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*Our Lady of Lourdes (Cardiff) St. John Vianney (Highland Grove)  
St. Mary (Chandos)*



## **SACRAMENTS**

### **Holy Eucharist**

Saturday: 4:30 PM (Highland Grove)  
Sunday: 9:00 AM (Chandos)  
11:00 AM (Cardiff)

Weekdays: Please refer to the schedule in the Bulletin

**Reconciliation:** 30 minutes before weekend Masses

**Baptism:** by appointment

**Marriage:** first appointment at least 6 months prior to wedding date.  
All couples are required to attend Marriage Preparation Sessions

### **Anointing of the Sick and Communion for Shut-Ins**

Please call the office at 613--339-2852

### **Devotions:**

**Rosary:** before weekend Masses in all churches.

**Adoration/Benediction:** First Fridays 11:00 AM (Cardiff)  
First Saturdays 5:30 PM (Highland Grove)

**Mother of Perpetual Help Novena:** Wednesdays 11:00AM (Cardiff)

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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR B)  
DECEMBER 20, 2020  
MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK**

Day	Location	Time	Intentions	Donors
Sat. 19	Highland Grove	4:30 PM	For the Souls in purgatory	
Sun. 20	Chandos	9:00 AM	For the People of the parish	
	Cardiff	11:00 AM	Deceased Peters & Vachon fam. mem	Madeleine Vachon
Mon. 21	Cardiff	NO MASS	DAY OFF—FR. VIC	
Tue. 22	Highland Grove	7:30PM	No intention	
Wed. 23	Cardiff	11:00AM	Deceased Mutis family members	Evelyn Mutis
Thu. 24	Highland Grove	4:30 PM	<b>Intention of Sandy Cole</b>	Sandy Cole (Christmas Eve)
Fri. 25	Chandos	9:00 AM	For the People of the Parish	(Christmas Day)
	Cardiff	11:00 AM	+Robert Carpenter	<b>Sandy Cole (Christmas Day)</b>
Sat. 26	Highland Grove	4:30 PM	For the People of the Parish	
Sun. 27	Chandos	9:00 AM	For the Souls in purgatory	
	Cardiff	11:00AM	+Joe Bonello	Mary & Emanuel Camilleri

<b>Weekly Financial Report</b>	
<b>DECEMBER 13, 2020</b>	
Highland Grove	\$120.00
Chandos	\$340.00
Cardiff	\$295.00
Total (Offeratory)	\$755.00
Mass Stipend	\$20.00
PAP November 15	\$750.00
PAP November 30	\$1140.00

<b>Lectors</b>			
Date	H. Grove	Chandos	Cardiff
	Sat. 4:30 PM	Sun. 9:00AM	Sun. 11:00 AM
Dec. 19/20	Gary B.	Sharon C.	Theresa P.
Dec. 26/27	Melissa B..	Frances P.	Brenda B.
Jan. 2/3	David H.		Sandy C.
Jan. 9/10	Katie B.		Gary B.
Jan. 16/17	Gary B.		Theresa P.

**Please pray for the sick:**

**Philip Hughes, Nick Novakowski, Kevin Ralph, Robert Cadeau, Rhys Telka, Scott McKenzie, Jane Tsagrinos, Fr. Bart Burke, Anne Carr, Sandra Hickey, Noreen Howe, Fiory Sarueda, Sr. Bernadina Aguillon, Sr. Consolata Manding, Ella Richard, Emilee Callzonetti, Peter Malloy, Pierre Longevin, Amelia Vargas, Dennis**

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**Readings Next Week (Dec. 27, 2020) FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**

**Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3**

God fulfills his promise to Abraham, and Sarah gives birth to a son.

**Hebrews 11:8,11-12,17-19**

Paul examines Abraham's example of faith.

**Luke 2:22-40 (or shorter form: Luke 2:22,39-40)**

Mary and Joseph present Jesus at the Temple in accordance with the Law of Moses.

**Background on the Gospel Reading**

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family. This celebration is assigned to the Sunday within the octave of Christmas. The Gospel for today is taken from the Gospel according to Luke and is part of Luke's Infancy Narrative. Today's Gospel describes the presentation of the child Jesus in the Temple and shows Joseph and Mary as devout Jews, following the prescriptions of the Law of Moses. The Gospel alludes to several aspects of the Law of Moses: circumcision, the dedication of the firstborn son to the Lord, and the purification of a woman after childbirth. According to the Law of Moses as presented in the Book of Leviticus, a woman was considered ritually unclean during her menstrual period and for a prescribed period of time following the birth of a child. After the birth of a son, a woman was considered ritually unclean for 40 days. After the birth of a daughter, a woman was considered unclean for 80 days. In order to be restored to ritual purity, a Jewish woman performed the appropriate rites of purification and made the prescribed ritual offering. Today's Gospel notes that Jesus was circumcised on the eighth day after his birth, in accordance with the Mosaic Law. At

