

3rd Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 13th		<p style="text-align: center;"><u>SUNDAY OFFERING</u> <u>December 7, 2014</u></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr><td>Env -</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$2689.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Loose -</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$235.50</td></tr> <tr><td>Flowers</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$60.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Heat</td><td style="text-align: right;"><u>\$200.00</u></td></tr> <tr><td>Total =</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$3184.50</td></tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;">THANK YOU!!!</p> <p>We are in need of some volunteers for the Children's Liturgy for 11am mass as well as 9am mass. Yes we are looking at putting a team together for the both masses on Sunday morning. If you are interested in helping please speak to Father Jacques after mass or send an email to the parish office.</p> <p><u>Finance Meeting</u> Members are reminded of the meeting to be held on Tuesday, December 16th at 6:30 pm.</p>	Env -	\$2689.00	Loose -	\$235.50	Flowers	\$60.00	Heat	<u>\$200.00</u>	Total =	\$3184.50
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5:00pm	For the intentions of the Boisvenue family by Rolland & Lise											
Sunday, December 14th												
9:00 am	Gorgonia Aquino by Teresa & David Yee & family											
11:00am	Pro Populo											
Monday, December 15th												
8:00 am	Tito Dacara by Emer Ellis											
7:00 pm	Penitential Service											
Tuesday, December 16th												
8:00 am	For the parents of Bob & Elaine Lauzon											
10:00 am	Alex Lauzon by St. Matthew's CSS (<i>St. Matthew's School Mass</i>)											
Wednesday, December 17th												
8:00 am	Brenda Carrara by a friend											
Thursday, December 18th												
8:00 am	Gilbert Lagrue by Sandra Lagrue											
Saturday, December 20th												
5:00pm	Douglas Poirier by Aline Poirier Racine											
Sunday, December 21st 4th Sunday of Advent												
9:00am	Rosa Catanzite by Joe & Anttonita Spagnola											
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The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week **“For a special intention by a parishioner”**.

Note: We must close the Parish Financial Books on December 31st, 2014. All money received after that date will be credited for 2015. If you wish that your donations be included in your 2014 income tax receipt, please bring it in before December 31st, 2014.

Ladies Auxiliary

MEMBERSHIP DUES members are reminded that the 2015 dues (\$20) should be paid by the end of December 2014. If you are 16 years of age or older and would like to join, please call Linda at the rectory for details. New members are welcome!

Spiritual & Pastoral Help Needed

Father Claude Hallé is looking to find 2 more volunteers to help him administer Spiritual & Pastoral care in 2 homes. If interested, please call him at 613-933-6097.

Sunday Missals for Sale

We have received the 2015 missals for the church pews. If you would like a personal copy you can purchase one for \$3.00 by contacting the rectory.

FIRST CHRISTMAS STORIES FROM THE BIRTH OF CHRIST - Blessed Sacrament Parish will be having an evening of music, praise, and reflection to prepare us for the great celebration of Christmas. You are invited to join us on **DECEMBER 20th, 2014** at 7:00pm. Come and hear the stories of those who were there at the Birth of Christ Jesus... The Shepherd, a Wiseman, the Innkeeper, and others... Everyone Welcome!



CHRISTMAS MASS

This year Christmas Masses for 2014
December 24th 5:00pm & 8:00pm
December 25th 10:00am.

Please share this information with family and friends so that everyone can begin to make arrangements to attend one of our celebrations.

Advent Penitential Celebrations

You are invited to attend one of the following celebrations to help prepare your heart to receive Christ Jesus on Christmas day.

Monday, **December 15th** from 7pm to 8pm at **Blessed Sacrament Parish**

Tuesday, **December 16th**, from 7pm to 8pm at **Saint Andrew's Parish**

Wednesday, **December 17th** from 2pm to 3pm at **Saint Columban's Parish**

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

This year we will be preparing a special bulletin for Christmas. The bulletin will be published for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. We have special envelopes for people to donate towards the Christmas flowers in memory of someone special. The name of that person will be published in our Christmas bulletin and we will pray for them at Our Christmas Eve mass. Everyone is welcome to participate. All donations will be going towards our Christmas flowers and special decorations. Envelopes are available at the back of the church.

