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The Nativity of the Lord

December 25, 2024



PASTOR

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MASS SCHEDULE

Lord's Day

Saturday @ 5:00 pm
Sundays @ 10:00 am

Weekdays

Tuesday @ 7:00 pm
Wednesday Thursday & Friday @ 8:15 am

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: Closed
Tuesday — Friday: 8:30am—4:30pm

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Please call to arrange the appropriate preparation at least two months in advance.

Reconciliation:

Saturdays 10:00 am — 10:30 am
Tuesdays 6:00 pm — 6:30 pm and by appointment.

First Holy Communion & Confirmation:

Please contact the Parish Office 519-623-3111

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Christmas Day—The Nativity of the Lord

MASSES FOR THE WEEK



Tuesday, December 24—Christmas Eve

5:00 pm + Edward and Elizabeth Nugent
 + William Murphy
 + Carol-Ann Breton
 + Leslie Krynicki
 + Jose and Isabel Sousa
 Int. Cecilia Molina de Mancía

7:00 pm Deceased Members of the Fontes Family

Wednesday, December 25—Christmas Day

10:00 am Int. of all Parishioners

Thursday, December 26—No Mass

Friday, December 27—No Mass

Saturday, December 28

5:00 pm + Maria Sousa
 + Roberto Barbosa
 + Maria Angelina Amaral
 + Rosa Chevez

Sunday, December 29

10:00 am Int. of all Parishioners

Tuesday, December 31—No Mass

Wednesday, January 1—Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God

10:00 am Int. of all Parishioners

Thursday, January 2—No Mass

Friday, January 3—No Mass

Saturday, January 4

5:00 pm + Robert Watkinson
 + Dennis Oscar Meyer
 + Margaret Frances Harris
 + Liam and Sarah Munroe
 Int. Irene Arevalo Monge

Sunday, January 5

10:00 am Int. of all Parishioners

Pray for our Priests and Religious

Monday	Very Rev. Msgr. Cornelius O'Mahony
Tuesday	Rev. Felix Nwatu
Wednesday	Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God
Thursday	Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, O.M.I.
Friday	Rev. Piotr Machnacki, S.A.C.
Saturday	Very Rev. Ranjan D'Sa, O.C.D.

Sunday Offering

EFT weekly Collection..... \$ 579.00
 December 15, 2024 \$1,450.25
 Thank you for your Generosity!

Holy Days of Obligation: Nativity of the Lord Christmas Day— December 25 and Solemnity of Mary Mother of God - January 1st

Fr. Khalid is looking for volunteers to assist with the Fire Safety Program. This is a new program from the Diocese of Hamilton to insure that all who visit the church are kept safe. Anyone with any previous knowledge or experience in fire safety or any one else who is interested. Please speak with Fr. Khalid or leave a message with the office 519-623-3111

Angel Tree Update:

Thank you to each and every person who supported this great cause of providing a better Christmas for the little children in our own Community.

This year we were able to support 35 children and 10 seniors. These families also received a generous gift card from Food Basics to assist with Christmas Dinner. Thank you again.

Look for Him who is above time—the Timeless, the Invisible—who for our sake became visible. - St. Ignatius of Antioch

COME HOME for Christmas

We know that at Christmas our hearts will be full – we want our pews to be full also! Parishes across the Diocese are being encouraged to invite all the faithful to Come Home for Christmas. We all know people who have fallen away from regular Mass attendance, and Christmas provides a privileged occasion to welcome them home. All parishioners are encouraged to join in this effort to extend a warm invitation to return.

Invite family and friends to attend Christmas Mass

Christmas Day Mass

10:00am

Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, December 28 — 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 29 — 10:00 a.m.

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

Wednesday, January 1 — 10:00 a.m.

Wishing all a Very Blessed Christmas

Fr. Khalid, Maria and Kevin

December 25, 2024

Christmas blessings to all cherished parishioners.

With the joyful celebration of Christ's birth upon us, I extend my heartfelt greetings to each of you. As we rejoice in the arrival of our Saviour, may the light of His love fill your hearts and homes this Christmas.

Reflecting upon the profound mystery of the Incarnation, let us remember the words of the Prophet Isaiah, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulders. And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6).

In this holy time, I pray that the peace of the newborn King envelops you, guiding and protecting you and your families from all harm. May goodness, compassion, and the joy of His presence be with you always.

Our church stands as a beacon of hope and love, ever ready to welcome you with open arms, providing the spiritual nourishment and guidance that we all seek. We are a sanctuary of Sacraments, a community united in faith and love.

The union of our parish with St. Behnam has been a blessing that continues to enrich our spiritual journey. Together, we forge a path of unity and shared joy, celebrating joint events that strengthen our bonds and nurture our spiritual and communal lives.

As your Pastor, I am deeply honoured by the warmth and support of our combined communities. This collaboration fills my heart with joy and reinforces our bright future together.

On this blessed occasion, I invite you all to join in prayer, participate in our Masses, and engage in our festive celebrations. Together, let us embrace this sacred season, enriching our parish and fostering a spirit of unity and love.

As we commemorate the nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, may His holy blessing be upon you and your loved ones. In celebrating His birth, let us open our hearts to the light that dispels all fear and darkness.

Fr. Khalid Karomi

Those looking to support St. Gregory before the end of the year, please insure that your donation is received prior to December 29th so that proper tax receipts can be issued.

**Teach us to give and not count the cost.
- St. Ignatius of Loyola**



This month we are collecting:
Cooking Oil
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FORMED Pick of the Week

Go to <http://formed.org>

Once on the home page it will ask you "how do you want to sign in" click on "Sign in as a Parishioner" it will take you to the next screen. Type in Saint Gregory the Great, Cambridge and choose us. The next screen type in your name and email and you are in.
WATCH—



2025 Offertory Envelopes

Don't forget to pick up your 2025 envelopes found in the Atrium (off the Parish Center). Current envelope users should find a box labeled with their name and address (please check for any errors). If you would like to begin using weekly envelopes there are boxes without labels. Please record your name, contact info and the number of the box you have taken on the sheet of paper found in the box.

All envelope users are asked to write their name and contact info on the first few envelopes they use in the New Year.

2025 Living with Christ Sunday Missal CAN BE FOUND AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE CHURCH COST \$5.00 EACH

Please leave money in basket found by the Missals

Msgr. Paul J. Meyer Council 4916 First Meeting of 2025 is on **Thursday, January 9 @ 7:00 pm** St Mary of Visitation Church, Cooper St. **Note Change of Location.** Enter off the parking lot. Come Join your Brothers.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED:

The Church Office will be closed: Tuesday, December 24, Friday December 27, Tuesday, December 31 and January 2. All Message will be checked periodically

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Pope John XXIII's Christmas Prayer

O sweet Child of Bethlehem,
grant that we may share with all our hearts
in this profound mystery of Christmas.
Put into the hearts of men and women this peace
for which they sometimes seek so desperately
and which you alone can give to them.
Help them to know one another better,
and to live as brothers and sisters,
children of the same Father.
Reveal to them also your beauty, holiness, and purity.
Awaken in their hearts
love and gratitude for your infinite goodness.
Join them all together in your love.
And give us your heavenly peace. Amen.