

ST. JOACHIM'S MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK**MASS INTENTION**

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| <u>Saturday</u> | December 19 | 6:00pm | Veronica & Fernand Frigault Mr. & Mrs. Robert Donovan & DFM |
| <u>Sunday</u> | December 20 | 11:30am | For the People / John A. MacNeil |
| <u>Wednesday</u> | December 23 | 12 noon | Sr. Bernadette of the Immaculate Heart of Mary / Edward English |
| <u>Thursday</u> | December 24 | 6:00pm | Joan Frigault / Raymond & Amelia Tobias |
| <u>Friday</u> | December 25 | 11:30am | Bill & Connie Gallery / For the People |
| <u>Saturday</u> | December 26 | 6:00pm | Sally & Charlie Bezeau Thank You For Favour Received |
| <u>Sunday</u> | December 27 | 11:30am | For the People / Michael Mahoney |

ST. ANN'S MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

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| <u>Thursday</u> | December 24 | 4:00pm 8:00pm |
| <u>Friday</u> | December 25 | 9:30am |
| <u>Saturday</u> | December 26 | 4:00pm |
| <u>Sunday</u> | December 27 | 9:30am |

Last Week's Offertory Collection

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| 67 | Regular Envelopes | \$1,401.00 | |
| | Loose Donations | \$346.15 | |
| | Pre-Authorized Debit | \$650.77 | |
| 9 | Flowers | \$250.00 | |
| 12 | Debt Fund | \$145.00 | |
| 2 | Christmas | \$60.00 | |
| 1 | Retired Priests | \$5.00 | |
| 5 | Pro-Life | \$85.00 | |
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| | | \$2,942.92 | Last Week's Total |

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**St. Joachim's****St. Ann's****CHRISTMAS**

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| Thursday, December 24 th | 6:00pm (Family Mass) | 4:00pm (Family Mass) |
| Friday, December 25 th | 11:30am | 8:00pm |
| Saturday, December 26 th | 6:00pm | 9:30am |
| Sunday, December 27 th | 11:30am | 4:00pm |

NEW YEAR'S

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| Thursday, December 31 st | 4:00pm | NO MASS |
| Friday, January 1 st | NO MASS | 9:30am |
| Saturday, January 2 nd | 6:00pm | 4:00pm |
| Sunday, January 3 rd | 11:30am | 9:30am |

2016 Sunday Envelopes

Envelopes are available in the foyer. If the spelling of your name or the address listed on your envelopes is incorrect, please contact the office so that we can make a correction to our records. If you would like Sunday Envelopes, please contact the office.

PAD Users Please note: In previous years you have received a small box of "Special Collection" envelopes. This year it was more efficient for us to order regular boxes for everyone. Please disregard the "Regular" envelopes and just use the blue and green envelopes for whichever collections you choose to contribute to.

As in other years, those PAD users who have requested not to receive envelopes, or have not picked up their box in previous years, did not receive a box of envelopes.

Reconciliation Service

A Reconciliation Service for the Saint John region will be held on the fourth Sunday of Advent, December 20th, 2pm, at St. Peter's, Clarendon Street. All are encouraged to attend. We will not have one here at Saint Joachim's.



Christmas Message 2015

December 12, 2015

Dear Sisters & Brothers,

As you and I celebrate Christmas with loved ones, as your brother and bishop it is a pleasure for me to wish you and yours God's choicest blessings as we remember the birth of God's great gift to us, his Beloved Son Jesus, the Christ, born of Mary.

At the request of our Holy Father, Pope Francis, we have begun the *Jubilee of Mercy*. We are reminded that when God first revealed his name to Moses, he said, "I am who I am." (Ex 3:13) Hebrew scholars interpret this name as meaning "I am the One who will always be there for you." And on another occasion, God referred to himself as "a God merciful, gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness" (Ex 34:6). In the fulness of time, God became one of us. Jesus is the Incarnation of the Mercy of God! May the liturgical celebration of his birth be for us an occasion to embrace and appreciate ever more deeply the awesomeness of this mystery.

In his exhortation *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis reminded us that as women and men of faith, we are "missionary disciples" sent to the peripheries of our world. This year, as we "pass through the *Door of Mercy*," may we taste the joy which comes from encountering the resurrected God. May this year be an occasion for us to profess our faith with renewed conviction, strengthen us in giving witness to mercy; a time to experience and embrace the mercy of God towards us and become instruments of God's mercy to others. May this year give the Church new impetus as we commit ourselves to being, as Church, "an oasis of mercy."

As we pray for each other as well as for all those who will be touched by the mercy of God during this year, we ask Mary, the Mother of Mercy, to intercede for us.

The blessings of Christmas be on you and yours. You will be in my thoughts and prayers as I celebrate Christmas Mass.

+ Robert Harris

✠ Robert Harris
Bishop of Saint John

Fourth Sunday Of Advent

December 20, 2015

"Why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me?"

– Luke 1.39-45

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Sacrament Of Baptism

To make arrangements, please call the parish office.

Sacrament Of Penance / Reconciliation

Confessions are celebrated after Mass or by appointment.

Sacrament Of Marriage

If you are planning on getting married, make an appointment with our pastor to discuss your plans and complete the pre-nuptial investigation forms. Six months notice is required.

Sacrament And Ministry To The Sick

If there is a family member or relative in the hospital or confined to their home, who would like to receive a visit from the Pastor, please inform Father Jim.