4th Sunday of Advent - December 20, 2015

The readings today demonstrate that conventional wisdom is not true: a mighty Savior comes from a lowly place, death on a cross brings life, and an old woman feels her child leap in her womb as a young pregnant virgin greets her. In the final days of Advent, let us put conventional wisdom aside and be attentive to the mystery and wonder of God’s ways.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph - December 27, 2015

Members of a family are called to honor and respect each other. It’s in our family where we first learn this way of holiness. Pope Saint John Paul II once reminded us that the Holy Family is “the prototype and example for all Christian families”.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 21 - 27

MONDAY: December 21
(We pray for Mrs. Lynn Di Pinto, Coordinator of Youth Ministry)

TUESDAY: December 22
(We Pray for Deacon Joseph Manzara)
St. Peter’s Church - 12:00 pm
“Devotions to St. Joseph & St. Andre”
Sacrament of Reconciliation
+(3rd Ann.) James Truckle - Greg & Jan Denomme
A Special Intention-Anthony & Monique Hartman & Family

WEDNESDAY: December 23
(We Pray for Rev. Michael Ryan)
St. Boniface Church - 7:00 pm
“Devotions to Our Mother of Perpetual Help”
+Leo Meiling - His Family
+Joseph Kenda Sr. - The Kenda Family
+Sylvester Kenda - The Kenda Family

THURSDAY: December 24 - Christmas Eve
(We Pray for Rev. Albert Williams)
St. Boniface Church - 5:00 pm - Vigil Mass
(with the children acting out the Gospel)
St. Peter’s Church - 7:00 pm - Vigil Mass
St. Boniface Church - 12:00 am-Midnight Mass

FRIDAY: December 25 - Christmas Day
St. Peter’s Church - 11:00 am
Bluewater Resthome - 1:00 pm

SATURDAY: December 26
(We Pray for Rev. Seejo John)
St. Boniface Church - No Morning Mass
St. Boniface Church - 5:00 pm

SUNDAY: December 27
(We Pray for Rev. Laurence Mousseau)
St. Boniface Church - 9:00 am
St. Peter’s Church - 11:00 am

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 28 - JANUARY 3

MONDAY: December 28
(We pray for Rev. Martin (Sam) Johnston)

TUESDAY: December 29 - No Mass
(We Pray for Rev. Raju Allumpurath, M.S.T.)

WEDNESDAY: December 30 - No Mass
(We Pray for Rev. James Roche)

THURSDAY: December 31 - New Year’s Eve
(We Pray for Miss Melissa Hofstede, Coordinator of Youth Ministry)
St. Boniface Church - 5:00 pm

FRIDAY: January 1 - New Year’s Day
St. Peter’s Church - 9:00 am
Bluewater Resthome - 11:00 am

SATURDAY: January 2
(We Pray for Deacon Rudolph (Rudy) Pflanzner)
St. Boniface Church - No Morning Mass
St. Boniface Church - 5:00 pm

SUNDAY: January 3
(We Pray for Rev. Canon Mitchell Kaminski)
St. Boniface Church - 9:00 am
St. Peter’s Church - 11:00 am

Christmas Office Hours
The office will be open Monday, December 21 till Wednesday, December 23 and then closed between Christmas and New Year’s (December 24 - January 1). The office will reopen on Tuesday, January 5 at 8:30 am.

Merry Christmas!!!
May the peace & joy of Christmas be with you today and throughout the New Year.

Christmas Eve Vigil Masses
Please Note: This year the children will be acting out the gospel at the 5 pm Mass at St. Boniface Church only.
Prayer List

Please remember in your prayers the members of our parish family suffering from illness, Joyce Waller, Roxanne Rau, Louise Merner, Rees Lensen, Steven Wild-Denys, Darl Rau, Tanya Ashenden, Joyce Cole, Barb Regier, Debra Overholt, Veronica Bedard, Audrey Smith, Barb Consitt, and Steve Brock.

Prayers and Sympathy

Prayers and sympathy is extended to the family of Dan Sr. & Jeannette Eybergen, grandparents of Tiffany & Brittany Eybergen, who died last week. May they rest in peace.