Mary of Nazareth (Bishop's Pix)

In time for the Christmas season, an epic new motion picture on the life of Mary, mother of Christ, from her childhood through the Resurrection of Jesus. This full-length feature film about the life of Our Lady, shot in English in High Definition, was filmed in Europe in very authentic locales with outstanding cinematography, a strong cast, and a majestic music score. Actress Alissa Jung gives a beautiful, compelling and inspired portrayal of Mary. The movie is showing at the Port Theatre each evening at 7 pm. from **December 5th to the 19th**. There will be matinees during the week from Monday to Friday beginning at 1:30

Christmas Collection

In your box of envelopes for 2014 you will find a special envelope for the Christmas collection. We encourage you to make use of it since this collection is an important source of revenue to help with the financial needs of the parish; as you get your gifts ready for Christmas, you may want to consider giving a gift to your parish. Thank you in advance!

Knights of Columbus Breakfast

St. Francis de Sales Parish Knights of Columbus 11531 invite you to their Family Breakfast on Sunday, December 21st from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in their parish hall. Cost: \$7.00, everyone welcome.

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCHEON

Finding yourself alone on Christmas Day? Why not join your extended family in Jesus Christ for a luncheon at the Agora Catholic Centre, Christmas Day from 12:00 noon till 3:00 pm. On the menu: Turkey with all the fixings, wine, desert, tea & coffee. There is no cost for this meal but if you would like to bring a donation of non perishable goods for St. Vincent de Paul, it would be greatly appreciated. For more information or to volunteer at this luncheon, please contact Darlene Walsh at 613-703-7696 or by e-mail at dtwalsh@sympatico.ca

SAVE THE DATE: August 7-9, 2015 for Steubenville Toronto: **A Mega Catholic Youth Conference for Teens** An exciting Catholic Youth Conference called "Steubenville Toronto" will be taking place in Toronto, from August 7-9, 2015. Over 2,000 young people (Gr. 8-12) will gather to celebrate and grow their faith. It is strongly Catholic with great young speakers, fantastic music and truly beautiful celebrations of our faith. The Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall will be taking a group to the conference this year. For more info, please Sr. Francine, FMA at info@acgoes2to.ca.

New Year's Eve Ball

Knights of Columbus Hall - 205 Amelia Street Wednesday, December 31, 2014 from 8:00 pm to 1:00 am. A hot & cold buffet will be served at 12:00 midnight. Music by Crazy Dave - Door prizes & spot dances. For more information or to purchase tickets, please call 613-932-7600.

Three Ways to Stay Spiritual

The difficult situation of the economy this year provides us with an excellent opportunity to purify our expectations. Instead of focusing too much on the passing joys of material things, it almost forces us to focus more on the deeper, longer-lasting joys of spiritual things. We can do that in three ways. First, we can make sure that the gifts we plan to give to other people this Christmas are meaningful. Meaningful doesn't necessarily mean expensive. It means helpful for living a meaningful life, helpful because it reminds the other person that they are loved, that in God's eyes, and in ours, they matter. Second, we can make sure that among all the hopes of this Advent season, our biggest hope comes from knowing that on Christmas, here in this church, during the sacred liturgy, which is always so beautiful on Christmas, Jesus himself will come once again into our souls in a special way, bringing us the priceless gift of his grace. That is the gift we should most look forward to receiving. Third, we can make sure that on Christmas we don't come to Christ empty-handed. He is our King and our Lord, our Creator and our Savior, and Christmas is his birthday. What gift would please him most? A new commitment to prayer or service? Having broken, with his help, a selfish, sinful habit? Having reconciled a relationship? Having shared the faith with someone new? Saying yes to that thing he has been asking me for so long that I keep saying no to? In the remaining days of Advent, let's talk to Jesus and Mary about what Christ wants this year for his birthday. Focusing on him more than us will help make sure that wrong expectations don't cut us off from the flow of his grace.

Message from St. Vincent de Paul Society

Once a year during Advent we at SVDP have a fund raising drive to offset our annual expenses. We are a completely volunteer group with no overhead costs and thus you can be assured that all funds received will see their way to assisting the needy in our local area. As the Gospel often says, we who have, should attempt to share with and help the less fortunate. We should recall that those who assist the least of His people, are assisting Him. Through us you can participate in this mission, and we ask that those of you who wish to and have the means, make a donation to our charity. There is an envelope enclosed in this weeks' bulletin, should you wish to make a donation. Please make your cheque payable to "Saint Vincent de Paul Society" and mail it to us. Thank you for your consideration.

Holy Trinity C.S.S. News: Our monthly day of adoration will be taking place on Tuesday, Dec. 16th. All are invited to join our scheduled classes anytime between 9:30 a.m. and 11:45 am. to spend time in prayer with our Lord. We also thank all our students and staff for making our annual Christmas Food Drive a huge success. We were able to donate 3700 lbs of food to our local St. Vincent de Paul Society to help our local families.