

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

May our Lord Bless you and your families

St. John the Evangelist - Waubaushene
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St. Louis Mission - Mt. St. Louis Louis

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Sunday Masses: Saturday 5:00 p.m. St. John's Church
Sunday 9:00 a.m. St. Louis Church
Sunday 10:30 a.m. St. Mary's Church

Weekday Masses:

St. Mary's-Wednesday-10:00 a.m., Friday-10:00 a.m.

Websites

St. John's: <https://stjohntheevangelistwa@archtoronto.org>

St. Mary's: <https://stmarysvi@archtoronto.org>

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Confession: before or after Mass or by appointment

Baptism, Marriage, Sacrament of the Sick: Please call the Rectory

Items in the bulletin by Wednesday, please

Cemeteries: St. Louis-705-739-5868, St. Mary's-705-543-1789, St. John's-Sanderson's-705-326-6131

St. Antoine Daniel Catholic Elementary School - Victoria Harbour - 705-534-3391

St. Theresa's Catholic High School – Midland - 705-526-1311

MASS INTENTIONS – December 21st, 2024 to January 3rd, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent:

Sat. Dec. 21st - St. John's – 5:00 pm – For the Parishioners

Sun. Dec. 22nd - St. Louis – 9:00 am – Caroline Hill requested by Loretta Hill

Sun. Dec. 22nd – St. Mary's – 10:30 am – For Souls in Purgatory requested by Loretta Hill

Christmas – The Nativity of the Lord:

Tues. Dec. 24th – St. Mary's – 5:00 pm – **Christmas Eve** – For the Parishioners

Tues. Dec. 24th – St. John's – 7:00 pm – **Christmas Eve** – For the Parishioners

Tues. Dec. 24th – St. Louis – 7:00 pm – **Christmas Eve** - For the Parishioners

Wed. Dec. 25th - St. Mary's – 10:30 am – **Christmas Day** - For the Parishioners

Fri. Dec. 27th - St. Mary's – 10:00 am – **CANCELLED**

Feast of the Holy Family:

Sat. Dec. 28th - St. John's – 5:00 pm – Burna & Romeo Dacua, Livia, Silvio & Stefania Santi
requested by the Santi Family

Sun. Dec. 29th – St. Louis – 9:00 am – Leo Beaupré requested by Chantal & Scott Ross

Sun. Dec. 29th – St. Mary's – 10:30 am – For the Parishioners

The Solemnity of Mary: (Holy Day of Obligation)

Tues. Dec. 31st – St. John's – 5:00 pm – **New Years Eve** – Ivan & Lois Laughlin

requested by Larry & Barb Gill

Wed. Jan. 1st – St. Mary's – 10:30 am – **New Years Day** - For the Parishioners

Fri. Jan. 3rd – St. Mary's – 10:00 am - available

Masses for the Deceased or for Special Intentions - If you would like a Mass celebrated for your loved one or friend or parish member please use your own envelope or the envelopes at the back of the church. The stipend is \$20.00 for announced masses and \$10.00 for unannounced.

If you require a Mass Card please leave a message at the office (705-538-2353).

Sanctuary Lamp Candle - If you would like to donate the Sanctuary Lamp Candle for a week in honour of a loved one you may do so by making a donation of \$10.00 or more, and their name will be put in the bulletin. Just ask me after mass, or drop an envelope, provided at the back of the church, in the collection with the name of your loved one. - *Fr. John*

Sanctuary Candle:

St. John's – available

St. Louis – Corie Haggar, Patrick Grist, and Patricia Manzer family of Ruth Sissons

St. Mary's – available

Offertory (Dec. 7th/8th): St. John's- \$459.00, St. Mary's- \$1,008.25, St. Louis- \$340.00.

This includes Pre-Authorized Giving. Thank you.

Offertory (Dec. 14th/15th): St. John's- \$612.25, St. Mary's- \$1,017.10, St. Louis-\$833.00.

This includes Pre-Authorized Giving. Thank you.

Building Fund – January 4th/January 5th

Let Us Rejoice and Give Thanks this Christmas:

A special welcome to everyone who is here to celebrate with us, especially all of our family members and students who are home for Christmas. This time of year is filled with past memories. It is a sad time for some and a joyous time for others. Our faith brings us joy through Jesus birth into our world and through the promise of his love and the promise of eternal happiness for all. May our hearts be filled with love and joy this Season. May God bless you and your families. ~ Fr. John

Making Room for Jesus:

As Christmas fast approaches and Advent is drawing to a close, let us remind ourselves of the importance of this liturgical season. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas as well as His final coming at the end of time. However, the great saints of the church also speak of an intermediary coming, the coming of Christ to our present lives. Let us take a moment to ask ourselves, if the Lord showed up in our life today, would there be room for Him?

