

DECEMBER 19, 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



"Blessed is the fruit of your womb!"

Tues., Dec. 21st 9:00 am Weekday Mass (*St. John of the Cross*)
 6:00 pm R.C.I.A. (*in Rectory Meeting Room*)
 Wed., Dec. 22nd 9:00 am Weekday Mass
 Thurs., Dec. 23rd 9:00 am Weekday Mass
 Fri., Dec. 24th 9:00 am NO 9:00 am Mass on Christmas Eve.
 Sat., Dec. 25th (*See schedule below for all Christmas Mass Times*)
 Sun., Dec. 26th Feast of the Holy Family Masses (8:30 & 10:30 am)

A Blessed Christmas

May this special day and season be for you, days of hope and light and celebrations of new beginnings!

Your Parish Pastoral Team



BISHOP'S SCHEDULE
Christmas Eve
Masses at 8 pm
and 11 pm
Sunday, Dec. 26th
Masses at 8:30 & 10:30 am

The Collection Envelopes for 2022 are now available at the main entrance to the Church.

WEDDING BANNERS

There is a Promise of Marriage between:

Daniel Stilla,

son of Vince Stilla and Ann (Ellis),

and

Alyssa Parsons,

daughter of Mark Parsons and Allison (Harding)

(*Second Publication*)

Wedding: December 31/21



OUR CATHEDRAL'S MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS 2021



CHRISTMAS EVE

- 5:00 pm: 2 Masses, 1 in the Cathedral and 1 downstairs in the Auditorium;
- 8:00 pm: 1 Mass in the Cathedral;
- 11:00 pm: 1 Mass in the Cathedral.

CHRISTMAS DAY

- 10:30 am: 1 Mass, in the Cathedral.

* NO MASS AT 5:00 PM
 ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25TH *
Sunday Masses on Dec. 26th
 8:30 am & 10:30 am



LAST WEEK'S DONATIONS TO THE PARISH

December 12 th Collection	\$ 5, 189.45
Online Donations (<i>Dec. 5 - 12</i>)	400.00
Donations for Funerals/Sacraments.....	125.00
Donations for Flowers.....	20.00
Votive Candles	233.00
St. Anthony's Poor Fund.....	7.70
Missals/Calendar Sales	155.00

~ Thank-you for your ongoing Parish support. ~

Masses for New Year's

EVE: 5:00 pm

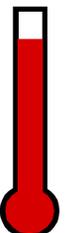
DAY: 8:30 am and 10:30 am



BISHOP'S MINISTRY CAMPAIGN

2021 Parish Goal \$ 34, 000.
 Last week's donations 925.

Total to date \$ 27, 490.
 % of Parish Goal 80.8%



Q. Please review why we we build a creche and use seasonal lights, candles, decorated trees and holly to decorate for Christmas?

A. Knowing the origins and the meaning of "Christmas" traditions and objects, helps us to better understand our Faith and gives us a new appreciation of this Sacred Day!
The Nativity Scene (Creche)

It was St. Francis who, in 1223 in Greccio, Italy, put together the first Nativity Scene, by using live persons and animals. It was this Saint's way of teaching the story of Christmas to children and to those who were illiterate, and could not read the Bible. This beautiful tradition continues, 800 years later!

Decorated Trees

Most of us know that the custom of trimming ever-green trees originated in Germany in the 16th century. The tree boughs were covered with real candles, gilded nuts, cookies, apples, and dolls. It was also the German custom to trim trees in Churches with morsels of bread shaped in the form of Communion hosts. The fir tree symbolizes the eternity of God and, the brightness of the candles reminded everyone that Jesus is the Light of the World.

Seasonal Lights and Candles

As we approach the winter solstice on December 21, the days become progressively shorter, with fewer

and fewer daylight minutes available to us. It almost seems as if night will gradually overpower the daylight forever! We usually associate darkness with evil and despair, and light, with the goodness and hope which Christ brought to us on

the day of His birth. He, Who is the 'Light of the World', came at a time when the world was at its darkest. For this reason whether consciously or not, most of us, brighten our homes and churches with lights and candles to remind the world that Christmas is about the light, hope and joy of Christ, brought in the midst of the darkness. Lighted candles are especially meaningful because, in giving us light, they waste away to nothing. Christ, too, in the total giving of Himself, through His suffering and death brought us hope and light. We should do the same.

Christmas Holly

Holly reminds us that Christ's birth culminated in His Death and Resurrection, for our salvation. The red berries symbolize His blood, which He would one day shed for us and the sharp points on the leaves remind us of Christ's crown of thorns.



Catholic Women's League

REMEMBERING BIRTHDAYS

When you join the League or renew your membership, please include your date of birth with your information. If a year of birth is provided, we will send a monthly email asking our members to pray for the "birthday girls" in that month. We do (and will) send cards to members when they turn 80 and each 5 years thereafter.

JOINING THE LEAGUE

The 2022 Catholic Women's League Membership Fee is \$25. Envelopes for this will be found in your 2022 Church envelope box or at the entrances to the Cathedral and placed in the collection basket. Memberships can also be delivered or mailed to the Parish Office. New members are always welcome, there is a CWL

BROCHURE IN PRINT/ONLINE

CWL Information Brochures in print are found at the entrances to the Cathedral and online on the CWL Page of our Parish Site: www.stpatrickscathedral.ca or at: www.cwlthunderbay.org or at: www.cwl.on or at: www.cwl.ca



Knights of Columbus



'KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS'

These magnets are now available once again. You can purchase them from the Officers of Fort William Council 1447 and from the Columbus Centre.

The cost is \$5. ea.