



**"Rejoice!
The Lord is near ."**

December 13th, 2020 **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
('Gaudete' {Rejoice} Sunday)

Tues., Dec. 15th 6:00 pm R.C.I.A. Meeting *(in Rectory Meeting Room)*
 Sat. Dec. 19th 5:00 pm Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent
 Sun., Dec. 20th Masses for the Fourth Sunday of Advent
 at 8:30 am & 10:30 am

OUR BISHOP'S MINISTRY
CAMPAIGN: 2020
 To reach our goal by year's
 end we ask that you please
 contribute this week or next!



Bishop Colli's Schedule
December 19/20
Cathedral Masses
 Christmas Eve and
 Christmas Day Masses
 as per our Online Schedule .

CHRISTMAS 2020 - MASS TIMES

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

- ◆ 5:00 pm (2 Masses will be celebrated at the same time, 1 upstairs, in the Cathedral, and 1 downstairs, in the Auditorium);
- ◆ 8:00 pm (1 Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral). A second Mass *(if needed)* may also be celebrated downstairs at 8 pm;
- ◆ 11:00 pm (1 Mass will be celebrated upstairs in the Cathedral ONLY)

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES:

- ◆ 10:30 am - (2 Masses will be celebrated at the same time, 1 upstairs and 1 downstairs).

PLEASE REMEMBER:
CATHOLICS MAY CHOOSE TO
ATTEND MASS ON ANY DAY
DURING THE 8 DAYS AFTER
DECEMBER 25 (OCTAVE) AND
STILL FULFILL THEIR CHRIST-
MAS MASS OBLIGATION



This year the Children's Pageant will be a virtual event!
 To access it, go to our Parish website and click on the



tabs: "This Weekend"
 or "Children's Corner"
 or on this link:<https://youtu.be/R5hNUCvaStw>
 Let yourselves reflect
 upon the innocence of
 the Christmas message



The DVD versions for this and for the virtual Bazaar are
 available from the Office if you have no online access.



LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION AND DONATIONS

Last Sunday's Collection <i>(December 6)</i>	\$ 6, 952.00
Online Donations <i>(week of Nov. 29-Dec. 6)</i> ...	240.00
Monthly Renovations Collection	1, 265.00
Christmas Flowers Donations.....	75.00
Votive Candles	196.00
St. Anthony's Poor Fund	69.80
Missal Sales	35.00

BISHOP'S MINISTRY CAMPAIGN

2020 Parish Goal	\$ 34, 000.00
Donations this week ..	\$ 2, 215.00
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Total to date	\$ 20, 455.00
% of Parish Goal	60.1 %
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WE'RE ALMOST THERE, WITH ONLY 18 DAYS TO DEADLINE!	



YOU WERE ASKING . . . by Msgr. P. Stilla

Q. Why is St Nicholas associated with gift giving at Christmas?

A. There are two reasons.

◆ First of all, this Saint's feastday which is celebrated each year on December 6th is just a few weeks before Christmas Day and always falls within the Advent Season.

◆ The second reason is a much more significant one. Nicholas as a Bishop in 340 A.D., was renowned in the early Christian world for his generosity towards the impoverished children of his Diocese especially at his time of the year. This is why 1700 years later, this Saint is still remembered by Christians around the world as the, Christmas 'gift-bearer' Bishop.

In our culture, children expect a special visit from him on Christmas Eve but in some European countries like Belgium, Hungary, Poland, Holland, Germany, and many others, Christians associate his name with gift giving either on the eve or on the actual day of his Feast on December 6th!

Many Names

In Holland, he is known as 'Sinter-klaas', in Hungary, as 'Szent Mikulás' and, in Canada and the United States, as 'Santa Claus'. Although he is traditionally depicted in different attire and expected to arrive on different days,

in December, he is known everywhere as the 'Christmas gift-giver'. Child Orphan of Wealthy Parents Nicholas, who was born to wealthy



Christian parents in modern-day Turkey in the latter part of the 3rd century, tragically lost his parents in (yet another) epidemic which swept through Asia minor at that time. The tragic experience of becoming an orphan at such a young age taught him



to later identify with children in similar situations and with those who were saddened by loneliness or by fear of abandonment. Inspired by the words of Christ,

he decided to use his substantial inheritance to help anyone who was most in need.

Elected Bishop by the People Recognizing his zeal and his love

for the poor, the people of Myra elected him their Bishop, as was customary at that time. Then, like many other Christians



during this era of persecution, he was imprisoned for his Faith by the Emperor. In 313 when Christianity became legal in the Empire he was freed and returned to his ministry. He died on December 6, 345 A.D.



Catholic Women's League

JANUARY IS C.W.L.

MEMBERSHIP MONTH

Our 2021 Catholic Women's League Membership Dues are: \$25. Envelopes for this annual fee can be found in your Church envelope packet or at all entrances to the Cathedral. Place the envelopes into one of the Collection boxes or mail or bring it to the Parish Office.

~~~ New members are always welcome! ~~~

C.W.L. brochures can be found at all Church entrances or on our Website:

[www.stpatrickscathedral.ca](http://www.stpatrickscathedral.ca)  
("C.W.L./K.C./Men's Group")

**REQUESTS FOR MASS INTENTIONS**



Our parishioners who wish to have daily Masses celebrated in 2021 for their loved ones who have died or for the intentions of the living, should notify Janie Slobodnik at the Parish Office (622-5389) during the month of December. This is especially important for those who wish to request several Masses in 2021 or for Masses to be celebrated on specific dates.