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Nativity of Our Lady Mission  
108 Chibekena Inano, Pikwakanagan, Ontario

St. Ann's Church  
50 McCauley Mountain Road, Cormac, Ontario

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Kindly remember those of our families and friends who are isolated, lonely, or suffering the burden of illness or pain, especially Marie (O'Brien) Swant, Esther O'Malley, Orpha Breen, Lisa Selle, Patrick O'Kane, Sharon Menard, Larry Felhaber, Kelly Haslet, Clare Lavalley, Emmett Duff, Mike Kineer and Pat Redmond. Remember in your prayers those who are suffering from COVID 19.

In your prayers kindly remember and pray for those who have died recently. May they feel God's loving embrace and presence, in the heavenly kingdom.

**Theme – New Beginnings** – A new dawn breaks for God's people. Isaiah announces that the darkness of exile is over and the Israelites are called to return to their homeland. The gospel of Mark begins with John the Baptist's mission which he sees as an echo of the new beginning proclaimed by Isaiah. The second letter of Peter allays concerns about the delay in Christ's return. When it comes it will bring a new creation not only for humankind but for the entire cosmos.

Your offering at St. James the Less for Sunday, November 29th was \$2,660.00

Fuel Offering: 150.00

Your offering at Nativity of our Lady Mission was \$506.25

**A sincere thank you for your weekly donations to support your parish.**

Your generosity is gratefully appreciated.

**HAVE A SAFE AND BLESSED WEEK!**



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ANNOUNCED PARISH MASSES

### Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

Saturday, December 5 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 p.m.	Lise Daley - Mick Daley
Sunday, December 6 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m.	<b>Pikwakanagan</b> - Carl Brose – Stewart Lavigueur
Sunday, December 6 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 a.m.	For the intentions of all parishioners
<b>Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Cormac – No Mass</b>
Thursday, December 10 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 a.m.	The Loffler Family – Elisabeth Hemming
Friday, December 11 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 a.m.	Intentions of St. Joseph's Community Centre – Felix & Iveta Fernandes
Saturday, December 12 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 p.m.	Harry Searson – Colleen & Tom Leckie
Sunday, December 13 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m.	<b>Pikwakanagan</b> – Kevin Chusroskie – Bill & Brenda McPhee
Sunday, December 14 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 a.m.	For the intentions of all parishioners

### St. James the Less Readers for December 12<sup>th</sup> and December 13<sup>th</sup>

#### Lector

December 12<sup>th</sup>: William Enright  
December 13<sup>th</sup>: Anna Mary Gallagher

#### Ministers of the Eucharist

Gus Cammaert, Rosemary Cammaert  
Carolyn Desjardins, Kevin Knox



**Christmas Flowers** Envelopes are now available at the entrances to the Church, inviting you to make a contribution to the cost of the Christmas decorations, and to indicate who the donation is from, and the intention that you wish remembered at Mass.

The intentions will be remembered at the Mass on Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. The names and intentions, (not the donated amount) will also be published. This is a great way to have your loved ones remembered at the Celebration of Christmas.

Simply place your completed envelope in the collection basket, or bring it to the parish office with your donation before December 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Your 2020-2021 Sunday missals** are available on the tables at the entrance of the church. Cost is \$5.00 each. Kindly put your money in the box provided. **Advent Candles are available** - cost is \$10.00 each.

**Your 2021 Sunday Offering Envelopes for St. James Parish** are available for everyone to pick up at the entrance tables. **Living Faith Daily Catholic Devotions** for January - March 2021 are available as well.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

### Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Father Ken is seeking lectors and **extra-ordinary ministers for Nativity of Our Lady Mission in Pikwakanagan**. If you would like to participate in this beautiful ministry, contact Father Ken or you are welcome to call the parish office 613-628-2020 or email [secretarystjames@gmail.com](mailto:secretarystjames@gmail.com)

**Ordo Liturgical Calendars for 2020-21** are presently available for purchase at the Chancery Office for only \$20/copy on a first-come, first-served basis. If interested, please contact Donna Biggs at 613 732-7933 ext. 203 or [donnabiggs@pembrokediocese.com](mailto:donnabiggs@pembrokediocese.com).



