

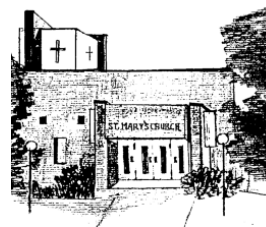


The first week of Advent we remember the gift of hope we have in Christ. The prophets of Israel all spoke of the coming of Christ, of how a savior would be born, a king in the line of David. They spoke of how he would rule the world wisely and bless all nations.

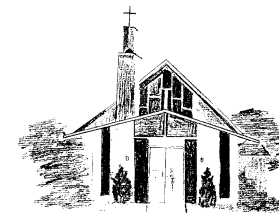
Let us pray – Loving God, we thank you for the hope you give us. Help us prepare our hearts for the Lord's coming by being open to seeing the light of Christ in others. We ask this in the name of the one born in Bethlehem, Jesus our Lord.

All: Amen.

# ST. MARY'S - ST. CECILIA'S PARISH



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## First Sunday of Advent ~ 1 December 2024

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|------|--------|----------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Sat. | 30 Nov | 5:00 pm  | (Morrisburg) Tom Coligan (Ingrid Coligan)           |
| Sun. | 01 Dec | 9:00 am  | (Iroquois) Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People)   |
| Sun. | 01 Dec | 11:00 am | (Morrisburg) Maureen Mulhall (Nancy Richer)         |
| Sat. | 07 Dec | 5:00 pm  | (Morrisburg) Leo de Vette (Sandra Sinnett)          |
| Sun. | 08 Dec | 9:00 am  | (Iroquois) Pat McCourt (Marianne & Peter Coligan)   |
| Sun. | 08 Dec | 11:00 am | (Morrisburg) Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People) |

Please note that St. Mary's Church will be open on **Wednesdays** from 9 till noon for parishioners to come spend some time in prayer.

### Liturgy and Sacraments:

**Baptism & Instruction in the Catholic Faith:** The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on Sundays as needed. Parent preparation is required.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** Those wishing to join the Catholic Church please call the office (613-543-2544). Classes starting soon!

**Marriage:** 9–12 months notice is needed for the celebration of the Sacrament of Matrimony. Each couple is required to participate in a Marriage Preparation course.

**Reconciliation:** Confessions heard from 4:00-4:45 pm on Sat or by appointment.

**Anointing of the Sick:** The Sacrament of Anointing is given on request, especially before going to the hospital, or at the hospital or at home.

**Sick List:** Please call the office if anyone needs prayers, a visit or is seriously ill. If you are unable to attend Mass for an extended period of time, please contact St. Mary's. Arrangements can be made for reception of the Holy Eucharist in the home.



### Parish Christmas Confessions

Saturday December 21<sup>st</sup> 3:00 – 4:30 pm  
Tuesday December 24<sup>th</sup> 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

# First Sunday of Advent

**Collection:** Christ the King: \$1,975.00 (2023: \$1,625.00);  
Repairs & Maintenance: \$260.00; Priests Retirement: \$120.00  
St. Mary's Cem: \$20.00; St. Anne's Cem: \$160.00

## Meetings:

**Knights - Mon 9 Dec,** 5 pm 1-2-3 Degree, St. Cecilia Church; 6 pm Knights and Ladies dinner, free to Knights widows, Yefsi Restaurant, Iroquois, register with Grand Knight before Dec 6<sup>th</sup>, (613-214-1968).

**CWL - Mon 2 Dec,** Christmas Dinner and Auction, Morrisburg Legion

## Parish Activities:

**Choirs:** **St. Cecilia's:** Margaret (652-4741)

**AA Meeting:** Wed., 8:00 pm, George (543-3504)



**Pray for those who are sick in our families and parish** especially: Al Belanger, Alice McNarin, Fernando Paulino, Darlene Mather, Lynn Louckes, Terry McManus, George Locke, Noella Kirkwood, and Louise Altimas.

**Pray for the repose of the soul of** Todd Casselman, Helen Lortie, Paul Goupil, John Croteau, and Mark Goupil.

**50/50 Raffle Tickets:** The Knights of Columbus presents its Ontario Charities raffle tickets in support of their local projects. Open only to Ontario residents over 17 the Grand Prize draw on December 31, 2024. Tickets are 10 for \$10, 40 for \$20, 125 for \$50 and 300 for \$100, or call Graham Darling at 613-214-1968 online at <https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/k-of-c-ont/295>.

## Christmas Mass Schedule:

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|------------------------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| Christmas Eve, December 24 <sup>th</sup> | 5:00 pm  | St. Mary's Church |
| Christmas Eve, December 24 <sup>th</sup> | 8:00 pm  | St. Cecilia's     |
| Christmas Day, December 25 <sup>th</sup> | 10:00 am | St. Mary's Church |

## New Year Masses:

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|-----------------------------------|----------|----------------------|
| Tuesday December 31 <sup>st</sup> | 5:00 pm  | St. Mary's Church    |
| Wednesday January 1 <sup>st</sup> | 9:00 am  | St. Cecilia's Church |
| Wednesday January 1 <sup>st</sup> | 11:00 am | St. Mary's Church    |

# 1 December 2024



**Light up for Christ:** There will be a special blessing on Saturday November 30<sup>th</sup> after the 5:00 pm Mass at St. Mary's, of lights and Nativity Scene put up by the Knights of Columbus. All welcome. "I am the light of the World" (John 8:12).

The **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**, also called **Immaculate Conception Day**, celebrates the sinless lifespan and Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is one of the most important Marian feasts in the liturgical calendar of the Roman Catholic Church celebrated worldwide. You are invited to join us in celebrating the Solemnity of the Patron Saint of the Archdiocese of Kingston on Monday December 9, at 10:30 am in St. Mary's Cathedral, 279 Johnson Street, Kingston. Confession available at 9:30 am.

**Christmas Flowers:** Envelopes are available at the back of the Church for your donation to purchase flowers to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. Included with the envelope will be a card for you to write your intentions. These intentions will be prayed for during the Christmas season. Cost of the decorations at both churches last year was \$272.43, we received \$160 so a cost to the parish of \$112.43.



**Christmas Exchange Food Drive:** We are not putting out a box this year, but those who wish to help out can drop off a financial donation in the collection basket and we will get it to the organizers (make cheque to South Dundas Christmas Exchange). Also, there are angel trees in Morrisburg and Iroquois.



**Knights Prolife Christmas fruit cake sale:** On the weekend of Dec 7 & 8, there will be delicious Christmas Cakes and Treats for sale at the back of the Churches. These treats are made using the original recipes of the Monks of Val Nortre-Dame Abbey in Quebec. All proceeds go toward local pro-life work. Christmas cakes (600g \$25); gift boxes sweet \$30 and savory \$40; jams and caramel spreads \$10; religious advent calendars (large \$10; small \$5) and religious Christmas cards \$10/pkg of 10 (cash or cheque).