

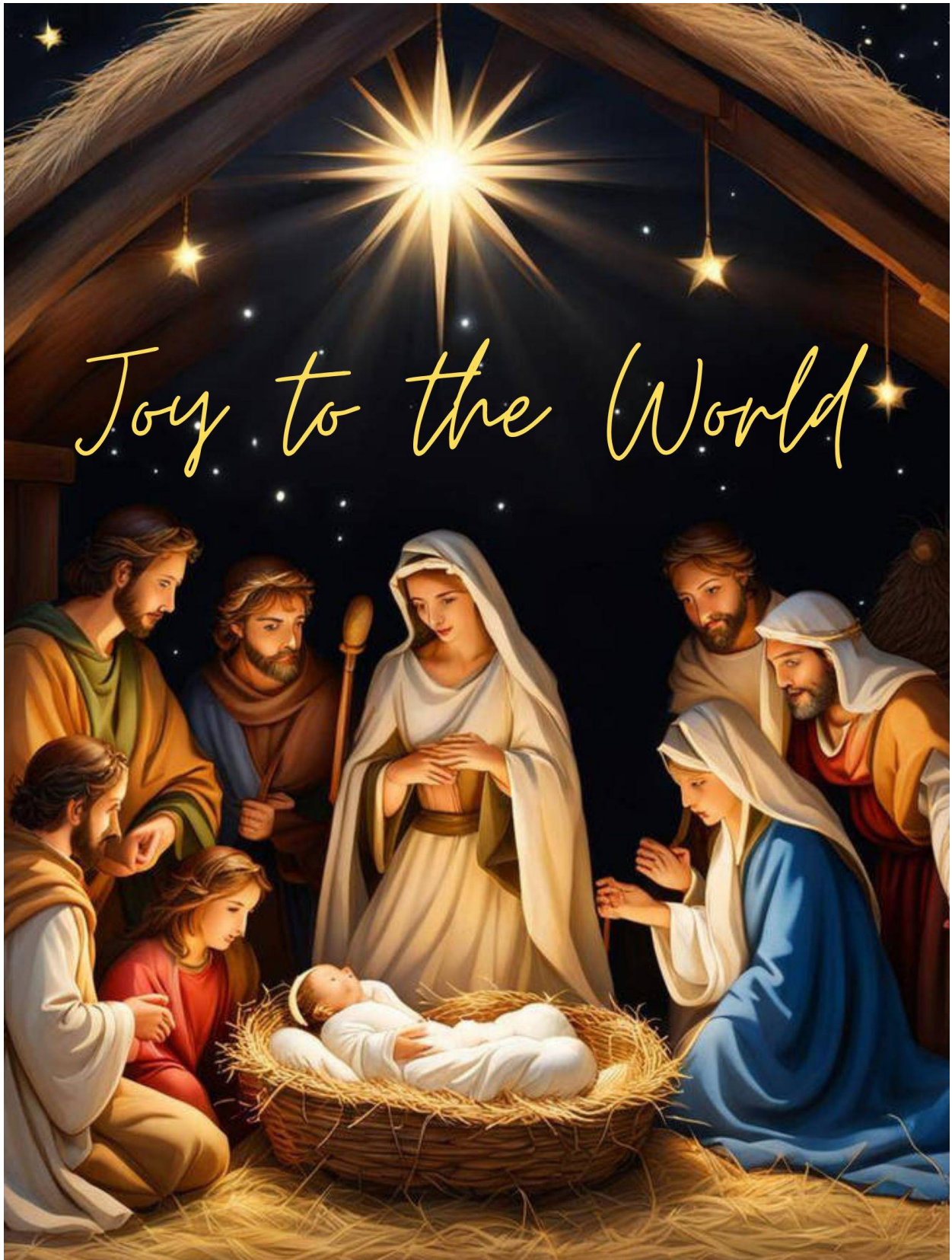
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Christmas - December 25, 2025

Introduction

When Jesus was born, God spoke with a human voice, in words that we can understand and to which we can respond.

First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10

God's messenger promises a future of peace and joy because our God reigns!

Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-6

Jesus' birth among us means that, through him, God speaks directly to us without the need of prophetic intermediaries.

Gospel: John 1:1-18

God's Word was spoken within humanity, sharing our experiences and speaking our language.

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HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

New Year's Eve 5:15 p.m. Mass

New Year's Day 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Mass

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

You are asked to remember in prayer those recently deceased especially Olivo Sivilotti.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Please remember in your prayers the following: Donna V.; Rob Hearst; Barbara Anne Caron; Doreen Saunders; Brian Begbie; Richard Devette; Kent Hawley; Bruce Johnson; Joan Bryan; Margaret Kennedy; Carol McKeown; Ecarterina Sandu; Gregory Holmes; Mel Kane; Dee Morey; Dee Simpson; Carol White.

