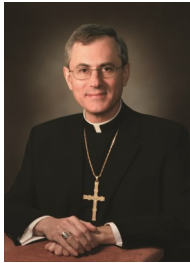




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Saturday 6:00pm
Sunday 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm, 7:30pm

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 12:05pm
Tuesday, Thursday 7:30am

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Monday, Wednesday, Friday 11:00 to 11:30am
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The Celebration of the Christmas Season at St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica-2019/2020

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Eve/Christmas Day):

Tuesday, December 24 5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., 9:00 p.m., 12:00 a.m.

Wednesday, December 25 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

Friday, December 27: 7:30 p.m. (Feast of the Holy Innocents)

Feast of the Holy Family:

Saturday, December 28 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 29 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

Monday, December 30 12:05 p.m.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God:

Tuesday, December 31 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 1 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 2 7:30 a.m. (Memorial of St. Basil & St. Gregory)

Friday, January 3 12:05 p.m.

Epiphany of the Lord:

Saturday, January 4 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 5 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

Week of January 6-10:

Mon-Wed-Fri: 12:05 p.m.; Tues/Thurs: 7:30 a.m.

Baptism of the Lord:

Saturday, January 11 6:00p.m.

Sunday, January 12 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:30p.m., 7:30 p.m.



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Advent Day of Confessions

Tuesday December 17, 2019

8:00am to 7:00pm

St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica

Several priests from across the diocese will be available for confessions on this day.



Flowers for Christmas

We are collecting monetary donations to offset the cost of flowers for our Christmas celebrations. If you would like to make a contribution, please seal donations in an envelope, along with your name, address and phone number and drop it in the Sunday collection. Donations may be made in the name of family or friends, deceased or living, for whom you may wish to pray. These names will be placed in the bulletin and remembered in prayer throughout the Season of Christmas.

Income Tax Receipts

Income tax receipts can be issued legally for contributions received in the current year. If you wish credit for Offertory/Special Collection/Restoration contributions made in 2019, they **must be received at the Parish Office by December 31, 2019.** Official tax receipts will be mailed by the end of February, 2020.



Everyone is welcome to St. Peter's Cemetery to attend our Christmas Candle Service

Monday December 16, 2019

5:00pm in the Holy Family

Mausoleum Chapel

Fr. John Jasica, Celebrant

Candles will be provided for the Lighting Ceremony
You are invited to bring a photograph of your deceased loved one to be placed on a Memorial Table
(Seating will be provided)

Donations of non-perishable food items will be accepted for distribution to families in need

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First Friday Eucharistic Devotions

On the first Friday of January (January 3rd) we will continue our Eucharistic devotion at St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica. In keeping with our tradition, we will begin exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the 12:05 PM

Mass in the Cathedral proper. This will be followed immediately by a holy hour with song, prayer, and silent reflection. Benediction will close the period of exposition at about 1:25 PM.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Merry Christmas to all Prayer Shawl members. Please join us on December 19th at 7:00pm in room 105 of the Parish Centre. See everyone there!



2020 Offertory Envelopes

The 2020 offertory donation envelopes are available in the Narthex of the Church starting this weekend - November 30 and December 1. Please take a few minutes to pick them up, to help defray mailing costs. If you wish envelopes or wish to participate in our electronic giving program, please contact RoseMary Cleary at the parish office at 519-432-3475, x. 222.

Mass for the Unborn

Mass for the unborn will be held on Friday December 27, 2019 at St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica, beginning with the Rosary/Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 7:00pm and followed by Mass at 7:30pm. Bishop Ronald Fabbro will preside. This special celebration is sponsored by the Catholic Women's League and the Knights of Columbus. Everyone is welcome to attend.



"Uncluttering Your Life" with Tanja Bleyert

December 17, 2019 -

7pm Social/7:30pm Talk

St. George Roman Roadhouse
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As we prepare for Christmas, we can be so busy and just overwhelmed with too much. Isn't it a great time to unclutter your life? This December we welcome Tanja Bleyert, who is the founder and owner of "Organized Just Right" and belongs to the London chapter of Professional Organizers in Canada Organization. She has been organized and organizing pretty much her whole life, and not only her own home, life, and business, but also that of family and friends.

