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Weekday Masses

Please refer to the schedule in the bulletin

Weekend Masses

Saturday – 4:30 PM (Highland Grove)

Sunday 9:00 AM (Chandos/Apsley)

11:00 AM (Cardiff)

Baptism

by appointment

Reconciliation

30 minutes before weekend Masses

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Please call the office 613-339-2852

Marriages

First appointment at least 6 months prior to wedding date Couples are required to attend Marriage Preparation session

Devotions

Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

Wednesday 11:00 AM (Cardiff)

Eucharistic Adoration / Rosary / Benediction

First Fridays 11:30 AM (Cardiff)

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR A) DECEMBER 11, 2022 MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Day	Location	Time	Intentions	Donors
Sat. 10	Highland Grove	4:30 PM	+Ken Arnold	Sonia Arnold
Sun 11	Sun 11 Chandos 9:00 AM		+Charles Duffield	Sonia Arnold
	Cardiff	11:00 AM	For the people of the parish	
Mon.12			OFF	
Tue. 13	Highland Grove	7:00 PM	+Thomas Elliott	Joanne & Gary Burroughs
Wed.14	Cardiff	11:00 AM	Dec. Members Cole/Patterson families	Sandy Cole
Thu. 15	Cardiff	11:00 AM	Dec. family members/relatives	Peter McEnery
Fri. 16	Cardiff	11:00 AM	Dec. family members/relatives.	Peter McEnery
Sat. 17	Highland Grove	4:30 PM	Dec. family members/relatives	Peter McEnery
Sun. 18	Chandos	9:00 AM	+Zdenek Kvarda	Jim & Darla-Marie Whelan
		11:00 AM	For the People of the parish	

Weekly Financial Report							
	Dec. 04, 2022	Nov. 27, 2022					
Highland Grove	\$205.00	\$170.25					
Chandos	\$320.00	\$1540.00					
Cardiff	\$1022.03	\$220.00					
Total (Offertory)	\$1547.03	\$1930.25					
Donation (project)	\$976.00						
Advertisements	\$500.00						
Mass Stipend	\$40.00						
Jam/Honey Sales	\$1727.00						
POP OCTOBER 30	\$1,290.00						
POP NOVEMBER 15	\$1,110.00						

Lectors								
Date	H. Grove	Chandos	Cardiff					
	Sat. 4:30 PM	Sun. 9:00AM	Sun. 11:00 AM					
Dec. 10/11	Katie B.	Gene T.	Gary B.					
Dec. 17/18	Gary B.	Sharon C.	Theresa P.					
		Gene T.	Brenda B					
Dec 31/Ja.1	Brenda B.	Sharon C.	Peter Mc.					
Jan. 7/8	Mackenzie B	Gene T.	Gary B.					

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For Pre-Authorized Offertory Plan (POP) through automatic withdrawal kindly approach Fr Vic.

As always, your financial support to the church is greatly appreciated.

Readings Next Week (DEC. 18, 2022) FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR A)

Isaiah 7:10-14

Ahaz proclaims the sign that the Lord will give: a virgin shall give birth to a son, Emmanuel.

Romans 1:1-7

Paul greets the community at Rome and declares himself a servant of Christ Jesus.

Matthew 1:18-24

An angel appears to Joseph, directing him to take Mary as his wife and telling him that the child she will bear will be called Emmanuel.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Finally, on this the Fourth Sunday of Advent, our Gospel Reading permits us to begin our contemplation of the mystery of the Incarnation we celebrate at Christmas: "Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about" (Matthew 1:18).

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of the birth of Jesus from Joseph's perspective. Today's Gospel passage is the second movement in this story. In the preceding verses of the first chapter of Matthew's Gospel, the Evangelist has

listed the genealogy of Jesus, tracing his lineage through King David to Abraham. In the chapter to follow, Matthew tells of the visit from the Magi, the Holy Family's flight into Egypt, and Herod's massacre of the infants in Bethlehem. (The other stories which we associate with Christmas, the Annunciation, the Visitation, the angel and the shepherds, are found in the Gospel of Luke).

