



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

For the week of Sunday 29 December 2024

PLEASE TAKE THIS HOME



*The Flowers in the Church today are given to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of Susan Johnson,
Cindy Robinson,*

Claus Nabert, F. & F. Bawing, A. & J. Aqqad

Dennis & Marily Steen, Ida May Gillis, Cindy Robinson

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for the repose of the soul of Susan Johnson.

*Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord,
and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

FATHER HANNAM *requests that all cases of sorrow or suffering be reported to him.*

PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR following the 11 o'clock service! We meet in the Parish Hall, down the front stairs and to the right.

LOW MASS DURING THE CHRISTMAS OCTAVE is celebrated on weekdays and Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. (*Please note that the Trent Masses will be on hiatus from 26 December until 2 January inclusive, to resume on 3 January.*)



THE BREAKFAST PROGRAMME is open each Thursday. Doors open at 5:30 a.m. until 8:00 a.m., and hot food is served beginning at 6:00 a.m. *The Breakfast Programme will be open as usual on Thursday, 2 January, 2025.*

THE S. BART'S FOOD BANK is open Mondays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. *The Food Bank will be open as usual on Monday, 30 December, 2024, and Thursday, 2 January, 2025.*

✠ INTERCESSIONS ✠

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:

- **TODAY: Sunday, 29 December:** *The Episcopal Church*
- **Monday, 30 December:** *The Diocese of Kutgi – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)*
- **Tuesday, 31 December:** *The Diocese of Kwara – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)*
- **Wednesday, 1 January:** *The Diocese of Kwoi – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)*
- **Thursday, 2 January:** *The Diocese of Kyoto – The Nippon Sei Ko Kai*
- **Friday, 3 January:** *The Diocese of Kyushu – The Nippon Sei Ko Kai*
- **Saturday, 4 January:** *The Diocese of Lafia – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)*

INDIGENOUS CHURCH: For +Chris, National Indigenous Archbishop: for our shared Indigenous ministries and leadership. Particularly, for retiring Indigenous Clergy and Bishops: for rest and rebuilding of life and relationships; for Reconciliation, that it be a shared verb and not just a noun; for open ears and hearts, and for the willingness to humble ourselves enough truly to hear the lament of the other voice before us, and to acknowledge that pain and brokenness can be deeper than ever delved or perceived; and +Adam, Bishop of Missinippi: for a fair and equitable financial remuneration for the Bishop of Missinippi and his clergy, and for financial resources to support the ministry of the Church in Northern Saskatchewan.

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:

- **TODAY: Sunday, 29 December:** *The Staff of the Synod Office*
- **Monday, 30 December:** *The Chapel of Christ Church, Lakefield*
- **Tuesday, 31 December:** *Rice Lake Regional Ministry*
- **Wednesday, 1 January:** *The Members of the Order of the Diocese of Toronto*

- **Thursday, 2 January:** *Epiphany and S. Mark, Parkdale*
- **Friday, 3 January:** *S. Anne, Toronto*
- **Saturday, 4 January:** *S. George by the Grange*

THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED: WED: Alison, Amanda, Andy, Angela, Antonio, George Barkhouse, Ronald Bentley, Beth; | **FRI:** The Carlén Family, Kimberley Curtis, Demetra, Robert Hegele, Scott Hunter, Isabel, James; | **SAT:** Jenni, Catherine LaFond, Laura, Marlyn, Patrick, Patricia Ritacca, Tina, Todd

DAILY INTERCESSIONS: Clifton Aaron, Alan, Andrea, Andrea, Marjorie Austin, Sr Barbara SLSM, Trevon Beckford, Ben, Judy Brake, Bruce, Carl, Ralph Carter, Sr Christine SLG, Christopher, David Conatser, David, Keastner Dawkins, Douglas, Georgia, Grace, Guillaume, Debbie Hartley, Sydney Hegele, Lorna Heron, Lisa Hufana, Jakob, Jane, John, Katherine, Pat Kennedy, Paul Kent, Audrey Kern, Samantha Lanz, Larry, Margaret McQuillan, Michael, Norma Miller, Harold Nahabedian (*priest*), Nickson; Peter; Rebecca; Heekyung Song, John & Donna Starkey, Stephen, Stuart, Tegan, Katherine Walmsley, Mark Weymouth, Jun Wu