"Night Before the Oscars®"

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Saturday February 8, 2020

5:30pm to Midnight

5:30pm - enjoy a complimentary "Hollywood" Style Cocktail

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The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available in the Cathedral on Tuesday from 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. A number of priests from the city will join Fr. Gary and I throughout the day.

Last Thursday we marked the National Day Of Prayer In Solidarity With Indigenous Peoples. The CCCB (Canadian Conference Catholic Bishops) reminded us:"...Colonization has contributed to a hastened deterioration of Indigenous languages. This has resulted in a tragic loss of peoples' culture, identity and language which are important means to understanding the world view of another people. Many Indigenous languages today co-exist with other languages. While such co-existence is important for progress and social development, it can push Indigenous languages to the peripheries, resulting in a serious impact on the sense of communal and personal self-worth, spirituality and mental health of Indigenous peoples. The necessity to preserve Indigenous languages and to transfer knowledge of these languages to the younger generations is an important step towards respecting and revitalizing them....During his Apostolic Journey to the United States and Canada, Saint John Paul II said to Indigenous peoples: "I encourage you, as native people belonging to the different tribes and nations in the East, South, West and North, to preserve and keep alive your cultures, your languages, the values and customs which have served you well in the past and which provide a solid foundation for the future." Underlying popular piety, as a fruit of the enculturated Gospel, is an active evangelizing power which we must not underestimate."

During Advent we are reminded that Jesus' role is not to overturn the world by force, but to persuade by healing and even forgiving his enemies. Is that our approach when we speak and act from our lived faith experience? How and where are we looking for Jesus? In what new and unexpected ways has he come to me and demonstrated he is part of my life? "Each day is a new dawn of that Light of Christ."(Thomas Merton).

Are we finding time in this hectic month to calm down and feed our souls? Get ready and watch out for the surprises of God's presence this coming week.

Whether we are ready or not Christmas will come. We may be filled with joy or sorrow but we still celebrate the gift of Jesus among us. He comes to us as we are. All he asks is a welcoming heart. It can be a time of hope bringing us peace, lasting joy, and a renewed spirit of compassion.

Fr. Jim Mockler

CELEBRATION OF WEEKDAY LITURGY

Monday, December 16 - 12:05pm

Fr. Stephen Bodnar; Emelita Torrefranca;
Horacio Esguerra

Tuesday, December 17 - 7:30am

Teresa & Pat Harris; Agnes Yoosook Lee;
Gordon Chochrane

Wednesday, December 18- 12:05pm

For the Souls in Purgatory; Danilu Herrera;
Goe Allevato & Stella Allevato & Gianni Sisca

Thursday, December 19- 7:30am

Carmela Biviano; Anthony Hawco;
Stanley & Rita Clement & Irene Doan

Friday, December 20 - 12:05pm

Deceased Members of the Balazs and Sect Families;
Alexander Hebert; Beatriz de Fraga

We remember in prayer all those who are sick, including Shari Houghton. We also pray for those who have died, and comfort for those who mourn.

We pray for those serving in pastoral ministry throughout our diocese:

Parish Musicians in the Diocese of London;
Deacon Brian MacDonald; Rev. Matthew George;
Rev. Eugeniusz Dziedzic, C.S.M.A.;
Rev. Augustine Ogundele; Deacon Daniel Lemire;
Mrs. Lyn Di Pinto, Coordinator of Youth Ministry.

READINGS - SUNDAY DECEMBER 22, 2019

First Reading - Isaiah 7.10-14

Look, the virgin is with child.

Psalm - Ps 24.1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 (R.7c+10b)

R. May the Lord come in; he is king of glory.

Second Reading - Romans 1.1-7

Jesus Christ, descended from David, was declared to be the Son of God.

Gospel - Matthew 1.18-24

Jesus was born of Mary, who was engaged to Joseph, son of David.

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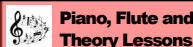
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