



The fourth week of Advent we remember the gift of Love we have in Christ. The light of the candles is meant to remind us of the love that God has for us. Jesus shows us God's perfect love. He is God's love in human form. The Bible says that "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life."

Let us pray – Loving God, we thank you for your gift of love – shown to us perfectly in Jesus Christ our Lord. Help us prepare our hearts for the Lord's coming by loving others as Christ loves us. We ask this in the name of the one born in Bethlehem, Jesus our Lord.

All: Amen.

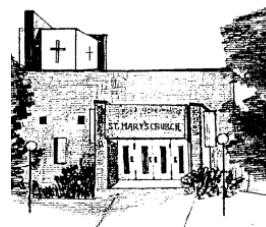
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I wish to take this time to thank all the parishioners who have helped out over this last year with the absence of Father Thomas, this made my job a little bit easier. To all parishioners thank you for your understanding and patience as we travelled this last year! A special thank you goes to Msgr. Sean Harty, Father Pat Donnelly and Father Tim Shea and the other priests for all their support and help to make sure we had weekend Masses. May you all have a blessed and Merry Christmas. God Bless *Nancy*

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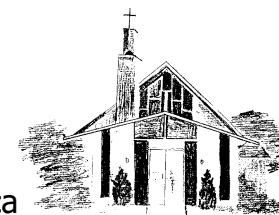
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Fourth Sunday of Advent ~ 22 December 2024 Christmas ~ 25 December 2024

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)
Tue.	24 Dec	5:00 pm	(Morrisburg) Len Bisson (Pat Bisson)
Tue.	24 Dec	8:00 pm	(Iroquois) Int of Fr. Thomas (Henry Newton)
Wed.	25 Dec	10:00 am	(Morrisburg) Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People)
Sat.	28 Dec	5:00 pm	(Morrisburg) Tom Coligan (Ingrid Coligan)
Sun.	29 Dec	9:00 am	(Iroquois) Martin Bongers (Bongers Family)
Sun.	29 Dec	11:00 am	(Morrisburg) Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People)

Please note the office will be closed from December 23 till January 3rd.



Parish Christmas Confessions

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent

22 December 2024

Collection: 3rd Sunday of Advent: \$2,215.00 (2023: \$2,250.00);
Repairs & Maintenance: \$170; Christmas Flowers: \$70; St. Cecilia's Heating: \$40

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>.

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

Collection Envelopes: The 2025 collection envelopes are ready at the back of the Church to pick up. **Please do not use until January 1st.** If you wish to start using envelopes, please pick up a box without a name and complete the form inside the box. You can call the office to arrange for pick up.

Thank you to all the decorating teams who make our Churches look beautiful not just during the Christmas season but all year long.

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.



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 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.