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December 25, 2022 SOLEMNITY OF CHRISTMAS DAY

Mon., Dec. 26 th	12:10 pm	Solemn Mass of St. Stephen <i>(Office is closed)</i>
Tues., Dec. 27 th	9:00 am	Solemn Mass of St. John <i>(Office is closed)</i>
Wed., Dec. 28 th	9:00 am	Solemn Mass of the Holy Innocents
Thurs., Dec. 29 th	9:00 am	Solemn Mass of St. Thomas Becket
Fri., Dec. 30 th	9:00 am	SOLEMN MASS OF THE HOLY FAMILY
Sat., Dec. 31 th	5:00 pm	<u>NEW YEAR'S EVE: MARY, MOTHER OF GOD</u>
Sun., Jan. 1 st	8:30 am	<u>NEW YEAR'S DAY: MARY, MOTHER OF GOD</u>
	10:30 am	<u>NEW YEAR'S DAY: MARY, MOTHER OF GOD</u>
Mon., Jan. 2 nd	-----	No Mass <u>(Office is closed for Stat. Holiday)</u>

Christmas and New Year's fall on Sundays, and so the Parish Office will be closed on December 26th & 27th and on January 2nd



BISHOP'S SCHEDULE
JANUARY 1 - 22, 2023
MASSES: ST. ELIZABETH



OUR CLERGY AND STAFF THANK ALL WHO THOUGHTFULLY GIFTED US WITH PRESENTS, CARDS, AND BAKING!

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Saturday, New Year's Eve
 5:00 pm

Sunday, New Year's Day
 8:30 am & 10:30 am




A BLESSED AND JOYFUL CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

MAY THIS SPECIAL DAY AND JOYFUL SEASON BE FOR ALL OUR FAMILIES, PLEDGES OF HOPE, LIGHT AND NEW BEGINNINGS!

OUR PARISH TEAM

LAST WEEKEND'S PARISH DONATIONS

Last Sunday's Collection	\$ 4, 934.20
Online Donations <i>(last week)</i>	80.00
Missal/Calendar/Book Sales	110.00
Votive Candles	263.00
St. Anthony's Poor Fund	99.80

A NEW WAY TO BUY 50/50 RAFFLE TICKETS


To purchase 50/50 Raffle tickets for our Roof, without the use of your credit card or computer, please call Deacon Derek West at 630-8761 for help.

"ST. PAT'S HAT" DONATIONS THIS WEEK

Special Pledge	\$ 20, 000.00
Special Donation	1, 000.00
Special Donation	1, 000.00
On Line Donations	11, 675.61
Free-will Donations.....	635.00
In Memory of Millie & Delio Buset...	600.00

Pledged /collected this week \$ 34, 910.61

TOTAL PLEDGED & COLLECTED TO DATE
 *** \$ 438,292.26 ***



Donations & 50/50 Raffle: on-line at:
www.stpatshat.ca

Q. Where does the Bible record that Jesus was born in a stable?

A. Interestingly enough, a “stable” is actually never specifically mentioned in any of the Nativity stories found in the Gospels, but it

mangers were troughs used to feed animals and so it is clearly obvious that they were placed in barns or stables and not in peoples’ homes.

is implied by St. Luke in his Gospel account. There, he tells us that after Jesus was born, His mother “wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger, because there was no



room for them at the Inn” (Luke 2:7) We usually place stables in our Nativity Scenes at Christmas because

Another reason why we usually include a stable in our Christmas scenes is because St. Francis of Assisi who initiated the tradition of creating the “creche” at Christmas may have also used a real shed or barn he organized the first nativity scene with real persons and live animals in 1223 in Italy.

Q. Why do we use holly in many of our Christmas decorations?

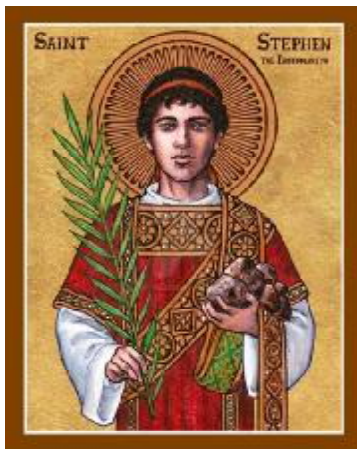
A. Holly has been traditionally associated with Christmas for many centuries, especially in Northern European countries and in North America. The plant is used because it reminds us that the Christian Gospel only began with Christ’s birth, but culminated



in His Death and Resurrection and in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost! The plant’s red berries symbolize Christ’s blood, which He would one day shed for us while the sharp points on the deep green leaves remind us of the thorns of His painful crown.

Q. Why do we celebrate the St. Stephen on the day after Christmas?

A. Stephen, together with six other by the Jewish Sanhedrin for blasphemy and stoned to death in 34 A.D. Today he is recognized by Catholics, Anglicans and Orthodox Christians as the first martyr to shed his blood for Christ. This is why his feastday is celebrated on the first day after Christ’s birth. It is unfortunate that most in our country have dubbed his day, “Boxing Day”!



Catholic Women's League

INVITE FRIENDS TO JOIN

Application forms are found online on the Parish Website, “Catholic Women’s League”.



Knights of Columbus



REMEMBERING TO KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

For many years the Knights of Columbus have reminded us to ‘keep Christ in Christmas’ in the midst of a secular world. As a continuation of this campaign they are once again making available to us, ‘Nativity magnets’ to place on our cars. They are available at the main entrance to the Church

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

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.

SETS OF SUNDAY ENVELOPES FOR 2023 AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE
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.