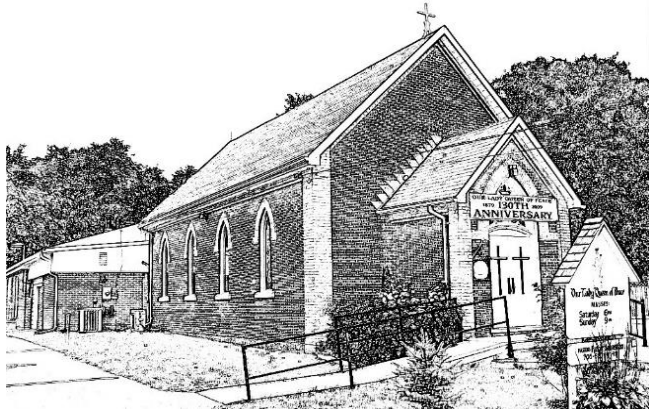


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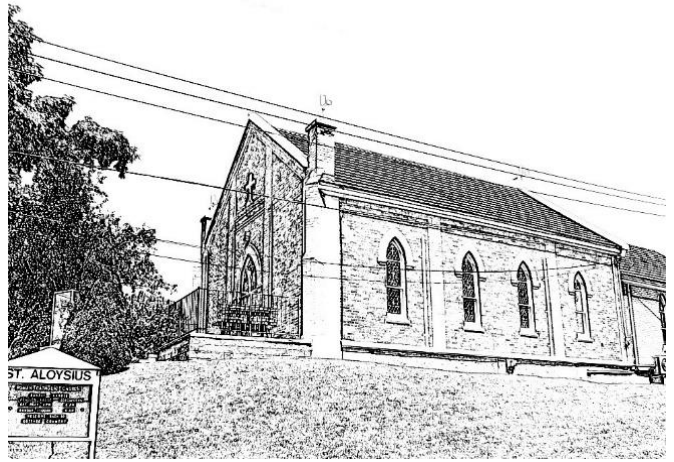


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Sat. Dec 28 th	4:00 p.m.	FF	Holy Mass † Joseph Gallagher by Pam Guzzi Holy Mass † Glenda Lorraine Pillo by the Pillo Family
	6:00 p.m.	BC	
Sun. Dec 29 th	9:00 a.m.	BC	For the Intentions of Jose Foot by Anne & Ken Boyd
	11:00 a.m.	FF	
Tues. Dec 31 st <i>New Year's Eve</i>	4:00 p.m.	FF	
	6:00 p.m.	BC	
Wed. Jan 1 st <i>New Year's Day</i>	9:00 a.m.	BC	
	11:00 a.m.	FF	
Sat. Jan 4 th	4:00 p.m.	FF	
	6:00 p.m.	BC	
Sun Jan 5 th <i>Epiphany</i>	9:00 a.m.	BC	
	11:00 a.m.	FF	

Let us remember in Our Prayers all who are Sick

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Summary of Funds Collected Dec. 16th to 25th, 2024

OLQP	Sunday Offertory (Dec 22 nd)	TBA
	Christmas	TBA
	Canada Helps	\$ 0.00
	E-transfer	\$ 550.00
St. Aloysius	Sunday Offertory (Dec 22 nd)	TBA
	Christmas	TBA
	Canada Helps	\$ 385.00
	E-transfer	\$ 80.00

EIGHT DAYS OF CHRISTMAS JOYS

The Octave of Christmas is an eight-day celebration. It starts on Christmas Day and ends on January 1st. The Church celebrates the joy of Jesus' birth throughout these days.

December 26th is the [Feast of St. Stephen](#). He was the first martyr of the Church. St. Stephen reminds us to stand firm in our faith. We remember his courage and love for Jesus.

December 27th is the [Feast of St. John the Apostle](#). He was one of Jesus' closest followers. St. John wrote one of the Gospels. He teaches us about love and truth. We celebrate his witness to Jesus' life.

December 28th is the [Feast of the Holy Innocents](#). These were the baby boys killed by King Herod. Herod wanted to kill baby Jesus. The Holy Innocents remind us of the sacrifice for Jesus. We pray for all innocent lives lost.

December 29th is the [Feast of St. Thomas Becket](#). He was the Archbishop of Canterbury. St. Thomas stood up for the Church's rights. He was martyred for his faith. We honour his bravery and commitment to the Church.

