

December 18, 2022 THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



"The Virgin shall conceive and bear a Son and they shall name Him Emmanuel"

Mon., Dec. 19 th	-----	No Mass on Monday (<i>Office is open</i>)
Tues., Dec. 20 th	9:00 am	Advent Weekday Mass (R.C.I.A. Sessions to resume in the New Year)
Wed., Dec. 21 st	9:00 am	Advent Weekday Mass
Thurs., Dec. 22 nd	9:00 am	Advent Weekday Mass
Fri., Dec. 23 rd	9:00 am	Advent Weekday
Sat., Dec. 24 th	-----	<u>Christmas Eve Mass Schedule (see below)</u>
Sun., Dec. 25 th	10:30 am	<u>Christmas Day</u>
Mon., Dec. 26 th	12:10 pm	<u>St. Stephen</u> (<i>office is closed</i>)



BISHOP'S SCHEDULE
DEC. 24: 8 PM & 11 PM
CATHEDRAL MASSES

CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE

Saturday, December 24th
5:00 pm; 8:00 pm and 11:00 pm

CHRISTMAS DAY

Sunday, December 25th
10:30 am ONLY

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Sat., December 31st: 5:00 pm

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Sun., January 1st 2023: 8:30 & 10:30 am

Mass on
December 26th
St. Stephen:
12:10 pm

N.B. The Office
will be closed on:
December 26th, 27th
and January 2nd

A NEW WAY TO BUY 50/50 RAFFLE TICKETS

If you wish to purchase 50/50 Raffle tickets for our Roof, but do not want to use a credit card or computer, please contact Deacon Derek West at 630-8761 and he will arrange to meet with you and help you get "NON" online tickets.

LAST WEEKEND'S PARISH DONATIONS

Last Sunday's Collection	\$ 6, 003.85
Online Donations (<i>last week</i>).....	300.00
Donations for Sacraments (<i>Bapt/Fun</i>)....	120.00
Missal/Calenders/Books Sales	150.00
Votive Candles	293.00
St. Anthony's Poor Fund	104.40

"ST. PAT'S HAT" DONATIONS THIS WEEK

Special Donation	\$ 12, 500.00
'Friends' of the Cathedral.....	250.00
On Line Donations	2, 250.00
Free-will Pledges/Donations.....	1, 700.00
In Memory Drztek/Filipuzzi Family..	10, 000.00
In Memory of Ron Glena	300.00
In Memory of Clarice Cano	20.00

Pledged /collected this week \$ 27, 020.00

TOTAL PLEDGED & COLLECTED TO DATE

*** \$ 403,381.65 ***



Donations & 50/50 Raffle: on-line at:

www.stpatshat.ca



Q. Where does the word 'Christmas' come from and why do some insist on shortening it to 'X-mas'? Why is Jesus called "Emmanuel"?

A. In the English speaking world, we have used the word, *Christmas* to refer to the Nativity of Christ for many centuries. Even though it does not specifically refer to His *na-tivity*, the word defines one of the

This however is not true. In fact, the letter "X" or "Kai" is from the Greek alphabet and is the first letter of the word, "Christ". The actual Greek word is: "Xristos". Among the early Christians this letter "Kai" (X) was

most important Masses of the year. It literally means, *Christ's Mass* and is actually a combination of two old English words, 'Christe' and 'Masse'.



combined with the Greek Letter "Rho" (P), (which is the second letter for the word), to form a codified symbol for Christ. We still use this symbol today to represent Christ in our midst. In our Cathedral, it is very prominent in the centre of one of our stained glass

Why, "Nowell"?

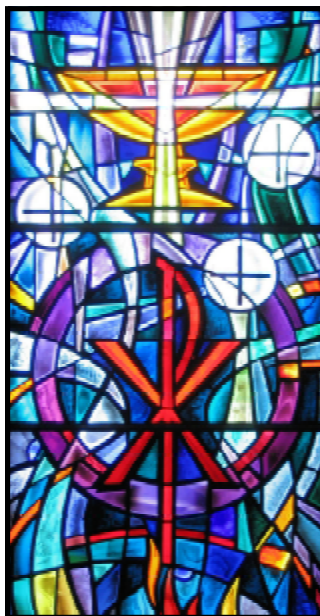
We should note as well that, since the 14th century, the word 'No-well' has also been used in English to name

Christmas. It comes from the French, "Noël", which is derived from the Latin for, "day of birth".

Why Merry "X"mas?

The second part of your question is one that is often asked by many faith-filled Christians.

The issue is especially of concern to those who fear that the use of the letter "X" to replace the word, "Christ", is a sneaky attempt by modern society to further secularize our Christian celebration. Some assume that it is similar to today's common habit to replace the greeting, "Merry Christmas" with the words: "Happy Holidays".



windows in Our Lady's Chapel. (as pictured here, to the left).

It's Not Secularization

Contrary to popular opinion, then, writing Merry 'X-mas' on our Christmas cards does not "cross out Christ" from Christmas! Instead, it is a new usage of a very old Christian symbol.

Why "Emmanuel"?

We believe that the Messiah, promised to the People of Israel is Jesus of Nazareth. 'Emmanuel' is simply an older title for "Messiah" used by the Prophet Isaiah and mentioned in Matthew's Gospel. It means: "God is with us".

1. VIRTUAL RETREAT

Our Diocesan CWL invites you to the last session of the retreat on Mon., December 19th: 7:30 pm to 9 pm, hosted by Colleen Martin.

2. ASK FRIENDS TO JOIN

Application forms are found online on the Parish Website, "Catholic Women's League".

Our new 2023 Missals are still available at the Church's main entrance or from the Parish Office. The Cost is \$5.

BULLETIN ADS FOR 2023

Our new bulletin covers for 2023 will soon be printed for distribution throughout the year. If you are interested in purchasing a year-long ad on the back cover, please call the Office at 622-5389

SETS OF SUNDAY ENVELOPES FOR 2023

1. If you no longer wish to use them, OR
2. If you would like to have a first set for 2023, please call the Office at 622-5389.

NEW CALENDARS

Our new 2023 Calendars have now arrived and can be purchased from the Parish Office, during regular Office hours. The Cost is \$5.