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Our mission is to foster a strong spiritual growth of life and faith in our families, community and society by sharing the gift of our time, treasures and talents.

We hope to do this with a Spirit of Christian generosity that brings us closer to the blessing of unity, peace and reconciliation.

Like St. Anthony called to love and to serve - we try our best in following Christ on the road of this world using God-given gifts for his glory and for the good of our brothers and sisters.

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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

December 31, 2023

MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

January 1, 2024

May God be gracious to us and bless us.

Like any other worthwhile project, family life, to be successful, must be given time and energy to develop. It does not happen automatically. Love, harmony, and mutual respect, which are the basic ingredients of a happy family, must be witnessed in action. Example teaches best. Children become, in later life, what their homes have made them, and when they have learned to give as well as receive, they develop a growing awareness of others. Family life never runs smoothly and today it is more difficult and trying than ever before. On this feast of the Holy Family, we ask Mary and Joseph to make our families pleasing to God, to be the heart and center of every home throughout the world, and to put a new spirit into this basic unit of all society.



SANTA FAMIGLIA DI GESÙ, MARIA E GIUSEPPE / MARIA SANTISSIMA MADRE DI DIO

I pastori, come Maria, accolgono la Parola in silenzio e in ascolto. "Andiamo dunque a Betlemme, vediamo questo avvenimento che il Signore ci ha fatto conoscere". La gioia viene dal fatto che i nostri occhi vedono che è proprio vero, che accade quello che dice la Parola del Signore. Maria insegna ancora che tutto questo va conservato nel cuore. **Il primo gennaio è consacrato alla preghiera per la pace.** Noi amiamo la pace e ne soffriamo la mancanza. Ancora oggi intorno a noi quello che accade è la violenza, la guerra, il male e l'odio. Cosa suggerisce la fede? Solo un cuore in pace con se stesso, può diventare portatore di pace. L'amore di Dio converte la mia violenza e la mia rabbia in accoglienza e misericordia. Così sia questo anno per tutti noi.

Parish Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8:30am-12 noon 1:00pm- 4:30pm

For Daily & Weekend Mass Intentions see inside

SATURDAY: 5:00 PM (English) SUNDAY: 9:00 AM (Italian - English) & 11:00 AM (English)

Registration:

Parish Census Forms at Church entrance or call the Office.

Baptism:

Parish Membership & Baptism class required. Please contact the Office.

Marriage:

Parish Membership & Preparation required. Call Office 6 months in advance.

Reconciliation - Confession:

Saturday 4:00pm & 30 min. before each Mass or on request.

Anointing of the sick:

Every First Friday of the Month during the Mass & on request.

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Let us begin the Year 2024 with Mary Mother of God

Why does Our Lady inspire so much humanity? Perhaps because she is, as the Orthodox say, an icon (image) of God? Perhaps because God speaks through her even though Mary always remains his creature, albeit a unique creature due to gifts received from the Father? All this was the subject of discussion, often heated, when great spirits tried to express in human terms the mystery of God-made man. Mary was called the mother of God, "Theotokos," and this helped calm intellectual disputes. This appellation is particularly dear to the Christians of the East, to our brethren in the Orthodox world, and is deeply rooted in their theology, repeated often in their beautiful liturgies, especially in the Byzantine liturgy. Let us begin the Year 2024 in the sign of this great mystery. Let us then seek to deepen our devotion to Mary, Mother of God, and our mother.



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God bless you and keep you always in his love. Happy, safe, and blessed New Year 2024.

C.W.L. NEWS:
CWL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON & GENERAL MEETING: Sunday, January 14, 2024 at the Italian Cultural Centre (Galileo Room). Lunch will be at 1:00pm. Your favourite baking is welcomed for sharing. Tickets \$25.

C.W.L. REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR COLLECTION: collecting until January 14 box in church lobby.

WARM ARTICLES: CWL collecting **NEW** warm articles for ladies, men & children (hats, mitts, neck warmers, scarves & socks. All sizes appreciated. A collection box is located in our church lobby.

STAMPS: Thank you for supporting Development and Peace with your used stamps. This year, 2.19kg (4.9 lbs.) were forwarded from St. Anthony's Church. Development and Peace initiatives are supported through the sales of the stamps to collectors.

2024 DONATION ENVELOPES: are available in the church lobby. Please discard any old envelopes. If you require envelopes, please call the office. Thank you!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: is an opportunity to spend time in prayer and meditation with the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist outside of Mass. Eucharistic Adoration is held the first Friday of the month. All are invited on **Friday, January 5 at 6:00pm followed by Mass at 7:00pm**

FIRST COMMUNION MEETING FOR PARENTS & CHILDREN: Monday, January 15th at 7:00pm in our church hall.

CONFIRMATION 2024: A special Confirmation ceremony for registered Candidates of Bishop E.Q. Jennings & Bishop Gallagher will be held on Friday, May 3rd at St. Patrick's Cathedral. More information to follow.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Wednesday, January 10 at 7:35pm in church meeting room.

YOUTH CHOIR: There will be a Youth Choir practice Sunday, January 7th and Sunday, January 21st at 12:00pm in the church. We will sing on Sunday, January 28th at 11:00am Mass. Anyone ages 10+ are welcome to join. Contact Cassandra Colistro (807-632-4499) or Shea Niemi (sciemi@lakeheadu.ca) Thank you.



BEST YOUTH ON HILLS: would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year! The next youth meeting will be on **Sunday, January 14, from 7:00pm—8:30pm.** We hope to see everyone in the New Year! All youth gr. 7 and up are welcome.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION WEEKEND: **February 9th & 10th, 2024.** Engaged couples who have booked their wedding date with Fr. Luigi & Deacon Pasquale will be contacted by email to register for the program.

UPDATE YOUR ADDRESS: if you have moved, please call the office to update your new address.

SUNDAY COLLECTION: \$8,765.00
CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: \$8,450.00
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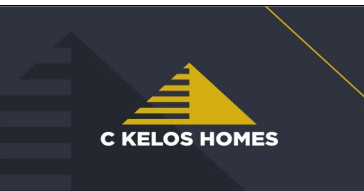
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MASS INTENTIONS January 1, -January 7, 2024

Monday, January 1 **MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**
11:00am Mass (English and Italian)
All Parishioners
Primo DeCal
Pastor
Olinda & Family

Tuesday, January 2
All Souls
9:00am Italian
Parishioner

Wednesday, January 3
Emilio & Maria Caputo
Clemente Vita
7:00pm English
P. Santelli
R. & A. Slobbe

Thursday, January 4
All Souls
7:00pm Italian
Parishioner

Friday, January 5
Franca Costantino
Carmela Santelli
7:00pm English
P. & I. Cava
Family

Saturday, January 6
5:00pm
Mike Ferrari
Franca Donato
Liisa Zanandrea
Luisa & Rosario Larizza
Tito Castellani & All Deceased Castellani
Francesco DiGiacinto
Colleen Valente
children
L. Nucci & Family
Dino & Family
Family
D. & A. Castellani
Family
Joe & Family

Sunday, January 7 **THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**
9:00am Mass
Giuseppe Arella
Carmine & Antonietta DeGrazia
Annina DiCarlo DeProphetis
wife Maria
P. & F. Bloskie & M. DeGrazia
J. DiGiuseppe & Family

11:00am Mass
Giovanni Prete
Natacha Martinie Ruberto & Deceased Martinie & Krings
Salvatore Migliazza
Salvatore & Lucy Migliazza
Giulio Scocchia
M. Machado
Family
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