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List of masses for the week of December 25, 2011 to January 1, 2012

SATURDAY	4:00 p.m.	Jeannette Clement: family.
December 24	6:30 p.m.	Mary (Fitzgerald) Gamache and Ann Marie Gamache: family.
SUNDAY	9:00 a.m.	Marie Ruel: husband and family.
December 25	11:00 a.m.	Oscar J. and Edna L. Dube: daughter.
	6:30 p.m.	Erica Maciel: grandparents.
MONDAY	7:15	Jeannette Clement: husband and family.
December 26	11:30	Deceased members of the Stephen Plichta family: Celia and Helen Plichta.
TUESDAY	7:15	Intentions of Rose David.
December 27	11:30	For all parishioners.
WEDNESDAY	7:15	Sr. Marie Emilia, O.P.
December 28	11:30	Daniel J. Lopes: son Dennis. (4th ann.)
THURSDAY	7:15	Daniel J. Lopes: son Dennis.
December 29	11:30	Gertrude Montmagny: sister: Doris Gamache.
FRIDAY	7:15	Jeannette Clement: husband and family.
December 30	11:30	In honor of the Sacred Heart: Marguerite Boyer.
SATURDAY	7:15	Jeanne Cote: Antone Rezendes.
December 31	11:30	Louis Perreault: Chamberlain family.
	4:00 p.m.	Arthur J. St. Laurent and George Giguere Sr.: family.
	6:30 p.m.	For all parishioners.
SUNDAY	9:00 a.m.	Louis Perreault: Doris Pacheco and family.
January 1	11:00 a.m.	For all parishioners.
	6:30 p.m.	Mary Creeden: Lesnikowski family.

CHRISTMAS REFLECTION

The Christmas liturgy readings, from the twilight of the vigil to brightness of a new day, refrain with words of promise, hope and joy. But these concepts fail to hold meaning without a change of our hearts. For Emanuel, God with us, implores perception beyond an infant figure in a crèche, to abandon lawless and godless ways to live temperately, justly and devoutly. Advent is over, the waiting ceased and have we pondered deeply the essence of the invitation to bask in the light of conversion? Will we take the words of the Gospel to heart, by shaking off the sugar coating, and acknowledging the challenges? When you receive the Eucharist, this Christmas Day, will you let the Prince of Peace say, "Peace be with you" and resolve to live peace in the world. Will you stop condoning war and violence in both subtle and personified modalities, along with racism and greed? For Christmas to hearken meaning, the superficial wrapping and ornamental bows inherent in words of platitude must be removed for the depth of fulfilled prophecy to transform our hearts.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE!

Because the bulletin for the week of December 25 had to be at the J.S. Paluch Office on December 19th and before the weekend, the results of last weekend's collections will be found in next week's bulletin. Sorry for the inconvenience this causes and thank you for your support.



Donations for flowers and decorations were received in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Lionel T. Gagnon, Yvonne Gagnon, Jeannette Pestana, Irene Carroll and Leopold Caroll.

Because of the same reason noted above, any other donations received will be recorded in the bulletin of December 31-January 1.

Thank you in advance for all our generous contributors to our Christmas Flower Fund.

RELIGIOUS GIVE THANKS

Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests offer their heartfelt thanks and prayers for your donation to the Retirement Fund for Religious.

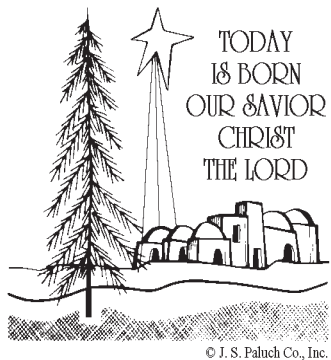
DATES to REMEMBER

January 7— Religious Education classes resume for all grades
January 10— Special needs Religious Education classes resume in the Shrine.

January 14— Vocation Fair at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, Providence, R.O.

January 17— Bible study classes resume in the Shrine

Please pray for the sick of our parish and their families, especially those in hospitals, rehabilitation centers, nursing facilities, the homebound and those undergoing medical treatments. Pray also for those who are in the armed forces and for those who await their safe return.



ACTIVITIES of the WEEK

DECEMBER 25: THE NATIVITY of the LORD

* Masses will be celebrated in the upper church today at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

A special collection for the parish will be taken up at all masses. Remember that the weekend and the holyday masses for Christmas fall on the same weekend this year so we will actually lose a weekend of collections which means that as always, we are especially grateful for your generosity. Anticipated thanks!

Fathers Marc Bergeron, Krzysztof Stanibula, Roger Levesque, and the entire parish staff wish each and every one of you a Holy and Blessed Christmas.

« Heureuse fête de la Nativité »

DECEMBER 26: SAINT STEPHEN, FIRST MARTYR

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Religious Education classes this week because of the Christmas holiday, and no other activities except the special Stations on Friday. Enjoy the week!

DECEMBER 27: SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST

DECEMBER 28: THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

DECEMBER 29: THE FIFTH DAY WITHIN the OCTAVE of the NATIVITY of the LORD

* The Stations of the Cross, the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the recitation of the rosary for priests and the end of abortion in the Shrine at 2:30 p.m. All are invited and welcome to this weekly prayer service.



DECEMBER 30: THE HOLY NAME of JESUS, MARY and JOSEPH

DECEMBER 31: THE SEVENTH DAY WITHIN the OCTAVE of the NATIVITY of the LORD

* Anticipated masses for the Octave Day of Christmas (New Year's Day) will be held in the upper church at 4:00 and 6:30 p.m.

JANUARY 1: THE OCTAVE DAY of the NATIVITY of the LORD: MARY, the HOLY MOTHER of GOD

* **NEW YEAR'S DAY 2012!** Masses will be celebrated in the upper church at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Best wishes to each and every one of you! May the New Year be filled with many blessings!

A special collection will be taken up for the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the poor of the parish. Please remember that the weekend and the holyday masses for New Year's fall on the same weekend so don't forget your parish this weekend. We desperately need your support and for this we thank you most sincerely.

*Bonne et Heureuse Année 2012 et le Paradis à la fin de vos jours!
Que grandisse l'espoir, que rayonne la joie, et que règne la paix!*

WEEKEND MASS COUNT

Each November, the Diocese of F.R. requires that every parish take a count of all persons attending Mass on the weekend. We are grateful to our collectors who take up this count every year. Here are our results:

Weekend of November 5-6	585
Weekend of November 12-13	561
Weekend of November 19-20	603
Weekend of November 26-27	537

608 attended the 4:00p.m. mass

377 attended the 9:00a.m. mass

578 attended the 11:00a.m. mass and

723 attended the 6:30p.m. mass

All people were counted, including liturgical ministers, choir members, children and babies.

We have 2038 households registered here at St. Anne's. Where are all the others???? Please read Fr. Marc's message below and show it to your relatives and friends who no longer attend mass here for one reason or another.

MESSAGE FROM FATHER MARC

A Christmas Welcome To All:

Church is important not just for its liturgies but because it is a "sacred space" where all kinds of people can come together, become friends, and discover a new life. There is no fear of rejection in the spaces created by Jesus. It is a place where people can socialize equally whether they are bankers, janitors, homeless, mansion dwellers, doctors, or unemployed. You never know who you will meet in church and start a friendship with that can easily change your life. It is this space of conviviality that makes our churches an experience of the kingdom of God, a foretaste of the great fiesta that will come at the end of time.