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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 (cycle A)  
DECEMBER 22, 2019  
MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK**

Day	Location	Time	Intentions	Donors
Sat. 21	Highland Grove	4:30 PM	+Bill & Stephen Elliott	Flo Elliott
Sun. 22	Chandos	9:00 AM	+Alice Telka	Eugene Telka
		11:00 AM	For the People of the Parish	
Mon. 23	Cardiff	No Mass	Fr. Vic day off	
Tue. 24	Highland Grove	4:30 PM	Mass +Violet O'Brien	Evelyn Mutis
Wed. 25	Chandos	9:00 AM	Mass Christmas	
	Cardiff	11:00 AM	+Hughes & McKenzie families	Sandra Cole
Thu. 26			No Mass	
Fri. 27	Cardiff	12:10 PM	Mass	
Sat. 28	Highland Grove	4:30 PM	For the People of the parish	
Sun. 29	Chandos	9:00 AM	+Whelan deceased members	Darla-Marie & Jim Whelan
	Cardiff	11:00 AM	+ Cole & Paterson deceased members	Sandra Cole

<b>Weekly Financial Report</b>	
<b>December 15, 2019</b>	
Cardiff	\$760.00
Highland Grove	\$450.00
Chandos	\$80.00
Total	\$1290.00
Mass Stipend	
	\$
PAP Nov. 15	\$555.00
PAP	

<b>Lectors</b>			
Date	H. Grove	Chandos	Cardiff
	Sat. 4:30 PM	Sun. 9:00AM	Sun. 11:00 AM
Dec..21/22	Gary	Sharon	Brenda
Dec. 28/29	Stan	Gene	Sharon P
Jan. 4/5	Dave	Carm	John H.
Jan. 11/12	Katie	Sharon	Gary
Jan. 18/19	Gary	Sharon	Theresa

Give a gift of a Mass for someone's birthday, wedding or death anniversaries, to someone who is ill or undergoing surgery. What better way to show your gratitude to Him than offering a Holy Mass for such intention. Kindly approach and talk to Fr. Vic after Mass. Suggested offering is \$20.00 only.

**Please pray for the sick:**

Philip Hughes, Anne McCarthy, Brian Dietrich, Tammy Willis, Charlene Ashmore, Nick Novakowski, Kevin Ralph, Robert Cadeau, Sr. Bernadette OSullivan, Maeve Moloney, Jill Wright, Rhys Telka, Scott McKenzie, Jane Tsagrinis, 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 Hendricks, Eleanor Cadeau, Hermance Therrien, Kathryn Lewis, Doug Bowen, Edeltruda Ebina, Leelani Tan, Loreta Cook, Adelaine Diaz, Jess de Francia, Sr. Pingping Ocariza, Deacon John Cannon

**Readings Next wk (Dec. 29 2019) HOLY FAMILY FEAST**

*Sirach 3:2-7,12-14*

Honor to one's parents will be rewarded.

*Colossians 3:12-21 (or shorter form, Colossians 3:12-17)*

Do all things in the name of Jesus and give thanks to God.

*Matthew 2:13-15,19-23*

In a dream, God tells Joseph to flee to Egypt to protect Jesus from King Herod.

**Background on the Gospel Reading**

Today we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. As we do so, our Gospel invites us to consider Joseph's protection of Jesus in the face of danger. Just as in the announcement of Jesus' birth, an angel appears to Joseph in a dream. The angel warns him of Herod's plans to harm Jesus. Joseph follows the command of the angel and takes Joseph and Mary to Egypt, returning only after receiving word in another dream that it was safe to do so.

This feast is part of the Christmas season, so we should look at today's Gospel in the context of what Scripture tells us about Jesus' birth. Today's reading is found in the Gospel of Matthew, following the story of the visit of the Magi. Recall that Matthew's story about the birth of Jesus makes Joseph the primary character. Among Mat-

thew's themes in this infancy narrative is Jesus as the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies about the messiah. Indeed, the story of the Holy Family's flight to Egypt recalls the story of Moses in the Book of Exodus. It should also be noted that today's reading omits the verses that recount Herod's order of the massacre of the infant boys in and around Bethlehem. We mark this event on the Feast of the Holy Innocents on December 28. These events remind us of the difficult reality of Jesus' birth. While the story of the Magi's visit will be recalled in our liturgy on the Feast of the Epiphany, our Christmas celebration is made more sober by the recollection that not everyone received Christ's birth with joy or obedience. Herod's jealousy and malice contrast with Joseph's obedience to the words of the angel. The Holy Family's escape to Egypt and the massacre that Jesus is saved from remind us of the struggles and sacrifices that are required as preparation for God's salvation.

