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



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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

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All couples are required to attend Marriage Preparation Sessions

Anointing of the Sick and Communion for Shut-Ins

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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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**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY (YEAR B)
DECEMBER 27, 2020
MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK**

Day	Location	Time	Intentions	Donors
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	11:00 AM	+Joe Lina & Leli Bonello	Mary & Emanuel Camilleri
Mon. 28	Cardiff	NO MASS	DAY OFF—FR. VIC	
Tue. 29	Highland Grove	7:30PM	Mass suspended	
Wed. 30	Cardiff	11:00AM	Mass suspended	
Thu. 31	Cardiff		Intention of Yaro Szolomicki	Yaro Szolomicki (Private mass)
Fri. 01	Chandos	9:00 AM	Mass suspended	
	Cardiff	11:00 AM	Mass suspended	
Sat.02	Highland Grove	4:30 PM	Mass suspended	
Sun. 03	Chandos	9:00 AM	Mass suspended	
	Cardiff		+Jeanine Thibault	Monique Bourdeau (private Mass)

Weekly Financial Report	
DECEMBER 20, 2020	
Highland Grove	\$760.00
Chandos	\$580.00
Cardiff	\$1875.00
Total (Offertory)	\$3215.00
Mass Stipend	\$100.00
PAP November 15	\$750.00
PAP November 30	\$1140.00

Lectors			
Date	H. Grove	Chandos	Cardiff
	Sat. 4:30 PM	Sun. 9:00AM	Sun. 11:00 AM
Dec. 19/20			
Dec. 26/27			
Jan. 2/3			
Jan. 9/10			
Jan. 16/17			

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 (Jan. 03, 2021) EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Isaiah 60:1-6
Jerusalem shall be a light to all nations.

Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6
Gentiles are coheirs in the promise of Christ.

Matthew 2:1-12
The Magi seek out Jesus and do him homage.

Background on the Gospel Reading

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . ." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel. We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus. We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of

Jesus' death. The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Daniel Miehms Bishop of Peterborough

CHRISTMAS PROJECT: Our Christmas fund raising for the water project in one of the schools in the Southern Philippines has reached the amount of \$1,710.00. Thank you so much for those who had made donations of loonies, twonies, bills and a cheque. I'm hoping we get an update from the school once the project reached its completion. Thank you. Fr.vic

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

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

STATEMENT REGARDING THE PROVINCIAL SHUTDOWN

THE PROVINCIAL SHUTDOWN will extend from December 26, 2020 until January 23, 2021. This means a temporary suspension of the **SUNDAY** public celebration of the Mass in Cardiff, Highland Grove and Chandos.

Beginning on December 26, there will be a limit of no more than 10 people inside our churches at any given time. Regrettably this will mean a temporary suspension of the public celebration of the Mass.

THERE WILL BE A LIMIT OF NO MORE THAN 10 PEOPLE inside our churches at any given time. This means a continuation of daily public Mass in Highland Grove, Cardiff and Chandos starting **JANUARY 12 until 22, 2021 which has been regularly attended by no more than 10 people.**

The faithful are dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. Priests will celebrate private Mass daily for the intentions of parishioners and for those suffering from COVID 19.

MY THANKS to those who sent their greeting cards, best wishes and prayers, gifts and presents this Christmas 2020. Your kindness and generosity had been acknowledged and appreciated, indeed. Always grateful, fr vic

Parishioners are encouraged to view online, livestream, televised Masses. A full list is available on the website of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough. The Sunday Masses continue to be taped and available on the You Tube channel for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough. (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC Cd0rFPwUMtMRhS UtCvg/videos>)

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 2020

Dear Friends in Christ,

Most of our diocese will be impacted by the 28-day lockdown applicable to Southern Ontario, while our parishes in the North Bay –Parry Sound Regional Health District will be subject to the 14-day lockdown. It may be difficult to regard those timelines as firm, since it seems that much will depend on the trend line of COVID 19 cases in our province.

We have heard for many weeks now that Christmas this year will be a little different because of the pandemic. That is true, as we will be less mobile, cautious about gathering, and doing more socializing online. Things will certainly be different as our parishes celebrate the Lord's Nativity - capacity restrictions and safety precautions will mean lower key liturgies.

WORDS OF WISDOM OF CARDINAL FRANCIS XAVIER NGUYEN VAN THUAN

Still, we would do well to focus on the things that will not change this Christmas, and for people of faith they are the eternal truths that always resound in our hearts: that God's Word became flesh that always dwell among us; that Bethlehem speaks of God's unbounded love for his people; that our faith brings us tidings of comfort and joy; and that trust in God, illustrated in the humble faith of Mary and Joseph, will never lead us astray.

To become a saint, it is only necessary for you to fulfill your present responsibility. The discovery and revelation of this fact will bring peace and encouragement to your soul.

In this unusual Christmas of 2020, I pray that you may still experience the traditional and customary joys that mark this season of faith. May God bless you richly this Christmas and may you know peace and good health in the New Year.

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