



# THE POPE'S DECEMBER INTENTIONS FOR 2019

**The Future of the Very Young** That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

**DIOCESAN BOOKKEEPING POLICY:** As we approach year end, parishioners frequently wish to make contributions to the church that will be credited to their tax receipt for the current year. Diocesan bookkeeping policy requires that parish books close on December 31. Contributions made in January cannot be applied to 2019 offerings.



**HELPING CHILDREN THROUGH OUR BOWING ANGEL:** A long-standing tradition at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish is the presence of the bowing angel by the manger scene, who graciously bows her head after an offering is made. Again this year, all donations received from the bowing angel will be sent to the School Sisters of Notre Dame Children's Project in Kenya who work with children whose parents have died of HIV-AIDS. Since the bowing angel cannot digest paper, a plate will be by the angel to accept paper offerings. (Cheques should be made payable to "Our Lady of Lourdes Church".)

**TREE OF LIFE:** It is a tradition here at Our Lady of Lourdes to call the large tree in the sanctuary the "Tree of Life" for the decorations on it reflect two of the great Christian mysteries: *birth and death*. On the tree, there will be 55 angels each inscribed with the name of a child baptized in the parish since last Christmas, and 16 crosses in memory of those born to eternal life. When the Christmas season is over, these personalized ornaments will be available as mementos to family members. Parents with children baptized this year are encouraged to have a photo taken with the child by the tree and to keep this with the ornament.

**CHRISTMAS FLORAL TRIBUTE:** During the Holy Season of Christmas, it is a fitting gesture to dedicate floral tributes to be placed in the church in memory of deceased relatives and friends. These tributes are a sign of remembrance and an expression of faith in Christ's promise of eternal life. Forms are available at the church entrances if you wish to make such a tribute. The floral tribute sheets will be placed in the sanctuary in a gift-wrapped box. Those loved ones named will be remembered at all the Masses during the Christmas season.

We have continued to receive some increases in the pledges for our one Heart One Soul campaign and we are most thankful for each and every donation. We do not have new totals for our campaign this week and will not be updating until the second week of January. We would ask for your prayers for the parishes that will be embarking in their campaign in January. Our wishes for a Blessful Christmas Season to all of you A Holy, Happy New Year. If you have any questions or would like a visit from a campaign team member, please contact Luke McAuley at 519-746-7861 or [mmcauc012@rogers.com](mailto:mmcauc012@rogers.com) or Karin Voisin at [karinvoisin@gmail.com](mailto:karinvoisin@gmail.com).

## Christmas Office Hours

Christmas Eve, December 24.....	Open
Wednesday, December 25 & Thursday, December 26.....	Closed
Friday, December 27.....	Closed
New Year's Eve, December 31.....	Open
Wednesday, January 1.....	Closed
Thursday, January 2.....	Regular office hours



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**Fr. Rafal Tomon**

**DEACON:**

**Rev. Mr. Phong Hoang**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:**

**Mrs. Patrycja Wiecek**

**Monday to Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.**  
**Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

**SUNDAY MASSES:**

**Saturday 7:00 p.m.**  
**Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.**

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:**

**By appointment – please phone the parish office**

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

**Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to noon**  
**Twenty minutes before weekday Masses or by appointment**

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:**

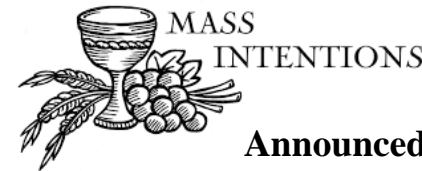
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**BLESSING OF EXPECTANT PARENTS:**

**Last Sunday of each month after all Masses**

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:**

**Church door collections – last Sunday of each month**



## Announced Mass intentions for Dec 23 to Dec 29, 2019

Monday.....	8:30 a.m. ....	Roland Austrup – Margaret Austrup
<b>Christmas Eve</b> .....	5:00 p.m. ....	Living & deceased members of the parish
.....	7:00 p.m. ....	+Jack Downey – Marjory Downey
<b>Midnight Mass</b> .....	12:00 a.m. ....	Special Intention
<b>Christmas Day</b> .....	9:00 a.m. ....	Special Intention
.....	11:00 a.m. ....	Special Intention
Thursday.....	7:00 p.m. ....	+Dave Eckert – Family
Friday.....	8:30 a.m. ....	+Robert Denomme – Peter & Gisele Denomme
Saturday.....	7:00 p.m. ....	+Rosa Ciccarelli – Frank Volpini
Sunday.....	9:00 a.m. ....	Living & deceased members of our parish
.....	11:00 a.m. ....	Special intention

**Offertory collection for Sunday, December 15, 2019: \$4,782.65**

*[Note: This amount does not include donations received through pre-authorized giving.]*

## *Christmas Season Schedule 2019*

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

(Confession Times)

Saturdays: 11:00 a.m. to 12 noon; twenty minutes before all weekday Masses  
or by appointment

### **Mass Schedule**



#### **Christmas**

Tuesday, December 24.....Christmas

**Please join us 20 minutes before each Mass and enjoy Christmas Carols**

5:00 p.m. ....Pageant

7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 25.....Christmas Day

**Please join us 20 minutes before each Mass and enjoy Christmas Carols**

12:00 a.m.....midnight

9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

#### **Feast of the Holy Family**

Saturday, December 28..... 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 29..... 9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

#### **Feast of Mary, Mother of God: New Year's Day**

Tuesday, December 31..... 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 1, 2020 ..... 9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

**Feast of the Epiphany**.....Regular weekend Mass times

*Volunteers needed! Things to sign up for during this Christmas season.*

*Please email our parish office at [lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com](mailto:lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com)*

- *Minister of Hospitality (Usher)*
- *Christmas/New Year's gift bearers*

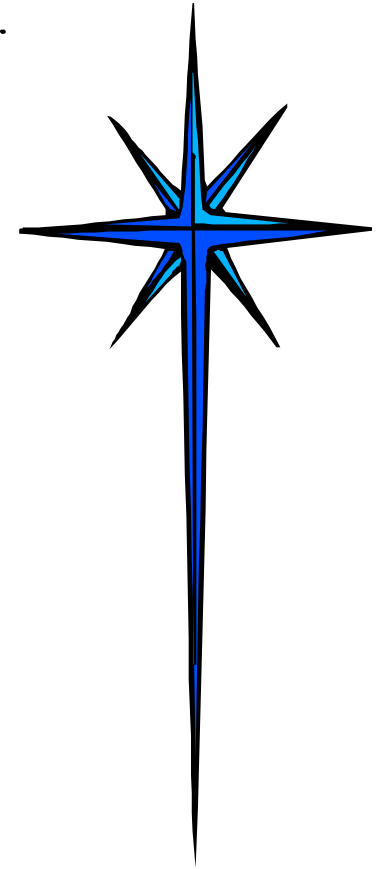
## *Grace Before Christmas Dinner*

*All loving God,  
on this Christmas Day  
we give you thanks for one another  
and for our home  
and the warmth and shelter  
it provides for us.  
During this holy season of the year  
we remember that your love  
is always with us.*

*As you sustained Mary and Joseph  
on their journey to Bethlehem,  
be with us as we celebrate  
the birth of your Son.*

*Help us to remember  
all those in need of food and shelter  
and to share with them  
from the many gifts you give us.  
Thank you for this meal  
and for all the blessings  
of this joyful season.*

*Amen.*



*May the birth of Christ fill your hearts  
with the true peace, hope and love of this holy season.*

*Wishing you and your families a Blessed Christmas and New Year.*

*With prayers, Fr. Rafal Tomon*

