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Deacon Hugh O'Donnell  
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Lisa Zannese, President

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1105 March Road

##### **St. Gabriel Elementary**

400 Keyrock Drive

##### **St. Isabel Elementary**

785 Golbourn Forced Road

##### **Georges Vanier Elementary**

40 Varley Drive



# ST. ISIDORE

## Roman Catholic Parish

**Sunday Bulletin · Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**Christmas – The Nativity of the Lord**  
**December 22 & 25, 2024**

### Pastor's Message



We celebrate in the coming days one of the greatest mysteries of our Christian faith: in Jesus Christ, God takes on our human flesh and becomes one of us so that we are reconciled with God and reconciled with each other. By his Incarnation, Jesus becomes truly the Prince of Peace, becoming the bridge between heaven and earth and making possible fraternity between all peoples. In our world, wounded by the reality of wars and conflicts, we embrace this

Good News of the Birth of our Lord and commit ourselves to the reign of the Kingdom of God which he has begun on earth. On the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, on January 1<sup>st</sup>, we observe the World Day of Peace which was instituted by Pope St. Paul VI in 1968. Inspired by this message of Christmas, there are stories which speak to the possibility of peace in our world. During the First World War and particularly (but not exclusively) in 1914, a series of informal truces took place for Christmas between opposing armies. The truces, which were organised spontaneously by fighting men, ranged from promises not to shoot (shouted at a distance in order to ease the pressure of war for the day) to friendly socializing, gift giving and even sport between enemies. These incidents became a well known and semi-mythologized part of popular memory. They have been described as a symbol of common humanity even in the darkest of situations and used to demonstrate to children the ideals of Christmas. (cf. Wikipedia)

For our Catholic Church, only the Easter celebration of the Lord's death and rising is more important than the Christmas Season which begins with the Mass during the Night of Christmas Eve and continues until the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord (this year on Sunday January 12<sup>th</sup>). With Deacon Hugh, Deacon Dave, Bella and Antonella, we wish all parishioners – and those who will visit and celebrate with us during the Christmas Season – God's abundant blessings for a Joyful Christmas.

Our thanks go to the Knights of Columbus who organized, last Sunday, their annual "Breakfast with Santa." We are also grateful to the team of volunteers, led by Shauna Wilson, who organized crafts for the children including decorating Nativity scenes. It was good to see so many parishioners who came together to enjoy the festive spirit of our community at this time of the year.

From a Sermon by Pope St. Leo the Great on the Nativity: "Let us be glad in the Lord, ... rejoice with spiritual joy that there has dawned for us the day of ever-new redemption, of ancient preparation, of eternal bliss. ... we are bound with hearts up-lifted to adore the divine mystery: so that what is the effect of God's great gift may be celebrated by the Church's great rejoicings." *Fr. Kevin*

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## Sunday Readings

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### Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, Fourth Sunday of Advent

Micah 5.2-5a

*From you, O Bethlehem, will come the ruler of Israel.*

Psalms 80

*Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.*

Hebrews 10.5-10

*I come to do your will.*

Luke 1.39-45

*Why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me?*

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## Liturgies

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### Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>

Confessions – 9:00 am to 9:45 am

10:00 am + Brian Beach by Irene Kibel

### Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup> – Fourth Sunday of Advent

Confessions – 3:00 pm to 3:45 pm

4:30 pm + Florence Caldwell by Bob and Donna Bisson  
+ Helen Brodoway (Stasiuk) by Nina Milaknis

### Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> – Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00 am For the Intentions of the Living and Deceased members of St. Isidore Parish

11:00 am For the deceased members of the Ryan and Walker families by The Family

### Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve

4:30 pm For Parishioners

7:00 pm For the deceased members of the Pacholok, Pauliuk and Proschuk families by Carolyn Pauliuk

### Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> - Nativity of the Lord

10:00 am For Parishioners

### Thursday, December 26<sup>th</sup> – St. Stephen, First Martyr

9:00 am For the personal Intentions of Natania Abebe by Kim  
For the personal Intentions of Domenic Ielo by Kim

### Friday, December 27<sup>th</sup> – St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

11:00 am Funeral Mass – David O’Keefe

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## Parish Announcements

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❖ Friday, December 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am: **Funeral of David O’Keefe.** Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord!

❖ Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup> after the 11:00 am Mass: **Baptisms – Bria Muller and Alexander Giannone.**

❖ **Our Christmas Masses will be on Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm and 7:00 pm, and on Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.** Kindly note that on the 24<sup>th</sup>, doors will open at 3:30 pm. Pews will be reserved only for those ministering at the Mass. Seating is on a first come, first served basis. When the church is full, please proceed to the Parish Hall, where the Mass will be simultaneously streamed.

### ❖ **Parish Office closed**

The Parish Office will close this Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm and will reopen on Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 9:30 am. For any emergencies during that time, please call us at (343) 961-2508.

### ❖ **Youth programmes:**

▪ **Board Game and Chess club** for high schoolers and young adults on Monday, December 30<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> and Friday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1:00 to 4:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Board games will be provided but feel free to bring your own. For more information, please contact Antonella at the Parish Office.

▪ **Faith and Fellowship Youth Night** on Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. From 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the Parish Hall for students in grades 6 to 12.

❖ If you did not request a boxed set of envelopes for 2025 and would like one, please contact Bella at the Parish Office. Donations to our parish may also be made electronically:

▪ via Interac e-Transfer to [donate2sip@gmail.com](mailto:donate2sip@gmail.com) (use “church” as the password)

▪ by credit card, PayPal or Google Pay, using our location on the [CanadaHelps charity portal](#) CanadaHelps is a charity helping charities. Tax receipts are issued by them and are sent immediately by email.

### ❖ **Last day for 2024 donations - December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

We thank you for your ongoing financial support in 2024. For those wishing to make a charitable donation to St. Isidore Parish before the end of the 2024 taxation year, **Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup> will be the last day to make a donation - this includes cash, cheque or e-transfer.** Any donation made after December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024 will be reflected in 2025. **Tax receipts will be automatically issued for donations of \$50 and more.**

### ❖ **Thank YOU – Our parishioners!**

“There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.”

1 Corinthians 12: 4-6

**Thank you, parishioners, for giving your time and Gifts of talent to strengthen our community and share the Gospel.** You are essential in all that we do at St. Isidore Parish. **Thank you as well to the Knights of Columbus and Catholic Women’s League** - your consistent presence and continued active engagement in our Parish community makes a difference.