



DECEMBER 31, 2023  
 JANUARY 1, 2024

HOLY FAMILY 2023  
 MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD  
 NEW YEARS 2024

MOTHER MARY  
 ST. JOSEPH  
 PRAY FOR  
 US

**THANK YOU FROM FR KEITH**

Dear brothers and sisters  
 Thank you for your generous gifts, cards and greetings towards me this past Christmas Season 2023. It truly warmed my heart (and increased my waistline with all the sweets) . I give praise and thanks to God each day for you all. Pray for our priests. Pray for vocations. God bless,  
 Fr Keith (and Timmy the church cat)



**PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR**

**Remember us, O God; from age to age be our comforter. You have given us the wonder of time, blessings in days and nights, seasons and years. Bless us at the turning of the year and fill the months ahead with the bright hope that is ours in the coming of Christ. You are our God, living and reigning, forever and ever. Amen.**

**PILGRIMAGE TO EUROPE 2024**

Our parish Knights of Columbus are planning a Marian Pilgrimage Tour to Lourdes, Fatima, Rome, Assisi, Padre Pio, Loyola, Padua. If you are interested please let the knights know if you prefer June or October. If a total cost of CAD 4600.00 for Tour and airfare would be in your budget. Please email the Knights kofc8951trip2024@gmail.com



**MONTHLY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

**IS YOUR ANNIVERSARY IN JANUARY?**

Add your name to the list to be prayed for  
 Saturday January 27 @ 9:00 a.m.

**DID YOU KNOW....**  
 January 23 is traditionally called Feast of Espousal of Mary and St Joseph - their wedding day.

**SCHOOL CORNER**

**CONFIRMATION (Grade 7 - 8 +)**

The Parent - Student Meeting was December 13  
 If you missed the meeting please contact Fr Keith.  
 Confirmation Enrollment Mass is January 20-21

**GRADE 8s CREATING CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR HOMELESS**

for the 2024 Advent Season Do you have any used cards? If so please place them in the box in the church vestibule. The Grade 8s will work with Fr Keith in creating Christmas Cards for the homeless next December.

**GRADE 8s BURNING PALMS AT THE SCHOOL**

Please place your old palms in the box in vestibule. The Grade 8s will create the ashes for Ash Wednesday

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

2024 Parish Offertory Envelopes are now available. Thank you for your support of the parish, its upkeep, its programs, its outreach  
**Contact the Parish Office for Weekly Envelopes.**

**PRE AUTHORIZED GIVING (P.A.G. )**

Presently 31 use PAG. This is a monthly donation from your bank account. You specify the donation. This helps the parish in our financial planning. This helps the parishioner in prayerfully deciding their monthly donation including when one is away for holidays, etc Forms are available on the counter at the parish office. You can still place an ENVELOPE in the collection basket – mark PAG on the front of the envelope.

PLEASE NOTE  
 FR KEITH WILL BE AWAY  
 TUESDAY 9 / WEDNESDAY 10/  
 THURSDAY 11 AND FRIDAY 12  
 THERE WILL BE NO MASS ON THESE DAYS.

**NEXT WEEKEND: MAINTENANCE FUND  
SECOND COLLECTION – Thank you.**

**MINISTRY OF MATURING**

**ADULTS**

Spirituality and Pastoral Ministry of Seniors  
9:30 -10:00 Coffee 10:00 Session  
11:30

**THURSDAY JANUARY 12**

Durham Police Kate Moore and Sydney Marcoux  
Human Trafficking  
[www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2022-02/pope-francis-video-message-world-day-prayer-human-trafficking.html](http://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2022-02/pope-francis-video-message-world-day-prayer-human-trafficking.html)

[www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2023-02/pope-videomessage-world-day-prayer-against-human-trafficking.html](http://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2023-02/pope-videomessage-world-day-prayer-against-human-trafficking.html)

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**Sunday January 14 @ 9:00 a.m. Mass**

- + Children will be invited forward to the altar steps
  - + They go to the chapel and hear the Word of God
  - + They will return to the church at the Offertory
- Please contact Maria Davis (through Fr Keith)

**R.O.C.K. ( Reaching Out to Christ's Kids )**

Saturday January 27 @ 2:00 - 4:00



**YOUTH MINISTRY ( Grade 5- 6 – 7 – 8 )**

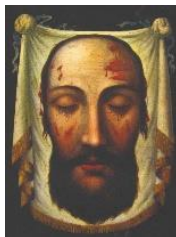
Saturday January 20 @ 11:00 a.m.  
Snow Tubing at Lakeridge. Pray for snow.  
11:00 Meet at church. Van will take us there and back  
Group rate \$ 5 per person. Pay Fr Keith before January 10

**COFFEE SUNDAY**

There is no Coffee Sunday for January  
February 12 – Knights of Columbus led - PANCAKES  
March 17– Knights of Columbus led-GREEN PANCAKES

**HOLY FACE**

We will begin to introduce Devotion to the Holy Face into the school and parish in 2024  
See the following web sites:  
[holyface.com](http://holyface.com)  
[holyfaceadoration.com](http://holyfaceadoration.com)  
Facebook – The Holy Face



**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

The first General Meeting of 2024 is January 28 @ 12:00

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Autumn Rogers, Emelda Jackson, Les Keefer,  
Patti Reilly, Marj Kelly, Brooklyn, Mavis,  
Ruth Kenny, Lily Cosette Lillian Partington,  
Paul McDonald, Michele Baptiste, Nikki Edge,  
Barbara Thompson, Dharen Dieterich, Sarah Rose,  
Veronica Kirk, Mary Theresa Rutledge, Kim Smith,

Paul McLean, Shirley Harvey, Jose Chavez, Dirk Jol,  
Bruno and Lucy Salvador, Anna Zambito, Mike McKernan,  
Veronica Kingston, Wanda McGill, Loretta Escote,  
Rudy Hart, Anita Onyskiw

**THIS WEEK AT  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH**

**Monday January 1, 2024**

**SOLEMNITY OF**

**MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD**

Holy Day of Obligation

Office is closed

11:00 a.m. Mass –

Intention of the faithful departed of 2023

**Tuesday January 2**

St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen

7:00 p.m. Mass – For all staff members

of all our Catholic Schools

**Wednesday January 3**

9:00 a.m. Mass + Gareth Smith

Req. by Katheleene & Garth Smith

**Thursday January 4**

**FIRST THURSDAY**

9:00 a.m. Mass -For the intentions of all priests

both living and deceased.

Followed by Litany for Priests and for Vocations

Blessing of Parish Library

dedicated to St John Vianney

**Friday January 5**

**FIRST FRIDAY**

9:00 a.m. Mass + All souls in Purgatory

9:30 a.m. Friday Prayer Group

2:00 Tai Chi

7:00 p.m. Holy Hour

**Saturday January 6**

St. Andre Bessette

9:00 a.m. Mass – Intentions of Father Marco Testa.

Req. by Mary Lou & Richard Elliott

Devotions to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

9:30 -10:30 Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:00 p.m. Mass – Intentions of Christopher Duarte

Req. by A.M. & B. Tuzi

**Sunday January 7**

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

9:00 Mass – In thanksgiving to St. Jude

for favours received Req. by Marcella Arseneault

11:00 a.m. Mass- Intentions of the parishioners of

Immaculate Conception Parish

