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## Merry Christmas!



*"Glory to God in the highest,*

*and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!"*

*Luke 2: 14*

The Angel Speaking to the Shepherds, by: L. Eldridge



2024

*Unto us a Child is Born*



*Unto us a Son is Given*

*“Arise, all ye nobles and peasants; Mary invites all, rich and poor, just and sinners, to enter the cave of Bethlehem, to adore and to kiss the feet of her new-born Son...Let us enter; let us not be afraid.” St. Alphonsus Liguori*

Dear Parishioners,


Fr Felipe and I both want to wish you a blessed and holy Christmas! We also want to thank you for the kindness you have shown us. May God bless you for this.

The birth of Our Lord was prophesied so that God's chosen people could prepare to receive Him. However, when He did come, no one was prepared to receive Him, with the exception of the Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph. The world back then had little to no time for Him, **because there was no room for them in the inn** (Lk 2:7). Little has changed in today's world. Christ promised to return, and the world spends little to no time in preparing to receive Him. May it not be so for us; may we be found to be faithful servants, preparing for His coming with the same joy the wise men and shepherds had at the first Christmas.

I send you all a heartfelt thank you for your support of our parish. Your donations keep the church well-lit and warm, providing a welcoming place to worship God. A special thanks to the volunteers whose hard work sustains our community and helps in the running of our parish. I am also very grateful to our staff for all their service. You are all in my prayers, and I pray for you and your families in all my Masses. May God bless you abundantly for your generosity in caring for His Church.

Christ came to save us because we were lost, not knowing our God and Creator. **For “you were like sheep going astray,” but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls** (1 Pt 2:25). Without Christ, we would wander the world seeking the things of the earth, ignorant of God and heavenly things, ignorant of His Holy Love, and ignorant of the way to heaven. Christ is our hope of salvation; without Him, we would be lost. **For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost** (Lk 19:10). Remembering our deep need for a Savior, let us not harden our hearts this Christmas but turn away from sin and turn to God our Savior as we look upon the Child Jesus.

May God bless you and your families with Peace, Joy, and Happiness this Christmas.

  
Fr Dominic Clovis, IVE

*“My prayer for you is that when Christ comes to you in Christmas, He may find in you a warm home, warm love like that of a heartful of love, like that of a simple shepherd who was the first one chosen to see Christ.” St. Teresa of Calcutta:*



# Merry Christmas!

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK Dec. 30 to Jan. 5

### Monday December 30

7:30 a.m. †† Duncan McIntyre, & the health of  
Heather Stoppa / Stoppa Family

### Tuesday December 31 - New Years Eve

5:00 p.m. †† Charles Leung / Sheila Smith

### Wednesday January 1 - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

9:00 a.m. †† Joan Daley

11:00 a.m. †† Joanne Hough / Andree Curtin

### Thursday January 2

7:30 a.m. General Intentions of the  
Catholic Women's League

5:30 p.m. **Adoration**

7:00 p.m. †† Gladys Harkness

### Friday January 3 – First Friday of the Month

7:30 a.m. †† Holy Souls in Purgatory

10:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. **Adoration**

7:00 p.m. †† Charles Leung

### Saturday January 4 – First Saturday of the Month

9:00 a.m. †† Joanne Hough  
/ Society St. Vincent de Paul

9:30 a.m. – 12noon **Adoration**

5:00 p.m. Intentions of Scott Leatherdale  
/ Costello Family

### Sunday January 5

9:00 a.m. For the People of our Parish

11:00 a.m. †† Bill, Keith, Bob Gassien / Gassien Family

## PRAY FOR THE SICK



Especially for Cathy Clarke, Tom England, Terry and Donna McNenly, Victoria Dlugosz, Ray Addley, Marg Wansbrough, Rylee Stewart, Kathleen Walden, Cathy and Tom Bushell, Nicole Lessard, Norm Forget, James Callaghan, Paul Bouwmeester, Charlene Ashmore, Norma Goller, Emma Junkin, Myrna Morgan, Paul Nicholls, Ron O'Connor, Suzanne O'Leary, Genevieve Rodrigues.

### And for the deceased members of our parish

May they receive the gift of eternal life in heaven.