A Message from your Finance Committee

Our Parishes appreciate and depend on your generosity especially at Christmas time for the financial needs for the mission of the Church. Last year both St. Peter's and St. Boniface ended up in a deficit. Currently St. Peter's has a small surplus of $2,097 and St. Boniface is in a deficit of $8,044. We are going to need a little more help than normal to balance our budget by years end. Hopefully with your help we can meet our operating needs at both parishes for this year. Thank-you!

The Finance Committee

Thank-you!!!

On behalf of Unity in Christ (Fr. Nichola’s development support group in Amherstburg) John Corbett thanks all our parishioners for their support of the Diocese of Torit in South Sudan. Together we raised $3,505. Thank-you to everyone for your generosity.

Donations for 2015

Please have all donations for 2015 into the church office no later then Thursday, December 31 at 10:00 am to ensure that your donations are included on your 2015 income tax receipt. Any donations received after 10:00 am on December 31 can only be included on your 2016 income tax receipt.

Offertry Envelopes for 2016

Your 2016 offertry envelopes are available for pick up in the entrance of the Church. Those who do not already have offertry envelopes and would like some, or if you would like to make your offertry donations through automatic monthly bank withdrawal please sign the sign-up sheet in the entrance of the Church. Please do not use your previous years envelopes in 2016 as envelope numbers have changed and your contributions will not be recorded properly.

C.M.O.B. Crossing the Goal Program

The next C.M.O.B. “Crossing the Goal” program will start on Tuesday, January 5th beginning at 7 pm in St. Peter’s Church Sacristy and continue for the next three Tuesday’s in January.

St. Peter’s CWL

The 2015 Financial Report for St. Peter’s CWL is available at the entrance-way of the church. ALL parishioners and CWL members are encouraged to pick up a copy of the financial report. Any questions about the report please contact: Dianne @ 519-236-4925.

Memorial Donations for Christmas Flowers

Thank-you to everyone who made donations towards Christmas Flowers in memory of the following:

Louis & Marilee Ayotte - Loretta Ayotte
Deceased Members of the Bedard & Smith Families - God & Cecilia Smith
Jean-Paul & Bettie-Lou Cantin & John Cantin - Anthony & Monique Hartman & Family
Art Coker - Barbara Coker
Deceased Members of the Denomme & Meidingen Families - Steve & Pat Meidingen
Lloyd Denomme - Virginia Denomme & Family
Dave Durand - Marilyn Durand & Family
Alphonse Grenier & Baby Gerard Grenier - Beatrice Grenier
Alphonse, Yvonne & Gary Jeffrey & Milton & Lennita Oesch - Don & Charline Oesch
Noel & Rena LaPorte - Phil & Patty LaPorte
Clare Massee & the Deceased Members of the Masse & Regier Families - Lucille Masse
Clare Masse, Eric Durand & Wayne Masse - Don & Elaine Beauchamp & Family
Wayne Masse - Gerard & Henrica Masse
Deceased Members of the Oesch & Soudant Family - Ted & Janet Soudant & Family

Our Parents & Relatives
- Jerome & Carmel Sweeney

12 Hour Adoration

Please Note: There will be no 12 Hour Adoration in January.

Handel's Messiah

With Chor Amica Gerald Fagan & The Bach Festival Orchestra on Sunday, December 20 at 3 pm at the Trivitt Memorial Anglican Church (264 Main Street S), Exeter. Tickets $20 each. Local box office 519-235-2565 ext. 223 or www.ticketscene.ca

Syrian Refugee Update

We are pleased to announce that we have almost reached our monetary goal, thanks to our parishioners and community support from other churches and organizations. As you have heard in the media our Government is planning to bring 25,000 refugees to Canada by the end of Feb. next year. Blended-sponsorship programs (like our family) are not getting the priority they had earlier: now, purely government-sponsored families are at the front of the line. Disappointing as this setback is, please continue to collect household items and furniture. We will keep you advised of any updates as we receive them. Thank you.

Pauline Overholt-Tait (for the Committee)