

Bulletin - December 25, 2022



Christmas

Christmas can mean so much when we welcome the Lord as he comes to us in the wonder of every human being and as he reveals himself in the value and dignity of every person with whom we live and work. Christmas is about kindness and giving. It is about being sensitive to the needs of the poor who are crying out for our generosity and caring. -Desmond Knowles-

*The Sanctuary Lamp burns to remind us of Christ's presence in the Blessed Sacrament.
This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns*

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If you wish to sponsor the sanctuary lamp for one week the stipend is \$10.00

Please do not attend any Mass if you are experiencing any symptoms such as a stuffy or runny nose, cough, sore throat, fever, headache, pink eye, decreased appetite etc...

Mass Intentions

Christmas - December 25, 2022

Sat. Dec. 24 4:30 pm – No intention
-6 pm – Basil Brosso (estate)
Sun. Dec. 25 - 9:30 am – For the people

No Daily Masses this week

Solemnity of Mary - January 1, 2023

Sat. Dec. 31 5:00 pm– Yvette Delisle (Fern & Pat Delisle)
Sun. Jan. 1 - 9:30 am –For the people



Holy Name of Jesus Year End occurs on December 31; therefore, we ask that 2022 donations be forwarded to the parish office by December 31, 2022. IF you wish to have donations appear on your 2022 tax receipt please ensure that the office has received it prior to January 1, 2023. (In the Dec. 31/Jan. 1 collection) Thank you for your generosity in 2022.

Hello I am writing to ask your help with a new initiative here at St. Mary's Cathedral. It has been placed powerfully on my heart that something must be done, as Church, to do what we can to help alleviate the homelessness crisis in these winter months. After discussing this with my spiritual director and with the support of Archbishop Mulhall, it has been decided to open an overnight warming centre for men from as soon as possible to the end of March. It will start small with only 12 beds at this time and will be located in the gym of St. Mary's Parish Centre. We will be open from 9 pm to 8 am. There will be extremely strict guidelines in place that if broken will mean a ban for that particular person for the rest of the winter season from both the overnight warming centre and St. Mary's Drop-in Centre. Training and screening will be provided for all volunteers. There will be three shifts for volunteers of four hours each night: 8:30 pm to 12:30 am, 12:30 am to 4:30 am and 4:30 am to 8:30 am. Each shift will have at least two volunteers. We won't open if we don't have at least two men for each shift. We hope to begin Monday, December 12th, if all Fire Department and City requirements can be achieved by that point. If not we will open as soon as all regulations can be met. I am reaching out to the men of St. Mary's Cathedral parish and to men of all the parishes in the Kingston area for your assistance. Would you be able to give a four hour shift once a month? Would you be able to give more: perhaps a four hour shift twice a month or a four hour shift every week? Ann Lyng has volunteered to assist with all the organizational aspects of the Overnight Warming Centre.

If you are able to help would you please contact Ann at annlyng96@gmail.com or text her cell at 613-572-4892. Please let her know your availability: which day you prefer? which shift you prefer? and frequency: monthly, bi-weekly or weekly? If you have multiple availability then let her know that: e.g. if you prefer Monday, but Wednesday or Friday are also possible please let her know this. She is also available to you by email or cell should you have any questions. Take this to prayer please and I thank you in advance for your assistance in this very important outreach to those who are in need. If you are unable to help at this time please keep this outreach very much in your prayers. Please see attached my First Sunday of Advent homily when I first introduced this to the parish. God bless you. Father Shawn

Faith on Fire Prayer Weekly Prayer Meetings

The "Faith on Fire" Prayer meetings have resumed on Tuesday evenings and continue weekly from 7:00 – 8:30 pm on Zoom. All are welcome to join us for prayer and teachings as we seek to grow in the Lord. Please email Maame Addai at faithonfirekingston@gmail.com for the Zoom link.

Journey Newsletter

<https://files.ecatholic.com/22344/documents/2022/12/Journey%20DECEMBER%20EDITION%202022.pdf?t=1670958556000>

Pray for Ukraine: Prayer of Invocation to Our Lady of All Nations

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Father, send now Your Spirit over the earth.

Let the Holy Spirit live in the hearts of all nations

that they may be preserved from degeneration, disasters, and the ravages of war.

May Our Lady of all Nations, the Blessed Virgin Mary, be our advocate.

Blessed Mother, Queen of Peace, pray for the people of Ukraine.

Amen.

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