The Sunday within the Octave, or if there is no Sunday, December 30th is the [Feast of the Holy Family](#). This feast honours Jesus, Mary and Joseph as a family. It reminds us of the importance of family life. We look to the Holy Family as a model for our own families.

January 1st is the [Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God](#). This day honours Mary as the mother of Jesus. We celebrate her role in God's plan. It is also a day to pray for peace in the world.

The Octave of Christmas is important in Catholic life. It helps us to keep the joy of Jesus' birth in our hearts for more than just one day. Each feast day during the Octave adds to our understanding of Jesus' birth and its impact. It is a time for reflection, prayer and celebration.

Celebrating the Octave of Christmas keeps the focus on Jesus. It allows us to deepen our faith and grow closer to God. By remembering the saints and events during the Octave, we see the many ways God's love is shown to us. The Octave of Christmas is a special time to embrace our faith and share the joy of Jesus with others.

Blessed Christmas to everyone!

OLQP:

Food Bank: With the arrival of Advent leading to the joyful celebration of Our Saviour's Birth, many seasonal preparations are normally made. We know that one most pleasing to our Blessed Lord is sharing what we have with others, especially those who really need our help. The local Food Bank is stretched to the limits, along with the others in Canada, so donations made are especially welcome at this time. We are trying to make sure there is Christmas Dinner and a toy for the children for all coming to us in need. Please help as part of Advent giving!

From the Desk of the Pastor...

Feast of the Holy Family

Today's Gospel was a story about Jesus. Like many childhood stories of famous people, this one is retold because it shows signs in Jesus' boyhood of the qualities that will emerge in his adulthood that will mark his life forever in history. Luke clearly has the events of Holy Week in mind in the details he has included in the story: the journey to Jerusalem at Passover, the encounter with the teachers at the Temple, the three days Jesus is lost.

At the age of 12, a Jewish boy becomes a "son of the Law" – he becomes personally responsible for following the Torah. The faithful Jesus reveals himself as the perfect servant of his Father from the time of his first legal pilgrimage to Jerusalem.

It was the Jewish practice for teachers to conduct classes not in a lecture format but as an open discussion in which participants were encouraged to ask questions. Portrayals of Jesus dominating the scene, overwhelming the teachers with the depth of his insights, are from what actually happened. As Luke tells the story, Jesus was listening to the teachers and eagerly searching for knowledge in his questions like a highly motivated and interested student typically much older than the 12-year-old boy from Nazareth.

Luke reports that Mary "kept all these things in memory" (Luke 2: 19). Perhaps Mary confronted for the first time the reality that, although she was indeed his mother, her son did not belong to her.

Fr. Luis

**Feast of Mary, Mother of God**

The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, is a time to reflect on Mary's unique role in God's plan of salvation. Through her, Jesus, God made flesh, entered the world to redeem us. This day honours her faith, obedience and the special place she holds in our faith.

Paul's letter to the Galatians tells us that God sent His Son, born of a woman, to redeem us. This woman is Mary, and through her, Jesus came into the world. This shows how important Mary is in our faith.

Mary's acceptance of God's plan allowed the Word to become flesh. Jesus, both God and man, bridged the gap between us and God. This event fulfills ancient prophecies and shows God's great love for us.

We also learn that we are adopted as God's children. Through Jesus, we are no longer bound by the law but are part of God's family. This adoption is more than a legal status, it is a call to a close relationship with God. We can call Him "Abba, Father" just like Jesus did.



The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, invites us to live as true children of God. We are called to recognize our new identity and live in the light of God's love. As we honour Mary, we are encouraged to deepen our relationship with God and follow her example of faith and obedience.


The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, gives us a chance to honour Mary's essential role in bringing Jesus into the world. Her faith and obedience set a powerful example for all believers. As we reflect on her life and her impact on our faith, we are encouraged to deepen our own relationship with God and to live with the same trust and openness that Mary showed.

Holy Mary, pray for us.

December 2024 Prayer Intentions:
FOR PILGRIMS OF HOPE

The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network has released the list of prayer intentions set by Pope Francis for the year 2024. Each month, Pope Francis asks Catholics around the world to pray for a specific intention.


Let us pray that this Jubilee strengthen us in our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.



**PRAYER FOR MERCY
"STRENGTHEN MY FAITH"**

God,
I have known you all my life, and I have never lacked a thing. I have not seen those who trust in you be ashamed. You have shown your power and defeated evil.

I am asking for your favor so that I may keep strengthening my faith in you, Lord. May I never be ashamed because your mercies are forever with me. Amen.



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