



The third week of Advent we remember the gift of Joy we have in Christ. We remember the joy that Mary felt when the angel Gabriel told her that a special child would be born to her – a child who would save and deliver all people. Joy is the gift we all receive from the unconditional love Christ has for us.

Let us pray – Loving God, we thank you for the joy you bring us. Help us prepare our hearts for the Lord's coming by helping us see that Christ came for every person we meet wherever we go. We ask this in the name of the one born in Bethlehem, Jesus our Lord. All: Amen.

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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.

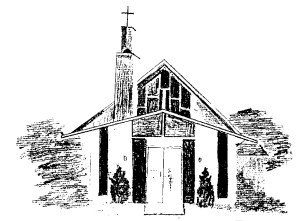
Anointing of the Sick: The Sacrament of Anointing is given on request, especially before going to the hospital, or at the hospital or at home.

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.

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 Mrs. Nancy Richer, Parish Secretary

Third Sunday of Advent ~ 15 December 2024

- Sat. 14 Dec 5:00 pm (Morrisburg) Int of Brian Jack (Fred & Sandy Diegel)
- Sun. 15 Dec 9:00 am (Iroquois) Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People)
- Sun. 15 Dec 11:00 am (Morrisburg) Lucy Albert (The Family)

- Sat. 21 Dec 5:00 pm (Morrisburg) Beatrice & Harry Lack (Pam & Brent Mather)
- Sun. 22 Dec 9:00 am (Iroquois) Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People)
- Sun. 22 Dec 11:00 am (Morrisburg) Paul, Maria & Sasha Shirar (M & M Miller)

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.



Parish Christmas Confessions

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

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Collection: 2nd Sunday of Advent: \$1,790.00 (2023: \$1,730.00);
Repairs & Maintenance: \$510.00; Christmas Flowers: \$27.00

Meetings:

KNIGHTS - Mon 13 January, 7:00 pm St. Mary's Meeting Room

CWL - Mon 20 January, 7:00 pm St. Mary's Meeting Room

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:

Christmas Eve, December 24 th	5:00 pm	St. Mary's Church
Christmas Eve, December 24 th	8:00 pm	St. Cecilia's
Christmas Day, December 25 th	10:00 am	St. Mary's Church

New Year Masses:

Tuesday December 31 st	5:00 pm	St. Mary's Church
Wednesday January 1 st	9:00 am	St. Cecilia's Church
Wednesday January 1 st	11:00 am	St. Mary's Church

Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet for Christmas & New Years are at the back of the church.

Advent Reflections with Archbishop Mulhall: Wednesdays, beginning Dec 11; 7:00 pm, St. Mary's Cathedral (279 Johnson Street, Kingston). Archbishop Mulhall will be giving Advent Reflections beginning the second week of December at St. Mary's Cathedral. We hope you will join us.

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.

Heating Issue at St. Cecilia's Church: After research from Atel Air they found that the sump pump had failed and the water enter the ductworks. The ducts lines are like a weeping tile and appear to be made out of hard carboard and covered with concrete. Enviroplus was hired to clean up the lines and inspect the ductworks. Their finding was that the water from the failed sump pump damaged the tiled so much that they collapsed. Efforts were made to unplug the lines and some debris was recovered. However, the tile had hardened and they could not unplug the balance of the ductworks. The finance committee approached a couple contractors to give us quotes and recommendations. We were given 3 options: remove part of the floor; installing electric base board heater or installing a heat pumps system. After discussion the decision was made to go with installing heat pumps.

This was completed this week at a cost of \$10,850 plus HST. Those parishioners who wish to donated towards this expensive repair which wasn't in our budget for this year would be appreciated and will be added to your tax receipt. Please place in the collection basket with a note to go toward the heating at St. Cecilia's. Thank you.