DEPARTED: Waveney Job; Gerald Robinson, Agnethe Christensen

THOSE WHO MOURN: Gary MacLean, Soren Floderus, Linnea

✠ POETRY CORNER ✠

CHRISTMAS ON THE EDGE

by Malcolm Guite (1957-)

Christmas sets the centre on the edge;
The edge of town, the outhouse of the inn,
The fringe of empire, far from privilege
And power, on the edge and outer spin
Of turning worlds, a margin of small stars
That edge a galaxy itself light years
From some unguessed at cosmic origin.
Christmas sets the centre at the edge.
And from this day our world is re-aligned
A tiny seed unfolding in the womb
Becomes the source from which we all unfold
And flower into being. We are healed,
The end begins, the tomb becomes a womb,
For now in him all things are re-aligned.

✠ A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR ✠



IMMORTAL Lord God, who inhabitest eternity, and hast brought thy servants to the beginning of another year: Pardon, we humbly beseech thee, our transgressions in the past, bless to us this New Year, and graciously abide with us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

✠ DEVOTIONAL VIGNETTE ✠

THE FEAST OF THE CIRCUMCISION [January 1st] coincides with the beginning of the civil year; the first drops of Jesus' blood seal and consecrate each new year, making it really the "annus Domini," the year of our Lord, which it actually is, since time belongs to God. Our life too is God's; it has been redeemed and sanctified by the Blood of Christ.

Let us, then, begin the year by circumcising our hearts, for as St Ambrose says, "He who has been circumcised of every vice will be judged worthy of the Lord's attention... See how all the events which followed one another in the Old Testament prefigured what was to happen later, for the circumcision also represents purification from sins" (Roman Breviary).

The new year, new life! A new life indeed!—for if we circumcise in ourselves the "old man" with his vices and passions, the "Christian" can grow in us: we can become new creatures, purified by the Blood of Christ, vivified and nourished by his grace, so that it may no longer be we who live, but Christ who lives in us. The new year which begins today will acquire value only if lived in this light. Only by this daily circumcision of the heart will grace triumph in us, thus making the Christ-life and ever-increasing reality in our souls.

Jesus' humble submission to His Father's will, manifested in His obedience to the law (in His willingness to receive circumcision), is another lesson to be learned from today's Feast. It is an invitation to us to be docile to God's will, whatever it may be. None of us knows what awaits us in this new year, but God knows. His will has already prepared our path; every detail of our life is already determined in His mind.

Let us be ready to accept, or rather to embrace with courage and readiness, everything that God wishes or permits, certain that in His holy will we shall find our peace and our sanctification.

- Adapted from Father Gabriel of S. Mary Magdalene, O.C.D.,
Divine Intimacy: Meditations on the Interior Life for Every Day of the Liturgical Year

✠ THROUGH THE WEEK ✠

Please check the website and subscribe to our enews list to stay informed of scheduling changes.

Weekday 7:30 a.m. Masses and 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer will recommence on Wednesday, 10 January.

Sunday, 29 December	<i>THE SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY (com. S. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr & Christmas Octave)</i>	9:00 a.m. Low Mass	11:00 a.m. Sung Mass
Monday, 30 December	<i>In the Octave of Christmas</i>	10:00 a.m. Food Bank (until 11:30 a.m.)	11:00 a.m. Low Mass
Tuesday, 31 December	<i>S. Sylvester, Bishop & Confessor (com. Octave of Christmas)</i>	11:00 a.m. Low Mass	
Wednesday, 1 January	<i>THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST (Octave Day of Christmas)</i>	11:00 a.m. Low Mass	
Thursday, 2 January	<i>The Octave Day of S. Stephen</i>	6:00 a.m. Breakfast Ministry (Doors open at 5:30 a.m., till 8:00 a.m.)	10:00 a.m. Food Bank (until 11:30 a.m.)
		11:00 a.m. Low Mass	
Friday, 3 January	<i>The Octave Day of S. John</i>	7:30 a.m. Low Mass	11:00 a.m. Low Mass (Rite of Trent) †
Saturday, 4 January	<i>The Octave Day of the Holy Innocents</i>	11:00 a.m. Low Mass	
Sunday, 5 January	<i>THE VIGIL OF THE EPIPHANY</i>	9:00 a.m. Low Mass	11:00 a.m. Sung Mass

† indicates Eucharistic celebrations of the Anglocatholic Church, a worldwide church within the Old Catholic succession.

