

# The Fourth Sunday of Advent

## Masses this Week

### Tuesday, December 22

**5:00 p.m.** + Elmer & Evelyn Cortes - *Carna Cortes*  
 + Erich Stangl – *Michelle DaSousa*  
 + Raul DaSilva – *Giberto Fiuza & Family*  
 + Marg McLean – *Eugene Kelly*

### Wednesday, December 23

**8:00 a.m.** + Vicente Moniz - *Goretti Moniz*

### Thursday, December 24 - THE VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

**5:00 p.m.** - preceded by *Nativity Play*  
**7:00 p.m.**

**10:00 p.m.** - (*Incense will be used*)

### Friday, December 25 - THE SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

**10:00 a.m.** - (*Incense will be used*)

### Saturday, December 26

**5:00 p.m.** - Sung Mass  
 + Patrick Reidy - *Cindy & Pat*  
 + José Moura – *Maria Moura & Family*  
 + Mary Ryan – *Bonnie & Ralph O'Brien*  
 + Saverio & Angelo Mirabelli – *The Family*  
 + Manuel Resendes – *The Family*

### Sunday, December 27 – FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

**8:00 a.m.** - Said Mass at the Altar of Our Lady  
**9:00 & 11:00 a.m.** - Sung Mass  
**12:15 p.m.** - Baptisms

## This Week In Our Parish

### Monday, December 21

**7:30 pm** - Knights of Columbus (Parish Hall)

### Tuesday, December 22

**4:00 - 4:45 pm** - Confessions (Church)  
**5:30 pm** - Holy Spirit Prayer Community (Church)  
**7:00 pm** - Christmas Choir Practice (Church)  
**7:00 pm** - Finance Meeting (2nd Flr. Conf. Room)

### Thursday, December 24 - office closes at noon

**4:50 pm** - Nativity Play (Church)

### Friday, December 25 - office closed

### Saturday, December 26

**10:00 a.m.** - Baptism Preparation Class (Church)  
**4:00 – 4:30 p.m.** – Confessions

## Electronic Funds Transfer

St. Patrick's Parish now has an Electronic Funds Transfer donation option. EFT registration forms are located in the narthex for those persons currently not registered for this option and who may wish to do so.

## Liturgical Ministers - December 26 & 27

|                          | 5:00 p.m.                | 9:00 a.m.               | 11:00 a.m.             |
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| <b>Greeters</b>          | G. Mercier<br>G. Ward    | A. Sousa<br>Vol. Needed | R. France<br>H. France |
| <b>Lectors L1<br/>L2</b> | B. Miller<br>P. Cooper   | B. Mclsaac<br>D. Wylie  | J. Kelly<br>A. Kelly   |
| <b>Communion</b>         | B. Raghubar<br>A. Miller | J. Streppel<br>S. Braga | H. France<br>R. France |

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.”

(John 3:16)

*If you are visiting today,*

**St. Patrick's Parish welcomes you.**



## St. Patrick's Parish

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*155 years of Catholic witness in Cambridge.*

### Christmas Eve Masses:

5 pm  
 7 pm  
 10 pm

### Christmas Day Mass:

10 am



## Children's Nativity Play

Before the beginning of the 5 pm Christmas Eve Mass, the children of St. Patrick's Parish will be presenting the Nativity Play. Children ages 3 to 7 years of age will be asked to come to the front of the church and listen to the Christmas Story which will be narrated by children in the parish. Parents, please encourage your children to come forward when the announcement is made.



## Christmas Overflow Parking

Overflow parking for Christmas Masses is available in the parking lot at the corner of Wellington and Main Streets, behind City Hall off of Cambridge Street and across from the David Durward Centre (Beverly and Dixon Streets).

## Christmas Flower Donations

Donations are invited towards the flowers that will decorate our church and sanctuary during the Christmas season. Special envelopes are available at all three church doors. Donations may be placed in the collection basket during the weekend Masses. All donations must be received by this **Sunday, December 20th** in order that a list of memorial and thank offerings may be included in our Christmas bulletin.

## Televised Christmas Midnight Mass

His Excellency Bishop Douglas Crosby will celebrate Midnight Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. The Mass will be preceded by carols from the Cathedral beginning at 11:30 p.m. on **Thursday, December 24th**. The carol service and Midnight Mass will be televised on CHCH-TV and rebroadcast at 8:00 a.m. on Christmas morning.

# December 20, 2015

## Friday, December 25th

Please note there will be no 8 am mass, adoration or benediction on Friday, December 25th. Please refer to our Advent and Christmas 2015 brochure or the weekly bulletin for special mass times and dates throughout the Christmas season.

