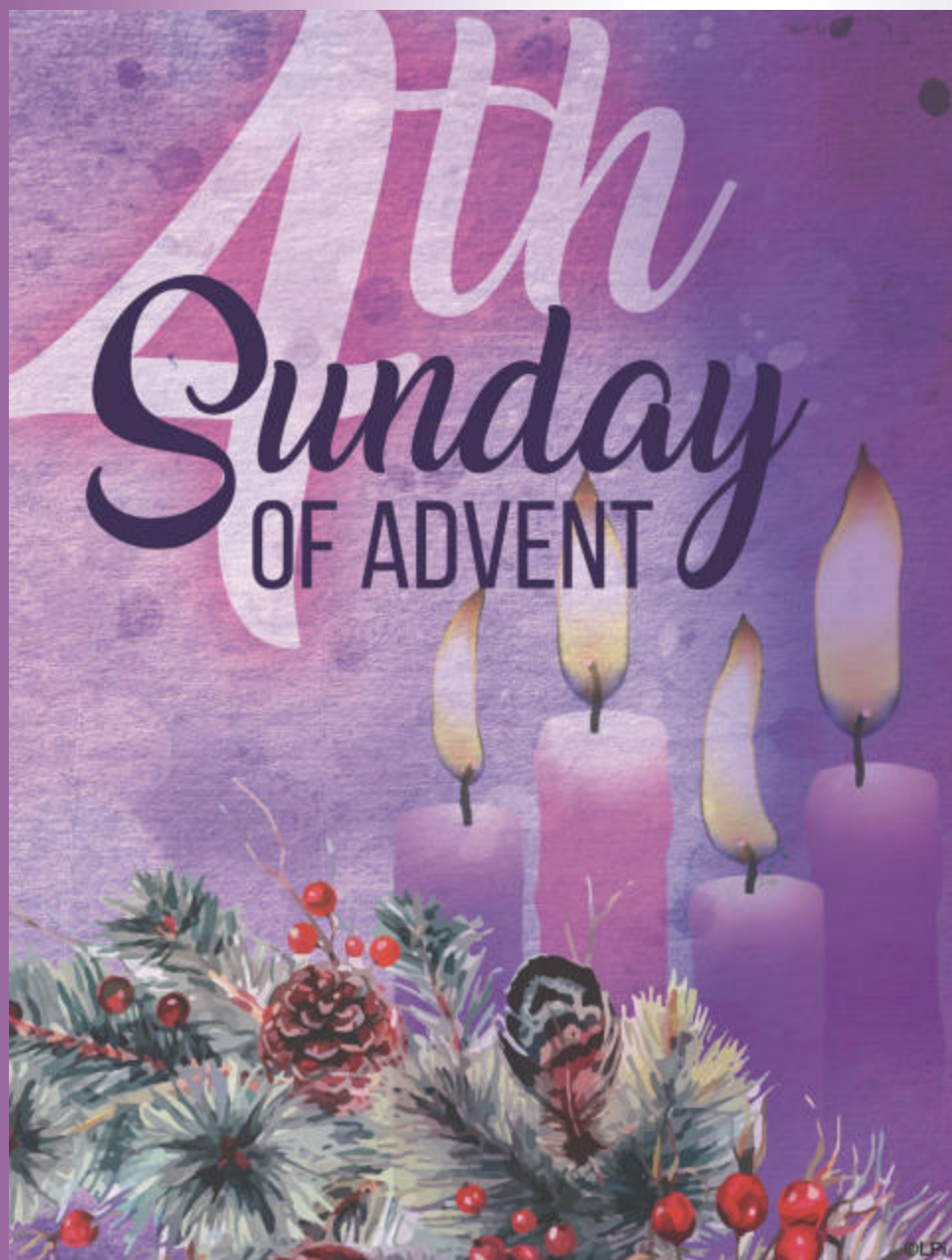


Holy Family Parish Cluster

Sunday, December 20, 2020



**Our Lady of the
Holy Rosary
Lost Nation/Toronto**

**Sacred Heart
Oxford Junction**

**Sts Philip & James
Grand Mound**

Mission Statement

A family of God constituted by the Holy Eucharist and strengthened by the Holy Spirit to make God known, loved and served.



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Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday 12:00 noon

(unless otherwise noted).

- Sacrament of Baptism: Please call the cluster office for arrangements.
- Sacrament of Matrimony: Please contact Pastor 9 to 12 months prior to wedding date.

ORDER OF MASS

Introductory Rites

Entrance Antiphon

Drop down dew from above, you heavens,
and let the clouds rain down the Just One;
let the earth be opened and bring forth a Savior.

Glory to God

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to
people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we
adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your
great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God,
almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten
Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you
take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you
take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you
are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy
on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are
the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading [2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16](#)

Responsorial Psalm [Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29](#)

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

The promises of the Lord I will sing forever;
through all generations my mouth shall proclaim
your faithfulness.

For you have said, "My kindness is established
forever";

in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

"I have made a covenant with my chosen one,
I have sworn to David my servant:
Forever will I confirm your posterity
and establish your throne for all generations."

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

"He shall say of me, 'You are my father,
my God, the Rock, my savior.'

Forever I will maintain my kindness toward him,
and my covenant with him stands firm."

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading [Romans 16:25-27](#)

Gospel Acclamation [Luke 1:38](#)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.