## MASSES FOR THE WEEK January 6 to 12

### Monday January 6

7:30 a.m. †† Thomas Anderson  
/ Minnie & Jim Callaghan

### Tuesday January 7

7:30 a.m. †† Melanie Casha / Brigitte Nolte

5:30 p.m. **Adoration**

### Wednesday January 8

7:30 a.m. †† Charles Leung / Sheila Smith

5:30 p.m. **Adoration**

7:00 p.m. †† Joan Daley

### Thursday January 9

7:30 a.m. Knights of Columbus

5:30 p.m. **Adoration**

7:00 p.m. †† Gladys Harkness

### Friday January 10

7:30 a.m. †† Leo Burns / Judy Jewell

5:30 p.m. **Adoration**

7:00 p.m. †† Charles Leung

### Saturday January 11

9:00 a.m. †† Joanne Hough / Catholic Women's League

9:30 a.m. – 12noon **Adoration**

5:00 p.m. †† John Henley  
/ Mary Eleanor Henley & Family

### Sunday January 12

9:00 a.m. †† Linda Carlin / Carlin Family

11:00 a.m. For the People of our Parish

## WELCOME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Christmas is a time for coming home. Often, as we all know, people who have wandered from the active practice of their faith come to Christmas Mass. Why wait to have them just drop in on their own initiative or by the grace of a push from the Lord? I would like you to take the initiative yourself. Invite a Catholic person or family you know to come to Mass with you or meet you here.



## HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

If you have a family member or friend that is not able to come to church and would like to go to confession and receive Holy Communion, please call the rectory at 705-324-4828 and someone will go and visit them.

## CHRISTMAS PARISH OFFICE HOURS

December 25<sup>th</sup> to January 5<sup>th</sup>: Office Closed

January 6<sup>th</sup>: Regular Office Hours resume  
9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Monday to Wednesday  
9 a.m. to 12noon Thursday and Friday.

If you are in need of a priest for Anointing of the Sick, please call the Rectory at 705-324-4828 and follow instructions for Emergency. Thank you.

Any other inquiries, by email or voicemail, will be answered the week of January 6<sup>th</sup>.

Email: [office@stmaryslindsay.ca](mailto:office@stmaryslindsay.ca)

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Merry Christmas!

## CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

25% of the Christmas collection is donated to the Retired Priests Pension and Cathedral Restoration and 75% remains here with the parish. Thank you for your generous support!

Thank you for your support for these retired Shepherds of the Faithful. After their years of service wherein they received very low pay, they rely on your care and generosity for frugal and dignified support in their retirement years..

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY CHRISTMAS DATES

December 29<sup>th</sup> and January 5<sup>th</sup> Children will be invited to participate in Children's Liturgy during the 9am masses. There will be no children's liturgy at the 11am Masses on these dates.

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Your 2025 membership of \$40 is now due. Please put it in an envelope with personal information plus email address. There is a CWL envelope in your box of church envelopes. questions or concerns, please call Gloria 705-324-2290.

## SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL



Merry Christmas from Society Saint Vincent de Paul! At this joyful time, please remember our neighbours in need. Food banks are on reduced hours. Your donations of non-perishable food helps and can be left in the labelled totes in the church.

## ROSARY MAKERS

Rosary makers will be meeting again **January 6<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.** in the Knights Hall. New volunteers always welcome. We have all the supplies you need.

## FAITH FORMATION

Faith Development "I am the bread of life" - The Eucharist - will be the focus for the year of 2025.

January 7, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. St Mary's Sacristy we will watch Mother Olga's Presentation at the National Eucharist Congress "Broken in the Bread of Christ". We hope you will join us for this outstanding presentation!

## SACRAMENT CLASS SCHEDULES

### First Communion

In January we start the next topic of the program using a new textbook *You Are Loved*

Session 1 January 12 at St .Mary's Elementary School

Session 2 January 19 online at home

### Confirmation

7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., will take place in the Sacristy of the Church on the following dates:

Session 7 January 14, 2025

Session 8 January 28, 2025

## GIFT CARDS

Every time you buy a gift card, you are donating 5% to our Property Maintenance fund. Gift cards will be available at the Rectory Office, by request. Please call ahead of time to place your order. Only cash and cheque payments are accepted. Gift cards are available from the following stores and denominations:

|                        |                          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Canadian Tire:         | \$25, \$50, \$100        |
| Giant Tiger:           | \$25, \$50               |
| Food Basics:           | \$25, \$50, \$100        |
| Home Hardware:         | \$25, \$50, \$100        |
| Lamantia:              | \$20                     |
| Tim Hortons:           | \$10, \$25, \$50         |
| President's Choice:    | \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250 |
| Swiss Chalet/Kelsey's: | \$25, \$50, \$100        |



## DONATIONS TO YOUR PARISH

|                        |                |
|------------------------|----------------|
| Offertory              | \$3,903        |
| Preauthorized offering | \$2,387        |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>\$6,290</b> |

Thank you parishioners who are using [Pre-authorized offering System](#) and [Canadahelps.org](#). If you haven't yet been added to the Pre-authorized Offering System or would like to use donation envelopes, please email [office@stmaryslindsay.ca](mailto:office@stmaryslindsay.ca) or phone 705-324-4828, thank you.

