



DECEMBER 24 / 25, 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY OF
ADVENT 2023
CHRISTMAS 2023

MOTHER MARY
ST. JOSEPH
PRAY FOR



**PRAYER AT THE MANGER
IN THE HOME**

Mary and St Joseph today we celebrate and honour 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 2024 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. As a star of grace led shepherds and kings to the place of Jesus you the parishioners have likewise been a Light shining brightly. I am pleased and honoured to be your Pastor. Pray for priests. God bless!
Fr Keith (and Timmy the church cat)

MONTHLY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

IS YOUR ANNIVERSARY IN DECEMBER?

Add your name to the list to be prayed for Saturday DECEMBER 30 @ 9:00 a.m. Mass
Paul and Rosalie Gotter - 6 years
Ralph and Jeline DeGuzman – 11 years
Arthur and Jane Schickendanz – 29 years
Earl and Joan Bardswich – 39 years

PILGRIMAGE TO EUROPE 2024

The Knights of Columbus are seeking interest in a 2024 Pilgrimage to Europe. More info to follow

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

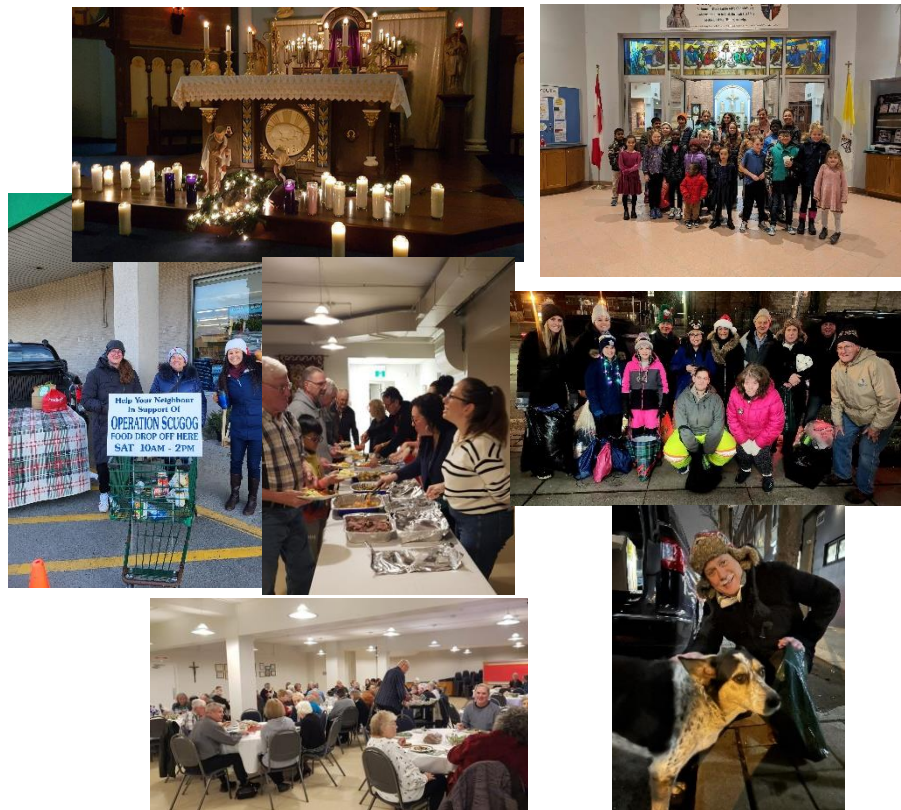
Please pick up your box of Offering Envelopes in the vestibule of the church. THANK YOU for your financial support of your parish.

SCHOOL CORNER

CONFIRMATION (Grade 7 - 8 +)
The Parent - Student Meeting was December 13
If you missed the meeting please contact Fr Keith as soon as possible.
Confirmation Enrollment Mass is January 20-21

LOOKING BACK - ADVENT 2023 – THANK YOU

- + Advent Daily Mass
- + Sacrament of Reconciliation
- + Advent Booklets for Teens, Adults, Children
- + Private prayer – Advancing this Advent in the Faith
- + Advent Friday Morning Prayer Group
- + Advent Holy Hour
- + Various Groups and Ministries lit the Advent Wreat
- + Evening School Mass
- + Parish Feast Day of Immaculate Conception
Mass and Parish Procession
- Band of Christian Brothers – Procession
- Knights of Columbus – Honour Guard
- Catholic Women’s League - Lector
- 9:00 Choir - Music Ministry
- Ministry of Maturing Adults – Coffee social after Mass
- + Taize Holy Hour
- + New Parish Manger in front of the church
- + Ministry of Maturing Adults 60 + Advent Reflection Day
- + R.O.C.K. (Reaching out to Christ’s Kids)
Advent Gathering – Preparing for Christmas
Faith, Fun, Music, Crafting, Learning, Growing
- + Community Meal
Our first Community Meal was December 18
Building and re-building relationships, joys, struggle
- + Operation Scugog
Thank you for your food donations and gift cards.
- + Street Patrol for the Homeless
December 20 - Walking Talking Sharing
17 Disciple Volunteers \$ 450 cash for items
Hats, Mitts, Longjohns, Scarves for 250
\$ 1,560 in Tim Cards for hot coffee and food



LOOKING FORWARD - 2024

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sunday January 21 @ 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)

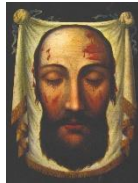
Saturday January 20 Snow Tubing at Lakeridge .
11:00 Meet at church Van will take us there and back
Group rate \$ 5 per person. Pay Fr Keith before January 10

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



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,



THIS WEEK AT

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Christmas Eve

6:00 p.m. Mass
8:00 p.m. Mass preceded by 7:30 p.m. carol singing
10:00 p.m. Mass

Christmas Day

Monday 25 –10:00 a.m.
Mass

Monday 25 and Tuesday



Tuesday 26

St. Stephen
NO 7:00 p.m. MASS

Wednesday 27

St. John
9:00 a.m. Mass + Eileen Sheehan
Req. by Emilie Lemieux

Thursday 28

Holy Innocents
9:00 a.m. Mass + Ron Belton
Req. by Marie & Frank Armstrong

Friday 29

St Thomas Beckett
9:00 a.m. Mass + Donna Traynor
Req. by the Parish for her birthdate
NO 9:30 a.m. Friday Prayer Group
NO 2:30 Tai Chi
YES - 7:00 p.m. Holy Hour

Saturday 30

9:00 a.m. Mass - For the intentions of all those
couples celebrating wedding anniversaries this month.
Devotions to Our Mother of Perpetual Help
9:30 -10:30 Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 p.m. Mass - Intentions of the parishioners of
Immaculate Conception Parish

Sunday December 31 – Holy Family

9:00 Mass - +Emma Peco
Requested by Guy and Anne Marie Taillon
11:00 a.m. Mass- Special Intentions

5:00 p.m. VIGIL FOR JANUARY 1
SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD

Monday January 1

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11:00 a.m. Mass