called, 'The Feast of Stephen', as the Christmas carol, 'Good King Wenceslaus', calls it.

Why 'Boxing Day'?

We know that the name does not mean 'boxing' as in 'fighting in the boxing ring'. Nor does the strange name have to do with 'empty boxes' left over from Christmas gifts or the return of unwanted 'boxed' presents to department stores. The origins of this British name is rooted in the outdated class structure which existed in much of Europe prior to World War I.

Gifts for the Servants
December 26th was the day when lords of a manor house typically

distributed Christmas 'boxes' filled with small gifts, money and leftovers from Christmas dinner, to their household servants, who were expected to work on Christmas Day. Hence, 'boxes' were associated with the day after Christmas. These boxed gifts are like the

bonuses that employers often give to their employees at Christmas.

Boxed Gifts for the Poor

The term may have also been associated with small 'poor' boxes that were placed in churches throughout Britain during the Advent season for the collection of monetary donations. On the day after Christmas these funds were distributed to the needy. By the way, our annual Parish practice of taking



St. Stephen

stars from the tree and wrapping the boxed gifts for the needy is astonishingly similar.

Deacon & Martyr Stephen was chosen by the Apostles to be one of the first deacons. (*Acts 6:5*). Since he had converted to Christianity from Judaism, Stephen was tried by the Jewish Sanhedrin for blasphemy and stoned to death in 34 A.D.. He is recognized as the first Christian to give his life for Christ and so, we celebrate him on the day after Christ's birth.

Wencelaus: A Real Monarch

This 'good' King ruled Bohemia (*part of the present-day Czech Republic*) from 907 to 935. Known as a generous and devout ruler, he distributed gifts to his poor subjects on the Feast of Stephen as was customary and, as the carol tells us.



Catholic Women's League

IT'S MEMBERSHIP TIME

We encourage the women of our Parish to join the League or to renew their membership. The 2019 Catholic Women's League Membership Dues are \$25. For those who use Parish envelopes, there is a C.W.L. envelope enclosed in the January section. Otherwise, Membership envelopes are available at all entrances to the Cathedral. 'Snow birds' should consider submitting their membership dues before leaving Thunder Bay.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST:
COME & JOIN US!**



"Inspiration
Encouragement
& Fellowship"

WHEN:

Sat., Jan. 5th: 8:30 - 10:00 am

WHERE:

Cathedral Auditorium
(downstairs – please use
Donald Street entrance)

GUEST SPEAKER:

Kathie Terhijan, Executive
Director, Dew Drop Inn
(Suggested Donation is \$5.)

CONTACT:

Doug McClure: 807-708-4143

**SACRAMENTS 2019
REGISTRATION**



First Communion
May 5th: 10:30 am
Confirmation
June 9th: 10:30 am

REGISTRATION FORMS

at: www.stpatrickscathedral.ca

or at: The Parish Office:

Tel. 622-5389.