## 2025 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The Offertory envelopes are now available at the back of the church. If you can't find your envelopes or wish to have envelopes, please call the parish office at 705-324-4828. Please note your envelope number may have changed. This was done to reduce excess envelopes and therefore excess cost and waste. Thank you for your understanding.

## 2024 DONATIONS

**Donations to the church for 2024 have to be made by December 31 2024 to receive credit in 2024. Thank you for your generous support.**





## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

This Christmas, like all those before, is a celebration of joy and hope, as it proclaims the wondrous love of God for us. In a Christmas homily a few years ago, Pope Francis reminded us that the birth of Christ brings people hope and courage in troubled times. A Christmas carol lyric puts it even more poetically: “the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.” The coming of God to redeem us, promised so long ago, proclaims that we are precious and beloved. This knowledge invites us to face the future with courage and confidence, despite any challenges or fears that may afflict us.

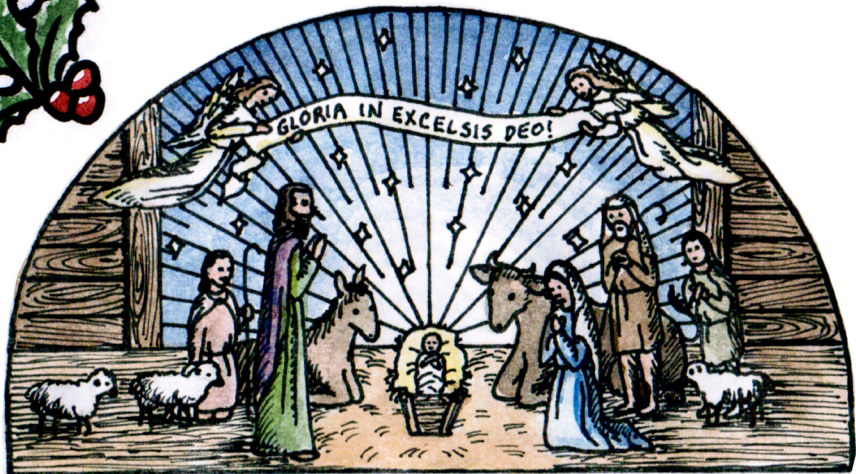
The theme of hope is even more pronounced this Christmas, as Pope Francis will inaugurate the Jubilee year on Christmas Eve at St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome. The Church celebrates such Jubilees every twenty-five years, and the Holy Father has declared this holy year to be a Jubilee of Hope. We are invited, with the universal Church, to embark on this celebration, and to embrace the great virtue of hope – one that will be lived out in our desire for peace, our respect for life and our loving care for those who suffer in any way.

The Solemn Opening of the Jubilee in our diocese will take place at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains on the Feast of the Holy Family, Sunday, December 29 at the 10:30 a.m. Mass, an event that I am looking forward to celebrating. Though it is a busy time of year and not all of you live close to Peterborough, I invite and encourage you to join me for this Mass, as we initiate the Jubilee of Hope in our diocese.

May this great Christmas season, when we celebrate God’s love revealed in “a child born for us,” instill in our hearts an ever-deeper hope and inspire us to bring hope to others. May the joy of Christ’s birth, the foundation of our hope, be with you and yours this Christmas.

Yours in Christ,  
+Daniel Miehm  
Bishop of Peterborough





# The Kids' Bulletin

*Christmas Day and  
Feast of the Holy Family  
December 25 & 29, 2024*

## Happy Birthday, Jesus!

Today we celebrate Jesus' Birthday!

For many years people had been waiting for God to send them a Messiah who would save them from their sins. When the time was right God Himself became a Baby and was born of the beautiful and holy virgin Mary. His name was Jesus, and today is His birthday!

What do you do on Christmas? Is it a big celebration? Do you think about whose birthday it is? Jesus gave Himself to us because He loved us. What can you do to show your family that you love them?

