

December 25, 2020 SPECIAL CHRISTMAS BULLETIN

Lockdown from Dec. 26, 2020 to Jan. 9, 2021 (inclusive)

Sat.,	Dec. 26 th	Mass Cancelled (lockdown)
Sun.,	Dec. 27 th	Masses Cancelled (lockdown)
Mon.,	Dec. 28 th	Mass Cancelled (lockdown)
Tues.,	Dec. 29 th	Mass Cancelled (lockdown)
Wed.	Dec. 30 th	Mass Cancelled (lockdown)
Thurs.,	Dec. 31 st	New Year's Eve Mass Cancelled (lockdown)
Fri.,	Jan. 1 st	New Year's Day Masses Cancelled (lockdown)
Sat.,	Jan. 2 nd	Epiphany Vigil Mass Cancelled (lockdown)
Sun.,	Jan. 3 rd	Epiphany Masses Cancelled (lockdown)



May the Christ Child always be our eternal beacon of hope and light for us and for all peoples around the world on this Christmas Day and throughout the coming New Year, 2021!



MY PERSONAL THANKS TO YOU!

I wish to use this occasion to thank all of you for helping our family celebrate my mother's recent Funeral Mass and for your thoughtful words of condolences, your prayers and your many Masses which will be celebrated for her in 2021. I especially thank Bishop Colli, our Pastoral Team, together with our Deacons, Minister of Service, C.W.L. and K.C. members, our Parish ministers, and my brother priests who concelebrated. I also wish to thank Michael Uitto and the staff at Harbourview Funeral Centre for their professional service and for ensuring that the Provincial Covid-19 restrictions were strictly observed. May God bless all of you for your support. *Msgr. Pat Stilla.*



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM BISHOP COLLI

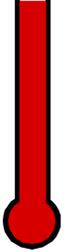
Due to the restrictions of the Government of Ontario and the Ontario Health Authorities, our Cathedral will be closed and all our public Masses will be cancelled from Boxing day, December 26, 2020 until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on January 10, 2021. Our first public Mass after this lockdown will be celebrated on Sunday, January 10 at 8:30 am. Our Parish Office will still be open for telephone and e-mail contact.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION AND DONATIONS

Last Sunday's Collection (December 20)	\$ 5,660.82
Online Donations (week of Dec. 13-20).....	3,295.00
Donations for Sacraments	100.00
Christmas Flowers Donations.....	50.00
Votive Candles	155.70
St. Anthony's Poor Fund	16.56
Missal Sales	110.00

BISHOP'S MINISTRY CAMPAIGN

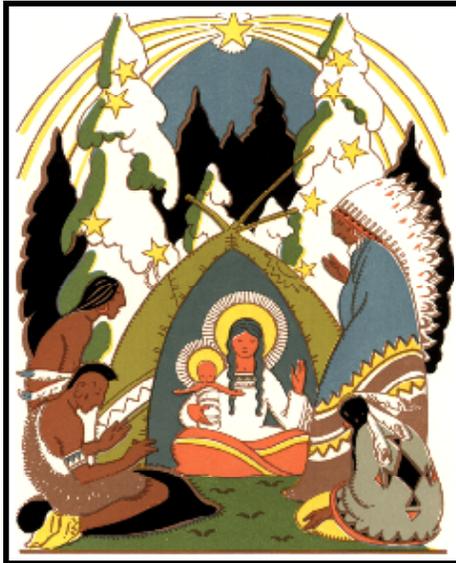
2020 Parish Goal	\$ 34,000.00
Donations this week ..	\$ 1,325.00
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Total to date	\$ 22,795.00
% of Parish Goal	67.4 %
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ONLY 6 DAYS TO OUR DEADLINE!	



Q. Is it true that some popular Christmas carols were actually composed by members of the clergy of a variety of Christian Faiths?

A. Yes, they were. Of course in some cases, the lyrics were written by the clergy while many of the musical scores to accompany the words were composed by professional musicians of the time. Here are only a few examples.

The Huron Carol
This renowned Christmas carol was written in 1643 as a teaching aid by Jesuit Father John de Brébeuf, one of the Holy Canadian Martyrs.



He wrote the lyrics in the language of the Hurons at the Mission of 'Sainte-Marie-among-the-Hurons' near Midland, Ontario. The music he used is the melody of a traditional French folk song. The carol is considered Canadian because Fr. Brébeuf sets the account in a winter landscape with the words, "T'was in the moon of winter time, when all the birds had fled".

Silent Night
This other most popular carol, 'Stille Nacht', was



also written by a Catholic priest in 1816, and then set to music two years later by Franz Gruber, on Christmas Eve. It was written in Austria in the original German and translated into English in 1859. The original was purposely set to guitar

music because the church organ at that time had been damaged and could not be used for Mass. It was first sung at Christmas Midnight Mass in 1818 and has been sung the world over ever since!

We Three Kings
Also known as, 'The Quest of the Magi', this melodic Christmas and Epiphany carol was written in 1857 by the Episcopalian (Anglican) rector of

Christ Church in Pennsylvania, John Henry Hopkins.

Remembering Jesus' Place of Birth
This carol memorializes not the birth event but the town of the birth. 'O Little Town of Bethlehem' was written by the Anglican priest, Philips Brooks, in 1865 after a visit to Bethlehem.

It Came Upon A Midnight Clear
A Unitarian Pastor, Edmund Sears wrote the text to this carol, which was then set to music in 1849.

Angels on High
The Catholic Bishop of Newcastle, England is credited with writing the English lyrics of this French song of unknown origin, "Les Anges dans nos Campagnes". Since 1862 when it was first published, it has enjoyed world-wide popularity!



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. You can now access our C.W.L. brochures on our Website: www.stpatrickscathedral.ca ("C.W.L./K.C./Men's Group")



SUNDAY MISSALS & COLLECTION ENVELOPES

These are all still available at the main entrance to the Cathedral on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day before the lockdown begins.

REQUESTS FOR MASS INTENTIONS



Those 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). This is important for those who wish to request



several Masses or to request Masses on specific dates in the coming year.

TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN

To maintain COVID 19 safe distancing restrictions, the Christmas children's gifts from the Parish will not be distributed this year.