We must not gloss over too quickly the difficult circumstances described in today's Gospel. The way that Joseph and Mary face these circumstances tells us much about these holy people and their faith in God. Joseph and Mary are betrothed to be married. This is sometimes described as an engagement period, but it is more than that. Betrothal in first century Jewish culture was in fact the first part of the marriage contract. A breach of this contract was considered adultery. Mary is found to be with child. If adultery is proven, the punishment might be death. Joseph has rights under Mosaic law, but chooses to act discreetly in his plans to break the marriage contract, so as to protect Mary. Then God intervenes.

The message of the angel of the Lord given to Joseph in his dream tells us much about the child that Mary bears and his role in God's plan. He is conceived by the Holy Spirit. His name will be Jesus, which in the Hebrew means "Yahweh saves." He will be the fulfillment of the prophecy heard in today's first reading from Isaiah: "... The virgin shall be with child... and shall name him Emmanuel [God with us]."

Joseph does as the angel of the Lord directs. He takes Mary to be his wife and accepts the child in her womb as his own. Joseph and Mary are both cooperative with God's plan. They are both models for us of what it means to be faithful servants of God. (Loyola Press)

Pray for those in need of healing and health

Philip Hughes, Nick Novakowski, Rhys Telka, Jane Tsagrinos, Fr. Bart Burke, Eileen Carr, Ella Richard, Emilee Callzonetti, Pierre Longevin, Eleanor Cadeau, Hermance Therrien, Sally Rayes, George Chennette, Shannon Reid, Megan Connelly, Regina Gedge, Dan, Claudette Wilkinson, Patricia Weston, Eley Wisniewski, Al & Laura Quinn, Patricia Weston,

FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS. Poinsettias are needed to decorate the altar at Christmas in all 3 churches. Anybody who would like to consider donating such flower in memory of a dear one is welcome to do so. Bring them when you come to church. Thanks

FUND RAISING AT CHRISTMAS. As you purchase Christmas decoration balls at \$5.00 each, this entitles you to participate in a raffle; draw date: Christmas eve. Prize: a painting donated by Diana Gurley, our local artist. Share your wealth for your church.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULES

CHRISTMAS EVE: 4:30 PM - HIGHLAND GROVE

CHRISTMAS DAY 9:00 AM—CHANDOS

11:00 AM—CARDIFF

EVANGELIZATION MEANS BEING A SIGN OF GOD'S PRESENCE SHARING AND DARING

Several years ago, John met an old friend at a high school reunion. After they caught up on all the day-to-day news, John wanted

to share how Jesus had become the center of his life. He told Greg about his experiences and gave him a small New Testament. Greg was not a churchgoer, but he found something reassuring about John's story.

Day after day and year after year, Greg carried the unopened book in his briefcase. He took it with him wherever he went. Then one night about ten years later, during a business trip to Bangkok, while he was mulling over some serious personal difficulties, Greg took special notice of the New Testament sitting in his briefcase. He took it out, opened it, and encountered God's living word.

Something stirred in Greg's heart and so he read a few more pages each day. Little by little, he sought out people with whom he could share about Jesus, until finally he returned to the parish he had left fifteen years earlier. The following Christmas he called John to share his story and to thank him for the vital role he had played in it. (to be continued)

LEAP FOR JOY

For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. Lk 1:44

Jesus always promises joy....Joy is a free leaping toward the unexpected, a lifting up of what is new, a reaching out to heaven in hope, a touching of the Kingdom, an expectant tiptoeing. Henry Nouwen

The Third Sunday of Advent is a day of joy. Today is traditionally known as Gaudete (Latin for "joy") Sunday. We light the pink or rose colored candle on our Advent wreaths as a sign that we are closer to our goal: the celebration of the birth of Christ.

Jesus is our joy—not because he solves all of our problems or eradicates everything that pains our world—but because he joins us here and then promises to be with us always. With joy we reach with him toward heaven, we touch God's kingdom, we leap toward the unexpected and extraordinary. Today is a joyful day. Jesus is coming soon!

Lord Jesus, you are the source of our joy. As an infant, you reminded us that God is gentle and loves what is small. As a man on this earth, you reminded us that God is calling us to follow you, no matter what the cost. Help us to be small, help us to follow. This is our joy. Amen

God is not accustomed to refusing a good gift to those who ask for one.

I visited a monastery and as I walked past the kitchen I saw a man frying chips. I asked him, "Are you the friar?" He replied, "No, I am the chip monk."



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