Answers to Holy Family puzzle: parents, Passover, Jesus, festival, Temple, Mary, find, searched, third, know, FATHER'S HOUSE, Nazareth, wisdom

[www.thekidsbulletin.com](http://www.thekidsbulletin.com)



*There wasn't any room for Mary and Joseph to stay in Bethlehem, so they had to go to a stable outside the town. Can you help them find their way?*



# The Christmas Story

LONG AGO GOD SENT AN ANGEL TO MARY, WHO WAS A YOUNG WOMAN OF HIS CHOSEN PEOPLE. HE TOLD HER SHE WOULD BE THE MOTHER OF THE MESSIAH.



MARY WAS ENGAGED TO A HOLY MAN CALLED JOSEPH. AN ANGEL APPEARED TO HIM TO TELL HIM WHO MARY REALLY WAS.



THEY GOT MARRIED AND JOSEPH TOOK GOOD CARE OF MARY.



THEN THE EMPEROR SENT EVERYONE TO THEIR HOME TOWNS TO BE REGISTERED.



SO JOSEPH AND MARY HAD TO TRAVEL ALL THE WAY TO BETHLEHEM.



WHEN THEY GOT THERE, THEY FOUND NO PLACE TO STAY EXCEPT A STABLE. SO THE BABY WAS BORN THERE!



THEN ANGELS CAME AND ANNOUNCED TO SHEPHERDS IN THE FIELDS THAT THE MESSIAH WAS BORN, SO THEY FOUND THE BABY AND WORSHIPPED HIM.



FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS THE PEOPLE HAD BEEN WAITING FOR GOD TO SEND THEM A MESSIAH WHO WOULD SAVE THEM FROM THEIR SINS. FINALLY HE CAME, A POOR BABY BORN ON A COLD NIGHT. SEE HOW MUCH GOD LOVES US, THAT HE WOULD COME TO US AS A TINY, INNOCENT BABY! HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESUS!

## The Holy Family Puzzle

Unscramble the letters to fill in the blanks. Use the letters in boxes to fill in the blanks with numbers part-way down.

Every year Jesus and His  (NTSPRAE) went to Jerusalem for the  (SVOPSARE) festival. When  (SUJES) was twelve, they went to the  (LFSETVIA) as usual, but Jesus stayed in the  (MPELET) afterwards.  (RMYA) and Joseph thought He was with their relatives in the caravan, but when they couldn't  (DNIF) Him they went back and  (CHDEASRE) for Him. On the  (HDRIT) day they found him. When they asked Jesus why He had done this, He replied, "Did you not  (WNKO) that I must be in my  (ZRNATHEA) and was obedient to them, and grew up in  (DSIWMO) and age and grace.

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# The Angel Speaking with the Shepherds

## Drawing Submissions

Thank you to all our drawing contestants. Our parish is full of wonderful talent!



E. Connors



T. Procter



J. McCarthy



E. Procter



P. Connors



R. Connors



A. Jewell



F. Connors

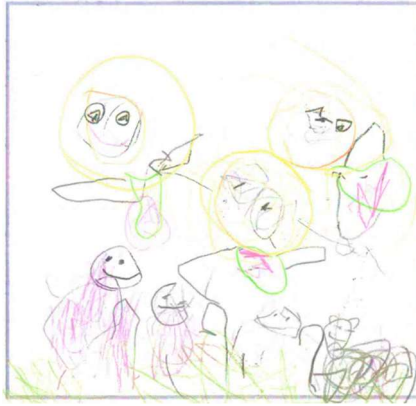


C. Procter

*“And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, “Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people: for to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord.*”



**And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!"**  
 Luke 2: 8-14



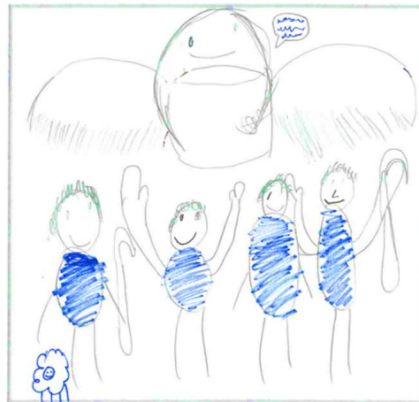
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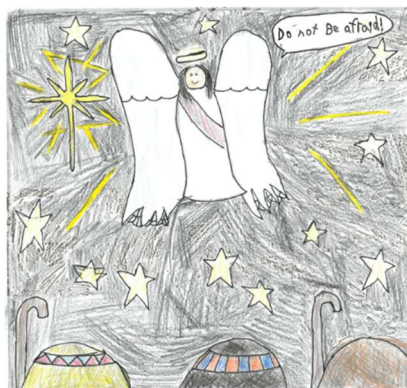
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