If there are members of your family or friends who are ill or recently died, and for whom you wish prayers, please contact Susan at the parish office at 613-547-5004.

2025 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES are available at the main entrance. Please pick up your package before or after Mass. Once the New Year arrives, please do not use the previous year's envelopes as the number may be different. Thank you.

CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY. The parish Year of the Family will commence with the consecration of our families on the weekend of December 27/28, 2025 (The Feast of the Holy Family). As we joyfully enter this special year, we are reminded that the parish is not just a place we attend but a family to which we belong. Rooted in the love of Christ and nourished by the Eucharist, our parish is called to be a home where every person is known, welcomed, and loved.

2025 DONATIONS St. Joseph's Parish Year-End occurs on 31 December; therefore, we ask that all 2025 donations be forwarded to the parish office by 31 December 2025. Donations received after this date will need to be recorded in 2026. If you wish to have a donation appear on your 2025 Tax Receipt, please ensure that the office has received it prior to 1 January. All special collections for 2025 have been forwarded to the Archdiocese for distribution to the various charities.



**MAY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST SHINE BRIGHTLY
IN YOUR LIFE THIS CHRISTMAS**

from the St. Joseph's Catholic Women's League

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Our 2026 CWL Membership Drive will occur on the weekends of January 3/4 and January 10/11, 2026. Please join us again to help continue our focus on Faith, Service and Social Ecological Justice, in our Parish and local communities and charities. May your blessings, be plentiful, as we celebrate the true meaning of Christmas with the birth of our Saviour.

FATHER COSMAS AJAWARA'S VACATION

Father Cosmas will be away visiting family in Nigeria from December 30, 2025 to January 29, 2026. Please keep Father and his family in your prayers.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS HAMPERS With the generosity of our parishioners, the staff and students of our parish schools of St. Thomas More and St. Paul for their food donations and monetary, we helped over 50 individuals and families. A sincere thank you to our organizers of this wonderful program, Mary, Stephen, and Sharon, we are blessed to have you in our parish, donating your time and organizational skills. To the many Knights of Columbus, CWL members and parishioners who came to help and deliver to those in need, thank you all!

3RD ANNUAL TRINITAS EPIPHANY CAROL SING-ALONG

Join Trinitas here at **St. Joseph's on Saturday, January 3, 2:00pm** for this Kingston holiday tradition. Featuring carols lead by the Trinitas choirs, Christmas choral highlights from the Trinitas Youth Singers, and festive instrumental works. Monetary and non-perishable donations taken to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Kingston.

Veronica's Veil Overnight Winter Shelter for Homeless Men Set to Open

Veronica's Veil is a winter overnight winter shelter that is a ministry of St. Mary's Cathedral but open to all men of the city. It provides homeless men with a dry warm place to spend the winter nights. If you would like to volunteer for any of the shifts (list at front entrance) please contact Ann Lyng at 613-546-5521 Ext 5 or ann@stmaryscathedral.ca





Christmas Reflection 2025

Hope Is Born for Us

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we gather once again to celebrate the joyful mystery of Christmas, our hearts are lifted to Bethlehem, where Hope was born for us in the quiet simplicity of a manger. In a world often burdened by uncertainty, fear, and fatigue, the birth of Jesus proclaims a powerful and enduring truth: God has not abandoned His people.

At Christmas, we do not celebrate an idea or a memory, but a living reality. “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light” (Isaiah 9:1). In the Child born of Mary, God enters our human story—our struggles, our wounds, our hopes, and transforms them from within. This is the foundation of our Christian hope: God is with us.

For many among us, this past year may have been marked by personal trials—illness, loss, financial strain, family tensions, or unanswered prayers. Christmas does not deny these realities; rather, it speaks directly into them. The manger reminds us that God’s power is revealed not through force or spectacle, but through humility, closeness, and love. Even in the most fragile moments of our lives, God is at work, quietly bringing new life.

Dear parishioners, Christian hope is not mere optimism. It is not pretending that everything is fine. Hope is trust rooted in Christ—the assurance that God is faithful, that light overcomes darkness, and that love has the final word. The same Jesus who was laid in the manger is the One who conquered death and now walks with us in every season of life.

As a parish family, may this Christmas renew our hope and strengthen our communion. Let us become bearers of hope to one another: in our families, by healing relationships; in our parish, by welcoming and serving one another; and in our community, by standing with the poor, the lonely, and the forgotten. A simple gesture of kindness, a listening ear, a prayer offered in faith can become a reflection of the light of Christ.

As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, I invite you to open your hearts anew to Jesus. Bring Him your joys and your burdens. Allow Him to rekindle hope where it has grown dim. From the manger of Bethlehem flows a promise that still holds true today: God is near, God loves us, and our future is filled with hope.

May the peace and joy of the newborn Christ dwell in your homes and hearts. I wish you and your families a blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with faith, hope, and love.

With prayers and pastoral affection,

Fr. Cosmas

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