

CHRISTMAS SEASON MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE
Sunday, December 24th—7:00 p.m. (Family Mass); 12:00 a.m. (Midnight) - Christmas Eve Masses DO NOT FULFILL the 4th Sunday of Advent Obligation (Dec. 24th).

CHRISTMAS DAY
Monday, December 25th—8:00 & 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 Noon (Children's Mass)

FEAST OF ST. STEPHEN
Tuesday, December 26th—7:00 p.m.

FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS
Thursday, December 28th—8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
 A Special Remembrance for all babies lost to miscarriage, pre-term birth, stillbirth, and infant death

WEEKDAY MASSES
Wednesday, December 27th—8:00 a.m.
Friday, December 29th—8:00 a.m.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY
Saturday, December 30th—5:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 31st—8:00 & 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 Noon

NEW YEAR: MARY MOTHER OF GOD
Sunday, December 31st—Mass of Anticipation— 6:00 p.m.
Monday, January 1st, 2018—9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday, January 2nd—7:00 p.m. (Sts. Basil & Gregory)

FEAST OF EPIPHANY
Saturday, January 6th, 2018—5:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 7th, 2018—8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 noon



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 Sr. Suzana
 Enjoying Pre-Christmas Festivities

Welcome to St. Ann's Parish

Our Vision Statement: to be a Christ-centered community of missionary disciples.

Our Mission Statement: to work and pray to be a welcoming, Eucharistic community that spreads the good news of Christ. We each strive to share our gifts within and beyond the parish for the glory of God.


Wishing A Blessed & Joy-filled Christmas to all our parishioners, your families and all visitors to our parish this Christmas Season!

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN'S
 There is **NO Mass** at the Sacred Space this afternoon.

There will be **NO Mass** at MSA Manor this month.

COMMUNION SERVICE at the Mayfair Seniors' Home on **Thursday, December 28th at 10:00 a.m.**

ONE BODY IN CHRIST PRAYER MEETING: There will be **no** meeting on December 28th but will resume again on **Thursday, January 4th at 7:30 p.m.** in St. Joachim room.

 New this year: **BLESSING OF THE BABY JESUS**
 Bring YOUR baby Jesus from your home crèche for a blessing of the Infant on Christmas Eve at the 7:00pm, Midnight Mass or Christmas Day at 8:00, 10:00 or Noon Masses.

FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS: Thursday, December 28 at 7 pm
 A Mass for those who have experienced Infant Loss. Everyone is invited to remember those infants who died too soon ~Either in the womb by miscarriage, still birth or abortion or those who died as infants. Add your baby's name to the "Book of Life" and light a candle in his or her memory. Coffee and tea to follow in the Parish Centre.

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER
 The day of joy returns, Father in Heaven, and crowns another year with peace and good will in the Holy Spirit. Help us rightly to remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the joy of Mary and Joseph, in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men.



Close the doors of hate and open the doors of love all over the world?
 Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting.
 Deliver us from evil, by the blessing that Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clean hearts.
 May the Christmas morning make us happy to be His children, And the Christmas evening bring us to our bed with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake.
 AMEN



4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 24TH, 2017

MASS INTENTIONS FOR DEC. 25TH TO DEC 31ST, 2017

- Monday**
8am,10am & Noon Intentions for the Parish
- Tuesday**
7:00pm Jean Pilla, rip.
- Wednesday**
8:00am Mass of Thanksgiving
- Thursday**
8:00am Liora Gilbert, rip.
- Friday**
8:00am Brianne Cameron, int.
- Saturday**
9:00am Antonio Orazzo, rip.
5:00pm Frances & Brian McNeil, int.
- Sunday**
8:00am David Binding, rip.
10:00am Intentions for the Parish
Noon Connie Philip, int.
- New Year's Eve**
6:00 p.m. Intentions for the Parish

FEAST DAYS & READINGS DEC 25TH TO DEC. 31ST, 2017

- Monday**
Isaiah 52:7-10; Heb. 1:1-6 John 1:1-18
- Tuesday-St. Stephen**
Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59; Matthew 10:17-22
- Wednesday-St. John**
1 John 1:1-4; John 20:2-8
- Thursday-Holy Innocents**
1 John 1:5—2:2; Matthew 2:13-18
- Friday**
1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35
- Saturday**
1 John 2:12-17; Luke 2:36-40
- Sunday—Feast of Holy Family:** Sirach 3:2-6,12-14; Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:22-40

MAKING SENSE OF ANXIETY IN CHILDREN AND YOUTH: Dr. Gordon Neufeld sheds light on the problem of the escalating level of anxiety in our children, and paves the way for natural interventions to get to the root causes as opposed to just managing symptoms. Although the focus is on children, the material will benefit anyone suffering from anxiety.

St. Ann's Family Group invites all parents and caregivers to this video course, facilitated by Kevin Bredeman, MA, on **Thursdays, January 11, 18, 25 and February 1, from 7-9 p.m.** at St. Ann's Parish. Cost is \$30/person. Register to reserve your spot. Childcare is available upon request for children 3+. For more details, e-mail: stannsfamilygroup@gmail.com or visit rcav.org/event/making-sense-of-anxiety.

Please join us for **ADORATION & BENEDICTION on Sunday, December 31st from 9 to 10pm** as we pray to end the old year and bring in the new with prayer.

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New Year's Eve Dance & Social
Sunday, December 31st
St. Ann's Parish Centre
Doors open at 8:00 p.m. Tickets: \$15 pp
Late night Buffet Music by Northwest Entertainment
Children's Party - \$5 per child up to 14 yrs.
Movie & games room Late night snack
Tickets available after all Masses and at the Parish Office.

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ST. ANN'S MEALS FOR MOMS

Community building is at the heart of St. Ann's parish and we are pleased to introduce a new initiative called, St. Ann's Meals for Moms.

This is an outreach program designed to support new and existing mothers with a meal drop off schedule (for mothers who have just given birth, have experienced pregnancy loss, or have adopted).

Our hope is that through this initiative, we will be able to support families by providing them with a home cooked meal (or take-out) ever second day for the first two weeks postpartum.

In order for this outreach program to be a success, we need your help! *The commitment would only be once or twice per year.

We understand that some of you may not be in a position to cook a meal, but we are also hoping to provide mothers with some new knitted baby clothes or baby blankets.

We need volunteers who can:

- Pray for this new initiative
- Cook a meal
- Pick up/drop off meals
- Knit baby clothes

If you would like to volunteer by cooking a meal, or if you are an expecting mother, please contact: mothersatst.ann@gmail.com

New knitted baby clothes/blankets may be dropped off at the parish office.

Please join me in working together to become a Christ-centered community of missionary disciples!



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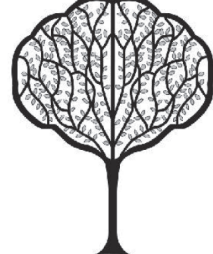
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