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All – from Fr. Bill, Stephanie and myself. We really appreciate your generosity through your best wishes and gifts this Christmas. I especially would like to thank all of those who were most generous with their time and financial support this year in all of our churches. A special thank you goes out to St. Mary’s Women of Faith, Parishioners of St. Louis, Knights of Columbus, St. Vincent de Paul, our Altar servers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, sacristans, ushers, children’s liturgy co-ordinators, choirs, Cemetery Boards and Finance Council. Thank you to all those who decorated our churches, and all of the rest of the volunteers, including those who look after and clean our churches. ~Fr. John

Announcement: I am happy to announce that ShareLife has given St. Marys St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank a \$6000.00 grant. There is an even greater need now and we are grateful for the support from ShareLife. It’s nice to see that some of our ShareLife contributions come back to our region, and we benefit from it. Also, when you make a donation to ShareLife before December 31st it will be matched by an anonymous donor, to a maximum of \$500,000. This is an opportunity for us to make an even greater impact when we give to ShareLife. Thank you for your ongoing support. ~Fr. John

Confessions during Advent will be heard by Fr. Bill and myself after Sunday Masses.

Jubilee Year for Catholic Churches around the world will start celebrations December 24, 2024 and continue until January 6, 2026. A Jubilee Year is celebrated presently every 25 years or at the request of the Holy Father. In the **Archdiocese of Toronto** we open the Jubilee year December 29, 2024 at St. Michael’s Cathedral Basilica at the 5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Celebration drawing on the theme, “Pilgrims of Hope”. In the words of Pope Francis: *“We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision.”*

A copy of the letter dated 26 November 2024 penned by Most Rev. Francis Leo was emailed out with the church bulletin. For those not receiving the bulletin by email there is a copy of the letter available at the back of the church.

<u>Christmas Mass Schedule</u>	<u>New Years Mass Schedule</u>
Dec. 24 th – St. Mary’s – 5:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve	Dec 31 st – St. John’s – 5:00 p.m.
Dec. 24 th – St. John’s – 7:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve	Jan. 1 st – St. Mary’s – 10:30 a.m.
Dec. 24 th – St. Louis – 7:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve	
Dec. 25 th – St. Mary’s – 10:30 a.m. – Christmas Day	

St. John’s –

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament & Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations takes place at St. Mary’s the 1st Friday of the month after the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

St. Mary’s Women of Faith will be Praying the Rosary after Mass the 1st Sunday of each month.

GOOD VIBES COFFEE HOUSE - Looking for something to do? The Good Vibes Coffee House invites you to come out and enjoy an afternoon of music and wholesome entertainment, **the 1st Sunday of every month**, 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. at The Hackney Horse Bed & Breakfast - 3267 Penetanguishene Road, Oro-Medonte, L4M 8Y4 (Craighurst) 705-309-1339 on a permanent basis. BRING YOUR SLIPPERS and come out and enjoy, and show your appreciation for musicians from the local community. Your offering of a five dollar donation will help support the venue. Coffee/Tea & Treats are available for a small charge. Website- goodvibescoffeehouse.org

The **Saint Vincent de Paul Food Bank** serves all Tay Township residents in need call 705-956-0022. We are open Wednesday & Friday from 10-11:30 in the basement of St. Mary’s Church, Victoria Harbour to register for assistance & pick up your food hampers. We thank our parishioners for their continued support.

Pre-Authorized Giving Plan - Many parishes in our Diocese are offering this plan as a convenience for their parishioners. We are offering it at the request of several of our parishioners. Some find it easier to support their church by having their donation automatically withdrawn from their bank account on the 20th of each month. This also ensures the ongoing support of our church when they are away. Many find this method more convenient as many of us are accustomed to paying our utilities in this manner. You will still have the option of placing your envelopes in the collection basket, especially for special collections. If you are interested in giving in this way there are brochures at the back of the church. To enroll, you must submit the form, in the brochure with your void cheque, before the 10th of the first month in order for your deduction to begin on the 20th of the same month.

Baptisms: A family requesting a baptism is expected to be attending Mass on a regular basis in one of our churches. Please speak to Fr. John after Mass to discuss the Sacrament.

Pastoral References: I am happy to provide Pastoral Reference Letters for those living in the boundaries of our churches and are applying for teaching positions within the Catholic system. It is expected that those seeking a teaching position in the Catholic system are living according to the teachings of the Catholic Church, particularly as it pertains to marriage and that they are practicing their faith by regular attendance at Sunday Mass and being involved in the life of the parish.

~ Fr. John