May it be done to me according to your word.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel [Luke 1:26-38](#)

Profession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of
heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten
Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true
God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the
Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from
heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the
Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he
suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the
third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right
hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to
judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will
have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and
the life of the world to come. Amen.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Prayer after Communion

Soul of Christ, sanctify me; Body of Christ, save me;
Blood of Christ, inebriate me; Water from the side of
Christ, wash me; Passion of Christ, strengthen me; O
good Jesus, hear me; Within your wounds hide me;
Separated from you, let me never be; From the evil one
protect me; At the hour of my death, call me; And
close to you bid me; That with your saints, I may be,
praising you forever and ever. Amen

Concluding Rites

Presents or Presence

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. (John 1:1, 14)

When we were children, Christmas was all about receiving gifts. Our heads would swim with nothing but images of our favorite toys. Even now many of us make lists and search the Internet to find the perfect gift for those special people in our lives. After all, gift giving is a small way to show thoughtfulness and affection for those we love, but the true message of Christmas is not the presents we give to one another. The true meaning is the gift that God gave to us, His Son Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ, God himself, came to earth because He loved us. No other gift compares to that, but when He came, He brought so much more. He brought hope and peace, forgiveness and healing, a new way to live and a new way to see. He brought a new definition of “neighbor” and a new way to relate to others, and He brought a new joy that cannot be taken away from us. These are the gifts we were given, and these are the gifts we need to pass on to others.

Christmas is all about giving and sharing with one another. At no other time of year are we given more opportunities to give of our time, resources, and

finances than during the holidays. But it’s more than simply giving these things to those in need. It’s about sharing with them the gifts we’ve been given by God; those mentioned above. When we do that, we are sharing His love and His presence because every one of those gifts God has given us is the manifestation of His presence.

We must never forget how richly we’ve been blessed, and it’s time to pay it forward! Even when we don’t feel like we have something to give, we do. God has given us so much, and we need to share these gifts with all those around us. In doing so, we’ll be spreading His presence to everyone we meet and glorifying Him this Christmas season, becoming true heralds of joy, love, hope, and peace.

So this Christmas, as we look down under the tree, let’s not forget to look up to Heaven and give thanks. Let’s make time to praise God for the gift He gave us, instead of seeking to be praised for the gifts we give. Let’s make sure we open our Bibles before opening our presents. And most of all, let’s not focus on what lies under the tree, but on who lay in the manger and the lasting joy He brought to all of us!

Colleen Burke
Evangelization Team

Our Sacred Heart Church Family congratulates Stacie and Ian Cronkleton on the blessing of their marriage on Sunday, December 6.



We have an opportunity for Adoration and Individual Confessions on Sunday, December 20 at OLHR, Lost Nation from 3:00 to 6:00 pm.

Other opportunities for Confession

Before daily mass

Before weekend masses at SSPJ & OLHR

After weekend mass at SH

Call for an appointment 563-847-2271



Congratulations to the 8 students at SSPJ who participated in their First Reconciliation on Wed., Dec. 9! Keep them in your prayers!

At the request of Pope Francis we will have our annual Good Friday Collection **today, Sunday, Dec. 20!** This collection supports Christians living in the Holy Land. It was cancelled due to the Corona virus.

A gentle reminder that if you have not yet given to our parish fund-raising goal, please try to do so before the end of December, 2020. We have many expenses during the winter, and we want to make sure Sacred Heart continues to be a safe, happy, holy place to gather with our parish family.

WEEKLY ANTIPHONS

Entrance Antiphon

Tuesday 12/22

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory!

Wednesday 12/23

A child shall be born for us,
and he will be called God, the Almighty;
every tribe of the earth shall be blest in him.

Thursday 12/24

Behold, when the fullness of time had come,
God sent his Son into the world.

Friday 12/25

Today you will know that the Lord will come, and
he will save us, and in the morning you will see
his glory.

Weekly Recessional Antiphon

The Lord and Ruler will be coming soon,
and his name will be called Emmanuel,
because he will be God-with-us.

From Words Among Us

Pope Francis Prayer Intention

For December

For a Life of Prayer

**We pray that our personal
relationship with Jesus Christ be
nourished by the Word of God and a
life of prayer.**

The Carmelite Sisters has moved to a space at The
Canticle in Clinton. Their new address is:

Carmelite Sisters
841 13th Avenue N
Clinton, IA 52732

Cluster Parish Prayer List

1. Our Shepherds:

Bishop Thomas Zinkula, Archbishop
Michael Jackels, Fr. Francis Odoom,
Deacon Mike Shiel

2. The Aged & Infirm:

- Melvin Duwa, Dorothy Hasenmiller, Gloria Kagemann, Grace Kinney, & Dick Nodurft
- Betty Anderson, Jerica Christensen, Rich Kleineck, Leonard Lasack, Paul Lasack & Marilyn Stevenson

MASS SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Place	Intention
Saturday 12/19	05:00pm	Toronto	Natalie Regan
Sunday 12/20	8:00am	Grand Mound	Monica, Howard & Harold Green
	10:00am	Oxford Junction	Lawrence, Chuck, David & Dennis Koppes
Tuesday 12/22	8:00am	Grand Mound	Vince & Regina Hahn
Wednesday 12/23	5:00pm	Grand Mound	Dick Cawiezell
Thursday 12/24	4:30pm	Grand Mound	For the People
	4:30pm	Lost Nation	
	6:00pm	Oxford Junction	
Friday 12/25	8:00am	Oxford Junction	For the People
	10:30am	Lost Nation	
Saturday 12/26	5:00pm	Toronto	Jim Wisor
Sunday 12/27	8:00am	Grand Mound	Elmer Hassenmiller
	10:00am	Oxford Junction	Glen Reginniter

DAILY READINGS

Readings for the week of December 20, 2020

Sunday 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

Monday Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

Tuesday 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd]/Lk 1:46-56

Wednesday Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66

Thursday *Morning:* 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79

Friday *Vigil:* Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25.

Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14. *Dawn:* Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20. *Day:* Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18

Saturday Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22

Next Sunday Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Luke 2:22-40


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