

**Christmas - The Nativity of the Lord
December 25, 2022**

Gospel Reading *John 1:1-18*
John announces that in Jesus, the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

Monday, December 26

9:00 a.m. Mass - Bruno Sardella
(req. by Mr. & Mrs. Domenico Nero)
Eleanor Dixon
(req. by Edna & Michael O'Rourke)

Tuesday, December 27

9:00 a.m. Mass - Spec. int. of Adelaine Nohara
(req. by Ferrara family)

Wednesday, December 28

9:00 a.m. Mass - Gerald Caskenette
(req. by Andre & Therese Czychun)

Thursday, December 29

9:00 a.m. Mass - Joseph Masotti
(req. by Masotti family)
Denny & Ignacy Skala
(req. by Theresa Skala)

Friday, December 30

(The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph)
9:00 a.m. Mass - Riet Swinkels
(req. by Trudy Ruiter)

Saturday, December 31

5:00 p.m. Mass - Bob Scott
(req. by Yvonne Scott)
Anna Bachetti
(req. by Ricardo & Sue Guglielmi)

Sunday, January 1

(The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God)

9:00 a.m. Mass - Spec. int. of Arias & Bohorquez families
(req. by family)
11:00 a.m. Mass - People of the Parish

PARISH ADORATION & BENEDICTION

First Friday of the month after 9:00am Mass to 10:30am.

Communion for people who are ill or home bound is available please call the parish office for information.

The **2023 offertory boxes** are available in the foyer. To help us update our database please check the address we have on your box and contact the parish office if a correction needs to be made.

**The Solemnity of Mary,
the Holy Mother of God
January 1, 2023**

Gospel Reading
Luke 2:16-21
The shepherds find Jesus in a manger in Bethlehem.

Monday, January 2

9:00 a.m. Mass - Spec. int. of Sharon Forgeron
(req. by Irma Ruiter)

Tuesday, January 3

9:00 a.m. Mass - Peter Cowan
(req. by Irma Ruiter)

Wednesday, January 4

9:00 a.m. Mass - Bill Steed
(req. by Sutton family)
Special Intention
(req. by Mrs. Zucco)

Thursday, January 5

9:00 a.m. Mass - Pam Poulin
(req. by Ron Poulin)

Friday, January 6

9:00 a.m. Mass - Spec. int. of Jane Crezensci
(req. by Cathy Sutton)

Saturday, January 7

(The Epiphany of the Lord)
5:00 p.m. Mass - Anna Bachetti
(req. by Paul & Albert Della Smirra & family)

Sunday, January 8

9:00 a.m. Mass - Tello Siciliano
(req. by Carlos Gualtieri)
Giovanni Della Smirra
(req. by family)
11:00 a.m. Mass - People of the Parish

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP!

<u>December 11, 2022</u>		<u>December 18, 2022</u>	
<i>Sunday Collection</i>	\$6,668.00	<i>Sunday Collection</i>	\$7,953.00
<i>Flowers for Christmas</i>	\$89.00	<i>Flowers for Christmas</i>	\$65.00
<i>Christmas</i>	\$50.00	<i>Christmas</i>	\$640.00

Pre-authorized Giving (PAG) December 15th \$2,902 & December 30th \$1,800.

E-transfers Available

E-transfers to St. Alexander Parish are now possible using the email address: donatestalexander@bellnet.ca
Please make sure to put what your transfer is for in the message section i.e.: Offertory, Building Fund, etc..

The Parish Office will be closed for the holidays on Mon., Dec. 26, 2022 and re-open Tues., Jan. 3, 2023.

**The Epiphany of the Lord
January 8, 2023**

Gospel Reading
Matthew 2:1-12
The Magi seek out Jesus and do him homage.

Monday, January 9

(The Baptism of the Lord)
9:00 a.m. Mass - Diane Bird
(req. by Stoyka family)
Living and deceased members of the Lewis family
(req. by Pauline Lewis)

Tuesday, January 10

9:00 a.m. Mass - Spec. int. of Sharon Forgeron
(req. by Irma Ruiter)

Wednesday, January 11

9:00 a.m. Mass - Vince Guglielmi
(req. by Jack & Ivana Wilson)

Thursday, January 12

9:00 a.m. Mass - Spec. int. of Christine Smith
(req. by Cathy Sutton)

Friday, January 13

9:00 a.m. Mass - David Lucescu
(req. by Debbie Pine & family)

Saturday, January 14

(Second Sunday in Ordinary Time)
5:00 p.m. Mass - Anna Bachetti
(req. by Joseph Speranzini & Irene Payk)
Antonio & Saverina Perri
(req. by Tornabuono family)

Sunday, January 15

9:00 a.m. Mass - Amerina DeGasperis
(req. by DeGasperis & Lucchetta families)
Kyle Olmsted
(req. by Jerry & Lucia LaPine)
Francesco (Frank) Agostino
(req. by Agostino family)
11:00 a.m. Mass - People of the Parish

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Fonthill Volunteer Firefighters Christmas Toy Drive!
Thank you to all our volunteers who help at Mass and outside of Mass. The gift of their time, and their service to our Parish is appreciated.
“We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop.” – **Mother Teresa**



Dear parishioners and friends of our St. Alexander's family:

Well, this is my first Christmas with you this year, and I continually thank God every day that I have been chosen to serve you as pastor. When I arrived in August, I did not know what to expect. I miss my previous parish and all the wonderful people there (who still pop in periodically to ensure I'm doing things the right way). I am also deeply grateful to Fr. Mitch Kasza for his love of each of you and his years of dedication. But I was also very excited to be coming here. It felt like a fresh start after COVID, an opportunity to share the task of rebuilding a parish community with a long history of rebuilding! My first step was to sign on, with Deacon Gunther, to coaching from *Rebuilt Parish* out of Baltimore, a catholic program of leadership development and pastoral ministry. They have been an excellent partner on the journey. They have helped me identify my strengths and weakness as a leader. They have also taught me to cast a vision of parish activity capable of changing lives - to love God, love each other and follow Christ. And I'm proud that we are not rushing into a flurry of activities. Still, we are proceeding slowly and methodically, ensuring *all* our actions align with that simple mission of changing lives. Being here as your pastor is genuinely a joy because my life is changing, too. And I can't wait to see what the future will bring!

I'm looking forward to a very mission-oriented and mission-focused parish as we grow. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and not only a happy new year but a new year of growing wider and deeper as a parish.

Fr. Paul,
St. Alexander's Church

Our mission:
Love God, love others, follow Christ

Our four strategic anchors:
Grow wider, grow deeper, create an outstanding weekend experience and empower parish leaders.

The first **CWL meeting** of 2023 is on January 3rd after morning mass. All women in the parish are welcome to join us, whether you are a member or not. This meeting will begin the nomination process for all offices including President. Our mission is to Serve God, and others through prayer and action.

Hope Centre Lunch

St. Vincent De Paul of St. Alexander's Parish will be hosting lunch at the Hope Centre on Wednesday, January 18th. If you can help provide chili, please sign up at the bulletin board. Thank you for your support.