that time, he was called Jesus, the name he was given by the angel Gabriel. On the 40th day after Jesus' birth, Mary performed the appropriate purification rites and made her offering at the Temple. Although the Law of Moses required an offering of a lamb, those who could not afford a lamb could substitute two turtledoves or two pigeons. In this scene, Luke identifies Joseph and Mary as being poor, and indeed throughout Luke's Gospel, Jesus will show special concern for the poor. Another Jewish rite referenced in this Gospel is the dedication of the firstborn son to the Lord. In remembrance of the feast of Passover, when the firstborn children of the Israelites in Egypt were saved from death, the Law of Moses prescribed that all firstborn males of Israel should be consecrated to the Lord. In this tradition, Mary and Joseph present the infant Jesus in the Temple in Jerusalem. In Jerusalem, Luke reports that Mary and Joseph encounter two devout Jews, Simeon and Anna, who recognize the infant Jesus as the fulfillment of Israel's hope for redemption. In Simeon's words we find a prediction of Mary's witnessing of Jesus' death on the cross. The Canticle of Simeon, also called by its Latin name, *Nunc Dimittis*, is prayed at night prayer, or compline, during the Liturgy of the Hours.

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**CHRISTMAS PROJECT:** I've been approached by one of the schools in southern Philippines (Zamboanga del Sur) if we could help them provide a water reservoir tank. This time of pandemic, hand washing is a primary health requirement to slow down the spread of COVID 19. As an expression of solidarity with the children in need, our financial contributions will certainly promote health and safety to young children in school. This request doesn't require a lot. During this season of Advent, why don't we make it a project to save our spare change (loonies & toonies). Whatever amount you raised, bring them to church this Christmas and Fr. Vic will forward it to them. Thank you. Fr.vic

**USED STAMPS** are needed in the Missions so never throw them away but bring them to church as we are collecting them.

Help us **COLLECT FOOD** for our local food bank. Kindly bring a couple or more of non-perishable food item to church on Sundays. Remember those in need.

Help **COLLECT** slightly used ball pens and pencils, crayons, other school supplies and National Geographics. Bring them to church and Fr. Vic will send them to the poor schools in the Philippines

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**COVID 19** has already been with us for over half a year now and since then had brought significant changes in our attitudes about life, others, relationships, faith and God. Anybody who is willing to share the impact of COVID 19 in his/her life is welcome to send through email an essay not more than 300 words. The article will be published in the weekly bulletin as a means to connect and share life's experiences as we all journey together in this time of pandemic. Aside from being published we collect them and make an album so include some photos. See sample below.

**Coping with the pandemic**

Wew , 2020 has presented our world with an incredible new challenge. We are no longer able to travel, hug, celebrate, instead store closures, isolation, social distancing, masks and frequent hand washing have become the norm. The isolation has been a major adjustment and the fear of the unknown has created much anxiety. The fact that it is global is a good reminder of how we are all connected, it has made our world much smaller, our family is a global family !. I was reminded of how the depression impacted and changed the lives of my ancestors, they had little money, no social media, they drew on strength from their faith, hard work and trust.. I found myself grateful that my fridge was full, I could keep in contact with family and friends, through texting, skype & zoom and tv provided a source of entertainment somewhat, (however even desperate there didn't seem to be many good shows ). The wonderful medical expertise of our medical team and through their guidance, I believe the virus was prevented from being much worse. I was relieved

when the government stepped up and offered assistance for the terrible setbacks we were are facing. I was pleased that concerned people reached out, we all knew from in our church community that Fr. Vic was a call away. My strength in this journey has been drawn from my faith and trust and the fact that we are all in this together. Nature has nourished me, given me hope and reminded me how everything has a season, everything has its time, this too will pass and I am confident we will be more aware, more appreciative even of the little things in our lives. It was a gift to realize that with less traffic, less pollution our world seemed to start healing, the air became cleaner and wildlife became rejuvenated. This is a stark reminder that we only have one world, and it is crying. It is with a greater appreciation that I continue on in hope and gratitude. I will be stronger, I will be more aware and my meditations and stillness will be always filled with love and an open heart filled with gratitude to my God. Carmel Connelly St. Mary's Parish Chandos/Apsley

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULES**

DECEMBER 24 4:30PM—HIGHLAND GROVE

DECEMBER 25 9:00AM—CHANDOS

11:00 AM—CARDIFF

**NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULES**

DECEMBER 31 4:30 PM—HIGHLAND GROVE

JANUARY 1 9:00AM—CHANDOS

11:00 AM—CARDIFF

**Dear Beloved Parishioners,**

**This has been a very trying and challenging year for all of us. But as I sit back and reflect, we have so much to be thankful for. We can count our blessings: the gift of faith, life, shelter, food, home, job, material possessions, families, friends, relatives, universe, creation, the goodness and generosity of humanity and so forth. Recognizing how blessed we truly are, we should be a blessing to others as well, throughout the year. To everyone, I wish you a warm, happy and safe Christmas and may God's love and peace fill your heart with gratitude, joy, wonder and love this Christmas. MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR, EVERYONE! Fr.vic**

**“We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmastime, not in a cold manger of our heart but in a heart full of love and humility, in a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another.” St. Teresa of Calcutta**

**“Fight all error, but do it with good humor, patience, kindness and love. Harshness will damage your own soul and spoil the best cause.” St. John of Kanty**

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