### Using the Door by the Choir

When it snows ain't it thrilling, though your nose gets a chilling...In consideration of our musicians and choir, please do not exit by the choir door if you are leaving mass before the end of the final hymn. Should you find it necessary to leave the church before the final hymn has concluded, please exit through the main doors of the church.

### Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God



The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, commemorates the divine motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of our Lord and God, Jesus Christ. This is a Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics.

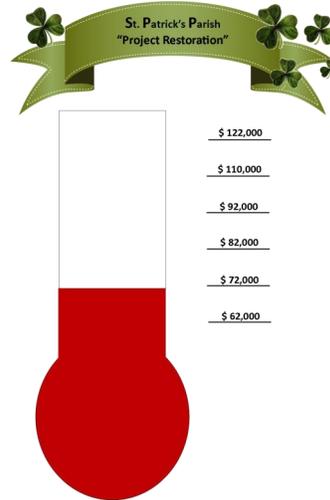
A mass of celebration will take place at St. Patrick's Parish on **New Year's Eve, Thursday, December 31st, at 5 p.m. and on New Year's Day, Friday, January 1st, at 10 a.m.**

### The Epiphany of the Lord

The celebration of the Epiphany of the Lord will take place at St. Patrick's Parish on **Saturday, January 2 at 5 pm** (incense will be used) and on **Sunday, January 3 at 8, 9 and 11 am** (incense will be used at the 11 am mass only). The word *Epiphany* is from a Greek word meaning "appearance or manifestation." After being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem, Christ is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him. A popular axiom says, "Wise men (*and women*) still seek him." Today, we no longer need to travel far to find Jesus, for Christ is always present in his Church, especially in her liturgical celebrations. He is present in the Sacrifice of the Mass, not only in the person of his minister, but especially in the Eucharistic species. By his power he is present in the sacraments so that when anybody baptizes, it is really Christ himself who baptizes. He is present in his word since it is he himself who speaks when the holy Scriptures are read in the Church. Lastly, he is present when the Church prays and sings, for he has promised 'where two or three are gathered together in my name there am I in the midst of them' (c.f. CCC 1088).

### Holy Days of Obligation

In Canada, the holy days of obligation are the following: every Sunday, Christmas Day (December 25) and the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (January 1). On holy days of obligation, the faithful gather to express the fact that the Church is not self-generated but is always called to worship by God. On that occasion, we come to hear the Word of God, take part in the Eucharist and give thanks to the Lord for having been incorporated into Christ. Therefore, one must take part in the celebration of Mass either on the same day or at the vigil Mass on the previous evening.



## Project Restoration Update

*A message from our Parish Finance Council*

You may recall that our original project cost was forecast at around \$460,000, with a fund raising goal of \$160,000.

Due to good fiscal management of the project and some generous gifts in the form of a bequest, as well as donations toward the project from Bishop Crosby, the Ex Corde Foundation, the Knights

of Columbus and your Catholic Women's League, that goal has been reduced to \$122,000.

Towards this goal we have received approximately \$72,000 from the community of parishioners to date. Costs remaining to be paid include \$8,600 for the permanent exterior glazing of the stained glass windows and a \$50,000 loan from the diocese. The completion of the glazing had to be postponed until the warmer weather of spring and the loan was needed to complete final payments to contractors. It is our hope that we can repay the loan as quickly as possible by a renewed fund raising effort, now that we are back in our beautiful church. If you wish to make a contribution to the restoration project, please use the restoration project envelopes available at the doors of the church. Thank you for your ongoing support.

### 2016 Offering Envelopes

2016 offering envelopes are available in the parish hall **until this Sunday, December 20th**. If you do not have offering envelopes and would like a set, please contact the parish office at 519-623-3773. You may also choose the Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) donation option. EFT forms are located in the narthex of the church.

### Please Observe a Reverent Silence in Church

Talk to God before Mass – and talk to each other after Mass – and please ensure that all mobile devices are switched off to avoid distracting others who are in prayer. Children are most welcome. The narthex or the parish hall should be used as a crying room if needed. Thank you.

### Diocesan Prayer Calendar

|                 |                              |
|-----------------|------------------------------|
| Mon. Dec. 21    | Rev. Mark Morley             |
| Tues., Dec. 22  | Rev. Miro Grubisic, O.F.M.   |
| Wed., Dec. 23   | Consecrated Men & Women      |
| Thurs., Dec. 24 | Rev. Gabriel Morais Catarino |
| Fri., Dec. 25   | Rev. Stanley Zaryczny, C.R.  |
| Sat., Dec. 26   | Rev. Lech Wycichowski, C.R.  |