**WEEK 4, LOVE:** Dear Jesus, may the light of your love always shine in our hearts. As Christmas draws closer, we marvel at your great love for us. Let your love transform every aspect of our lives and touch everyone we encounter. Our hearts are open to you, Jesus. Amen

**ADVENT PRAYERS FOR FAMILIES :** Heavenly Father, your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us, a great sign of your love. Guide us as we strive to walk in that love together as a family this Advent. As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, bring us closer to each other and to your son. Give us the grace and strength we need every day. Help us to always trust in you. Come, Lord Jesus, lead all people closer to you. Come and dispel the darkness of our world with the light of your love. Amen.

**\*\*\*CATECHISM IN A YEAR\*\*\***

**104. What does the hidden life of Jesus in Nazareth teach us?** In the course of his *hidden life* in Nazareth Jesus stayed in the silence of an ordinary existence. This allows us to enter into fellowship with him in the holiness to be found in a daily life marked by prayer, simplicity, work and family love. His obedience to Mary to Joseph, his foster father, is an image of his filial obedience to the Father. Mary and Joseph accepted with faith the mystery of Jesus even though they did not always understand it.

**105. Why did Jesus receive from John the "baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins" (Luke 3:3)?** To inaugurate his public life and to anticipate the "Baptism" of his death, he who was without sin accepted to be numbered among sinners. He was "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." (John 1:29). The Father proclaimed him to be "his beloved Son" (Matthew 3:17) and the Spirit descended upon him. The baptism of Jesus is a prefiguring of our baptism.

**COUNTERS**

Dec. 22 –Doug & Brenda      Dec. 29 –Evelyn & Frank  
 Jan. 05 - Sandra & John      Jan. 12 Joanne & Gary

**CHRISTMAS MASSES SCHEDULE**

**Dec. 24 (Tue.) 4:30 PM— Highland Grove**  
**Dec. 25 (Wed.) 9:00 AM— Chandos**  
**11:00 AM—Cardiff**

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**Dear Parishioners,**

When our first parents departed from the Garden of Eden, human race came to know sin, suffering and death. But God did not leave the human race to that fate. Through the gift that is Jesus Christ, fully divine and fully human God saved the human condition so that through humanity the whole Creation maybe restored to the Creator. Advent is the time to glorify

**God for wanting to share togetherness with human family and for coming into our history by the birth of our Lord Jesus. This is what God does out of love for us.. Pope Francis stressed the importance of being vigilant during this season. He continues to remind us that with this attitude, we quickly become aware of the "tears and necessity of our neighbors." He says, "Advent is a time given to us "to welcome the Lord who comes to meet us, to verify our desire for God, to look ahead and prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ on Christmas."**

**During this time we reflect together on the mystery of God incarnate, the mystery of a God who goes forth to His people. How do we imitate this God and go to others in the love of Christ? The challenge is upon us! We will never exhaust the riches that we draw from the mystery of the Incarnation. Let our prayers this Advent remind us that, like our Savior who came to us, we need to go to others. Let us ask Mary to be with us always, she who is the model and icon of vigilant expectation. May she guide us to an encounter with her son, Jesus reviving our love for him.**

**I wish you a most blessed and meaningful Season of Advent and Christmas. Merry Christmas everyone and a Blessed New Year 2020! fr. Vic**

**ANGER THERAPHY CORNER:**

- 11. Like a laser, anger can be a potent force for destruction or healing, depending on how it is used. Anger misused can destroy relationships with sharps words, fiery explosions and smoldering resentments. Used effectively, anger can cut surgically through emotional debris, allowing healing change to happen.**
- 12. When you're angry, your body responds with increased pulse, breathing and blood pressure; muscles tense up; adrenalin is released. Don't try to diffuse your anger with unrestrained ranting and yelling. Contrary to popular belief, it will only intensify your rage and physical responses. To calm your anger, you need to find a way to act effectively. (to be continued)....**

**NEW YEAR MASSES SCHEDULE**

**Dec. 31 (Tue.) 4:30 PM—Highland Grove**  
**Jan. 01 (Wed.) 9:00 AM—Chandos**  
**11:00 AM—Cardiff**

- \* Kindly save your used postal stamps and bring them to church. We will send them to the Missions.**
- \*Sunday missals 2020 are now available at the entrance of the church. Purchase now a copy for yourself or for someone dear to you as a gift.**
- \*Remember to bring a couple of non-perishable food item to church as donations to our local food bank. Let's feed the hungry this way.**





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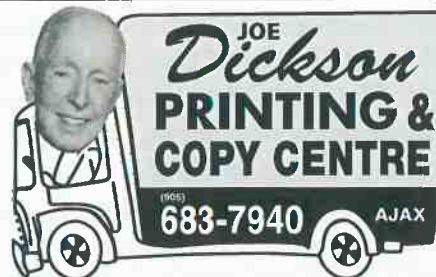
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