

December 25, 2021 Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord Christmas 2021

Emmanuel God-With-Us

# PRAYER AT THE MANGER IN THE HOME

Mary and St Joseph today we celebrate, honour and live out the holy birth of Jesus ~ born in a humble abode



that is represented here within our home. Grace us and protect us (and our family ) this Day. May we today and in 2022 always pray – Glory to God in the Highest. Amen

#### CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM FR KEITH

Blessings upon you all this Silent Night, this Holy Night. As your Priest I thank you for your continued prayers and support. Whether it be my arrive in January 2021 amidst a lock down or as we continue to 'rebuild' our Parish Family as we journey 'away' from the events of 2020 and 2021. As I preached last week – I admire you. And in admiring you I give praise and thanks to God and His Church. Pray for priests. God bless Fr Keith (and Timmy the church cat)



#### THANK YOU

- + To all who attended an Advent daily Mass
- + **DECEMBER GIFT CARDS**Donations of Gift cards to Operation Scugog
- + **STREET** PATROL
  318 street people received your donations
  \$ 840 Tim Cards were handed out
- + FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP
  Thank you to all who gathered and prayed.
- + ADVENT BOOKS
- + CHRISTMAS CARDS
- + KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS MAGNETS
- + **PORT PERRY CHRISTMAS PARADE**THANK YOU to the K of C and to the Good Shepherd School for their amazing floats.
- + **R.O.C.K**. for Advent Saturday Dec. 4 THANK YOU to the volunteers, children and families.
- THANK YOU to the volunteers, children and families + TAIZE MASS
- Special Advent Eucharist, meditative music, quietness + HELP OUR NEIGHBOUR FOOD DRIVE
- + **DONATIONS of cards** so that Grade 8s could make Cards for the Homeless



#### MONTHLY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

IS YOUR ANNIVERSARY IN DECEMBER?
Add your name to the list to be prayed for Sunday,
DECEMBER 26 @ 11:00 a.m. Mass
BLESSINGS FOR John and Joanna Kersten - 56 years
. Earl and Joan Bardswich - 37 years
JANUARY MASS is Saturday January 29 @ 9:00 a.m.
Red roses will be presented to any anniversary couples
present at the Mass. To be remembered and prayed for
the couple does not have to be present.

# PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THEIR CARE-GIVERS Please remember in your prayers:

For those who are sick and their care-givers: Ethel Richard, Fr. Peter Conlin, Rini Bouwmeester, Emelda Jackson, Les Keefer, Patti Reilly. Barbara Wallace, Julie McGivern Call the Parish Office to add a name to the sick list.

## **Five Smooth Stones: Facing the Goliath of our Fears**

is a five-part reflection based on the biblical story of David and Goliath. Each chapter examines how these aspects of our Catholic faith embolden us to face the fears of our daily lives, calling the reader to delve more deeply into their relationship with God. catholic moment.ca/book

# **SCHOOL CORNER**

# GRADE 8s CREATING CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR HOMELESS for the 2022 Advent Season

Do you have any used Christmas 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.

- + ENROLMENT OF OUR SACRAMENT CHILDREN Saturday 4 – Sunday 5: First Communion Enrolment Saturday 11 – Sunday 12: Confirmation Enrolment CONGRATULATIONS
- + BLESSINGS TO OUR STUDENTS AND STAFF OF GOOD SHPEPHERD SCHOOL AND MSGR. PAUL DWYER HIGH SCHOOL – HAVE A BLESSED AND RESTFUL CHRISTMAS BREAK







# **PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

2022 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 27 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, weddings etc. PAG is very much appreciated. 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.



# R.O.C.K. (REACHING OUT TO CHRIST'S KIDS)

Next gathering: Saturday January 29 @ 1:00-3:00 Because of the large turnout of children we are asking that you REGISTER for ROCK – call or email the parish office or Fr Keith. Thank you

# **COMMUNION VISITS**

Father Keith will be visiting and distributing Holy Communion to our Parish Shut-ins every First Friday and First Saturday. If you know of someone who wishes to receive Communion and Anointing of the Sick please have them or their family contact the Parish Office.

Open House Social by Fr Keith at the rectory house – unfortunately the Open House been cancelled for January 1, 2022. NEXT YEAR!

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# THIS WEEK AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## **Monday December 27**

St. John

Office and Church are closed

## **Tuesday December 28**

The Holy Innocaents

6:00 p.m. Church is open

7:00 p.m. Mass – +Bob Rogers

Req. by John and Shirley Harvey

# Wednesday December 29

St. Thomas Becket

9:00 a.m. Mass – Intentions of Ethel Richard Req. by Emilie Lemieux

## Thursday December 30

St John of Kanty

9:00 a.m. Mass – +Vito Malfara

Req. by the family

#### Friday December 31

St. Sylvester I

9:00 a.m. MORNING Mass + Crescenti Fernandes Req. by the Fernandes family

NO 9:30 a.m. Prayer Group

# NEW YEARS EVE ( VIGIL OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD )

5:00 p.m. Mass –Intentions of all parishioners of Immaculate Conception Parish

# Saturday January 1, 2022 NEW YEARS DAY (SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD)

11:00 a.m. Mass —Intentions of all parishioners of Immaculate Conception Parish

NO 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

#### Sunday January 2, 2022

9:00 a.m. Mass - +Bob Rogers Req. by Al and Annelore Quinn 11:00 am. Mass - +William Gerrits Req. by Loida Gerrits

