

BELIEVE
in the true meaning of
CHRISTMAS



St. Gregory's Parish News

Mass Intentions—December 28 to January 10, 2016



Father Alex will be away visiting his family during the month of January. Therefore, there will be no weekday masses during this time. Weekend masses remain the same.

Monday, December 28—No scheduled liturgy

Tuesday, December 29—7:00 p.m.
Natalina & Vito Muzzi—children and families

Wednesday, December 30—No scheduled liturgy

Thursday, December 31—5:00 p.m.
New Year's Eve

Friday, January 1—10:00 a.m.
New Year's Day

Saturday, January 2—5:00 p.m.
Kevin Chusroskie—Cathy & Lynn Johnson
Teresa Power—Cathy & Lynn Johnson
Albert Thibodeau—wife and children
Mario Dadalt—Cathy & Lynn Johnson

Sunday, January 3—9:00 a.m.
Intentions of Parishioners
11:00 a.m.
Serafina Cuglietta—brother,
Giovanni Gagliardi & family
Gino Mio—Richard & Irene Luciani
Antonio & Emilia Bruno—
Vittorio & Olinda Bruno

Monday-Friday
No scheduled liturgy

Saturday, January 9—5:00 p.m.
Eugene Orlando—Tom & Laurie Walton
Alfonso Longo—Carmela & family
Vince Scornaienchi—wife, Gina & Family

Sunday, January 10—9:00 a.m.
Lucrezia Brunetti—Francesca Policicchio
Sam Bitonti—mom, Barbara
11:00 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners

2016 Contribution Envelopes

The contribution envelopes are available at the entrance of the church. Please pick up your envelopes as early as possible. Thank you.

HOLYDAYS OF OBLIGATION

Please remember, in Canada there are two holydays of obligation.


December 25th, Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

January 1st, Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.

As Catholics, we are all encouraged to participate on all Sundays of the year and on holydays of obligation.

New Year Eve mass: 5:00 p.m.

New Year Day mass: 10:00 a.m.



My Dear Parishioners,

I wish to all of you a very Merry Christmas! May the blessings of Christmas fill your heart, your home and your life always!

Christmas is about Incarnation. The mystery of the Incarnation is a mystery of love. It reveals to us what the heart of God is like. It shows us how much God loves us, how much He cares for us and how close He is to us. This was no loving from a distance. This was a loving at a close quarters. Jesus is the gift of Christmas. He is the revelation of the Father's merciful love.

On the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Holy Father Pope Francis inaugurated an Extraordinary Jubilee year dedicated to God's mercy. In his letter, titled 'The Face of Mercy', Pope invites us to look upon the face of the Lord Jesus as the face of God's mercy.

Every Christmas gives us an opportunity to look upon the face of the Lord. The feast of the Incarnation invites us to have the spirit of the shepherds who upon hearing the Good News of great joy, went with haste to Bethlehem to find the baby Jesus in the manger. Let us, like the shepherds, look upon the face of Jesus in the manger and experience the transforming power of love.

The shepherds returned to their flocks 'glorifying and praising God for all they had seen and heard'. Nothing had changed, yet everything had changed. Now their hearts were filled with wonder. They had a new vision, a new hope, and a new sense of the love of God for them and of His presence with them. Let this Christmas bring us a new vision and a new hope, a new sense of love of God in us and in our fellow being. Let it eliminate the darkness of anger, hatred, greed, pride and jealousy and bring forth the light of Christ, peace, joy, forgiveness and love.

Have a Blessed Christmas and a hope-filled New Year!

*Merry Christmas! Buon Natale!
Father Alex*



"Thank You / Grazie Mille"

With great gratitude I acknowledge the commitment and support rendered to me and the parish by the very efficient and selfless staff, volunteers, and everyone who have contributed in making the atmosphere for our advent and Christmas celebrations very meaningful.

Thank you to all who gave toys, woollen goods, non perishable food items, toiletries etc. for Christmas Cheer, Women in Crisis Centre, the Soup Kitchen, Pauline's Place, and St. Vincent de Paul. Your generosity is very much appreciated!

Thank you to those volunteers who packed and delivered, those who donated and helped prepare the fruit baskets and deliver them to our shut-ins. Thank you also to those who helped co-ordinate the parking of vehicles. Many thanks to Anastasia and everyone who participated in the Children's Christmas Pageant.

A special thank you to those who came out to decorate the church under the guidance of the Rector family. I also gratefully remember and thank all the extra-ordinary ministers of the Eucharist, welcomers, ushers, altar servers and the choir members who assisted in the various celebrations and look forward to their continuous support and assistance.

May God bless you all!

Father Alex

MAKES A GREAT NEW YEAR GIFT

THE JOURNEY LOTTERY!

Win \$1000 every week!

49 weekly draws of \$1000 each week (winners go back in!)

Tickets are available in the parish office or at the entrance of the church at each mass.

Ticket cost: \$20/ticket

The office is closed until January 5, 2016. In case of emergencies please call the parish office and leave a message. Thank you.

Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo!