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108 Chibekena Inano, Pikwakanagan, Ontario

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50 McCauley Mountain Road, Cormac, Ontario

3rd Sunday of Advent Sunday, December 13th, 2020

Kindly remember those of our families and friends in our community, who are isolated, 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, Pat Redmond, Wyatt Lehman, Shelley MacLeod and Molly Helferty. Remember in your prayers those who are suffering from COVID 19.

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

Theme – Christian Joy – This mid-point Sunday of Advent has long been known as “Rejoice” Sunday (Gaudete). Since Advent is not penitential season but a season of hope and expectation, today's celebration reminds us that we have ample reason to hope in view of our experience of God's goodness. The passage from Third sage of liberation and lasting favor. In the midst of rather tense expectation, Paul urges the Thessalonians to rejoice in prayer, thanksgiving, and confidence. In today's gospel, John the Baptist willingly acknowledges his subordinate status as he refers to the one who is to come.

Your offering at St. James the Less for Sunday, December 6th was \$2,835.00

Fuel Offering: 10.00

Your offering at Nativity of our Lady Mission was \$288.50

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 12th – Sunday, December 20th

Saturday, December 12 th	5:30 p.m.	Harry Searson – Colleen & Tom Leckie
Sunday, December 13 th	9:00 a.m.	Pikwakanagan - Kevin Chusroskie – Bill & Brenda McPhee
Sunday, December 14 th	11:00 a.m.	For the intentions of all parishioners
Tuesday, December 15th	7:00 p.m.	Cormac – No Mass
Thursday, December 17 th	8:30 a.m.	The Hemming Family – Elisabeth Hemming
Friday, December 18 th	8:30 a.m.	Nicholas Peplinski – Lucy & Jerry Stokes
Saturday, December 19 th	5:30 p.m.	Deceased Parents – Noreen & Michael Galligan
Sunday, December 20 th	9:00 a.m.	Pikwakanagan – Special Intentions – Jackie & Eddie Schruder
Sunday, December 20 th	11:00 a.m.	For the intentions of all parishioners

Diocesan Young Adult Ministry (18 to 35 yrs.): Join us on **Wednesday, December 16th** at St. Columbkille Cathedral parish hall from 7-8:30 p.m. for some Advent fun and the second half of Session #2 – No Greater Love, a Biblical walk through Christ’s Passion by Edward Sri from Ascension Press. Holy Hour and reconciliation is available from 6-7 p.m. as well. To join the e-mail group please contact Yvette Bourque at yvettebourque@pembrokedioocese.com.

St. James the Less Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for December 19th and December 20th
 December 19th: Joanne Zomers, Lector Megan McGrath, William Enright: Eucharistic Ministers
 December 20th: Karen McKibbon, Lector Karen Tracey, Mark Searson: Eucharistic Ministers

Kindly remember our Eganville Food Bank in this advent season.



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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.

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



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 Mission

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@pembroke-diocese.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 17th 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.ceeeast.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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On Saturday December 12th, the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Church in Canada celebrates the **National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples**. This project, with the approval of the Bishops of Canada, has been coordinated since 2002 by the Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council (formerly the Canadian Catholic Aboriginal Council). This year, the reflection by the Council centres on the theme *Healing of the Earth*. "Together we share one common home, Mother Earth, and we are all dependant on her for our existence. We continue to face very real threats to our ecology and way of life, which has never been more apparent as we live through the present Covid-19 pandemic. We must come together as one human family. Pope Francis reminds us in his encyclical *Laudato Si* that: 'Humanity still has the ability to work together in building our common home.' We turn to the Earth for sustenance: for shelter, food and medicines. And when we die, our bodies will return to the Earth where our ancestors reside as we await to be with God in Heaven forever."



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY – we extend our heartfelt congratulations and prayerful best wishes to all couples who have are celebrating their **Marriage Anniversary during November and December, 2020**. The 11:00 a.m. Mass this Sunday is offered for their intentions. Among those celebrating in these months are:

Les & Colleen Prendergast – 20 years on November 4th
 August & Vera Lapinski – 63 years on November 16th
 Joseph & Ellen Kalbhenn – 58 years on November 17th
 David & Kelly Middlemiss – 35 years on November 24th
 Gus & Rosemary Cammaert – 54 years on December 18th
 Jim & Alice Anderson – 55 years on December 23rd
 Robert Laberee & Bonita Renaud – 8 years on December 29th

Prayer for Wedding Anniversary: O God, we thank you that you have given us another year of life together. We thank you for the love which grows more precious and for the bonds which grow more closely each day. We thank you for the happiness we have known together; for the sorrows we have faced together; for all the experiences of sunshine and of shadow through which we have come, up to today. All Couples, whether newly married or many years married, are welcome to have their wedding anniversaries announced in our parish bulletin. Call the Parish Office at 613-628-2020 with your date, or email: secretarystjames@gmail.com

LOVE is patient. Love is kind.
 It does not envy. It does not boast.
 It is not proud. It is not rude.
 It is not self-seeking. It is not easily
 angered. It keeps no record of
 wrongs. Love does not delight
 in evil, but rejoices with the truth.
 It always protects. Always trusts.
 Always hopes. Always perseveres.

~ Corinthians 13:4-7