**CWL Membership** – Ladies of St. James the Less and Nativity of our Lady Mission: All ladies are warmly invited to join the Catholic Women's League as a new member, or renew your CWL membership as a valued member. Please deposit your envelope in the Sunday collection basket. The fee is \$20.00 per year. Consider joining a national sisterhood of Catholic women that respond to political and social issues, offer welcome and comfort to the needy, provides leadership and educational skills, rooted in Gospel values, calling its members to holiness through service to God. The National CWL website is an informative resource to discover more about this organization.

Thank you for participating, Membership Conveners of St. James and Nativity of our Lady

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION a problem this year?** Consider two options for **online Confirmation preparation**. Simple and cost effective. Both are excellent programs to help young people prepare and be strengthened for their mission in the Catholic Church. Please visit <https://www.catholiconline.school/pages/confirmation> or <https://www.hopestone.ca/confirmation>. For more information contact Deacon Adrien Chaput at 613 732-7933 ext. 206 or [dcadrienchaput@pembrokediocese.com](mailto:dcadrienchaput@pembrokediocese.com).

Diocesan Marriage preparation courses (English) coming up, Spring of 2021, **will be delivered ONLINE only**. This includes the **Renfrew Course** – Feb. 27 and March 6 and the **Pembroke Course** – April 17<sup>th</sup> and May 1. All couples who register will be notified. Delivery style will be re-evaluated for Fall 2021. Another option for an online Marriage Preparation program that may offer more suitable dates for a couple is **Catholic Engaged Encounter English Canada East**. They can be contacted at [www.ceeeeast.org](http://www.ceeeeast.org). For questions, our local contact is: **Yvette Bourque, Family Life & Youth Ministry Office**, Diocese of Pembroke  
P.O Box 7, 188 Renfrew St. Pembroke, ON K8A 6X1  
Ph-(613) 732-7933 ex 208



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Father Ken wanted parishioners to see this joint statement. It is crucial that our faiths work together.



### **Joint Statement**

**by Most Rev. Richard Gagnon, Most Rev. Mikael Mouradian and Most Rev. Abgar Hovakimyan**

In recent weeks, the entire world has witnessed the regrettable shedding of innocent blood in Artsakh, also known as Nagorno-Karabakh, the ancestral land of the local Armenian population.

The hardship and violence, destruction and pain caused cannot be ignored by the international community nor by men and women of faith.

As faith leaders we raise our voices in prayer to the Lord for a peaceful just resolution, all the while lamenting the most unfortunate turn of events whereby peoples' fundamental rights and freedoms continue to be violated in Artsakh.

Furthermore, we stand firmly by the victims of this tragedy and earnestly encourage every initiative that will promote peace and justice for all. We deplore the military attacks and other horrific acts of brutality which have taken place, and call upon the political leaders to work together conscientiously with good will and humility so that the God-given and inalienable freedoms will flourish and serenity will reign once again.

We also wish to encourage the Government of Canada to take concrete measures for the protection of the local Armenian population of Artsakh and to employ efforts in setting into motion a mechanism whereby ethnic Armenians may enjoy the means for just and lawful self-determination in that region.

Before this crisis escalates even more, we appeal to those who occupy positions of authority, responsibility and influence to engage in sincere negotiations and resolve wholeheartedly to maintain definitively the ceasefire and to work in unison so as to forge a new path forward so all can live in peace and prosperity, with the Lord's blessing.

**Archbishop Richard Gagnon**  
Archbishop of Winnipeg  
President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

**Bishop Mikael Mouradian**  
Eparchial Bishop for the Catholic Armenians in Canada and the United States

**Bishop Abgar Hovakimyan**  
Primate of the Armenian Holy Apostolic Church Canadian Diocese