



ST. MAURICE PARISH

# CHRISTMAS HAMPER PROGRAM

In-kind donations of non-perishable goods, household and personal care items can be dropped off in the St. Maurice Parish Atrium between **November 23 - December 15**

DONATE



To volunteer, please contact:  
**STMAURICESVP@GMAIL.COM OR 613-327-1626**

## ST. MAURICE CHRISTMAS HAMPER PROGRAM

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all parishioners who have already made donations to this year's Christmas Hamper program, as well as those who have signed up to volunteer to assemble and deliver hampers. A friendly reminder that donations of non-perishable items can be dropped off in the atrium until December 15, and monetary donations made out to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul can be made through Tithl.ey or via cash donations during the weekend collection. If you are interested in helping with hamper assembly on December 20th or with deliveries on December 21st, please reach out to us at [stmauricesvp@gmail.com](mailto:stmauricesvp@gmail.com).

## CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS

The parish office will be closed from Saturday, December 21, to Monday, January 6, and will reopen on January 7.

## FAMILY FOREST FUN

We warmly invite everyone to spend some delightful time outdoors, connecting with God's beautiful creation as we eagerly prepare for Christmas. Join us this Sunday, December 15, at 1 pm for a lovely 3 km walk at Mud Lake Trail Cassels Street, followed by an Advent-themed story amidst the wonders of nature. Contact [meaghanandjee@gmail.com](mailto:meaghanandjee@gmail.com) for more information.

We look forward to seeing you in the forest!

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

A big thank you to everyone who donated, baked, volunteered, spent money, and prayed for the CWL's annual bake sale, raffles, and jewellery table on the weekend of November 30 and December 1. It was a huge success, raising \$4,100. These funds will support several local, national, and international charities, as well as the needs of the parish and parish activities.

PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADVERTISE IN OUR BULLETIN  
613-224-1892 OR  
[office@stmauriceparish.com](mailto:office@stmauriceparish.com)



## Christmas Edition

YOUNG AT HEART AND MATURE IN AGE ONLY!  
(AGES 50-ISH TO 100-ISH)

PLEASE JOIN US ON DECEMBER 19 AT 12 PM  
FOR MASS, FOOD, A TALK & FELLOWSHIP

Connect with Pam or Mary for more info or to register.

Pam @ 613-220-6279 Mary @ 613-224-0284 or  
[playingthebacknine@stmauriceparish.com](mailto:playingthebacknine@stmauriceparish.com).

## Everyone Welcome!

JOIN US FOR A FAMILY-FRIENDLY NATURE WALK  
EACH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 15: 3KM  
1-3 PM  
MUD LAKE TRAIL  
CASSELS STREET

CONTACT  
[MEAGHANANDJEE@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MEAGHANANDJEE@GMAIL.COM)  
FOR QUESTIONS

# Advent

## Family Walks

# Movies with Meaning

JOIN US IN THE ATRIUM ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 AT 7 PM  
FOR A MOVIE, POPCORN AND FELLOWSHIP.  
\$4 PER PERSON, 18 YEARS OF AGE AND UP.

THIS MONTH'S MOVIE WILL BE *ONE LIFE!*

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## A Shoot Shall Sprout

(Isaiah 11:1)

USE QR CODE TO VIEW LIVE STREAMS  
ADVENT MISSION LED BY FR. ALLAN MACDONALD



## OUR MISSION

TO ENCOUNTER JESUS AND KNOW HIM PERSONALLY, TO GROW TOGETHER AS HIS DISCIPLES, AND TO GO AND SHARE THE GOSPEL WITH OTHERS.

KNOW. GROW. GO.

## PARISH STAFF

### CLERGY

#### Pastor:

Fr. Ben St. Croix, CC

#### Associate Pastor:

Fr. Marcus Schonnop, CC

#### Priest in Residence:

Fr. Allan MacDonald, CC

#### Deacons:

Deacon Kevin O'Shea  
Deacon Alvaro Sanchez:  
deaconalvaro@stmauriceparish.com

#### Parish and HR Manager:

Carol Gariepy:  
carol@stmauriceparish.com

#### Evangelization & Discipleship

##### Team Lead:

Avery Burrowes:  
avery@stmauriceparish.com

#### Evangelization & Discipleship

Pauline McGrath as Co-Team Lead  
pauline@stmauriceparish.com

#### Communications and Sunday

##### Experience Team Lead:

Glenn Pereira:  
communications@stmauriceparish.com

#### Adoration Chapel

For more info, contact Tom Gleeson at  
stmauriceadoration@gmail.com or  
call the office at 613-224-1892

*Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth. Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.*

*Isaiah 12: 5-6*

### SUPPORT TEAM

#### Office Administrator:

Alfred Lai:  
office@stmauriceparish.com

#### Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

##### Coordinator:

Dale Balkovec:  
dale@stmauriceparish.com

#### Sacramental Prep Coordinator:

Ellen Hong:  
ehong@stmauriceparish.com

#### Seminarian:

Gabriel Gauthier

### PARISH SCHOOLS

Maryvale	613-321-2186
St. Gregory	613-224-3011
St. John XXIII	613-226-6223
Frank Ryan	613-224-8833
St. Pius X	613-225-8105

#### To Arrange a Mass Intention

Mass intentions can be requested by phone at 613-224-1892 or in person at our office.

## A WARM WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS!

#### Sunday Masses:

Saturday 5:00 pm  
Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 7:30 pm

#### Weekday Masses:

Tuesday 7:00 pm  
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9:00 am  
First Saturday of each month 9:00 am

#### Confession:

Tuesday: After the 7:00 pm Mass  
Saturday: 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

#### Parish Office Hours:

Tuesday - Friday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

#### Funeral Arrangements

To make arrangements for a funeral, please call 613-224-1892 x2.

#### Anointing of the Sick

To make arrangements for anointing of the sick, please call 613-224-1892 x3.

#### Baptism Arrangements

For baptisms, please contact Deacon Kevin at least two months in advance to enroll in baptism preparation.  
deaconkevin@stmauriceparish.com

#### Wedding Arrangements

To make arrangements for a wedding, please email Dcn. Kevin at least eight months prior to the proposed wedding date.  
deaconkevin@stmauriceparish.com



## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, December 14, 2024 5:00 PM**

+Peter Bruwet, by Michel & Deb Beauregard

**Sunday, December 15, 2024 9:00 AM**

Intentions for Ofelia Webster for her special intention, by Bob and Rory Ward  
Thanksgiving for Maria & Paul  
+Mr. Frederick Sinclair, by Jaime DeMarchi and Family

**Sunday, December 15, 2024 11:00 AM**

+Dioscoro, Evangelina & Aida Reyes, by Nar Reyes  
+Terry Sing, by Cleo Harvey  
+Paul Lecompte, by Pierre Lecompte

**Sunday, December 15, 2024 7:30 PM**

Intentions for the parishioners of St. Maurice

**Tuesday, December 17, 2024 7:00 PM**

+Josefina Reyes & for the intention of Dante Reyes, by Nancy Reyes

**Wednesday, December 18, 2024 9:00 AM**

+Katie & Michael O'Farrell, by The O'Farrell Family

**Thursday, December 19, 2024 9:00 AM**

+Fred Alma, by Hezel

**Friday, December 20, 2024 9:00 AM**

Intentions for Michael Bova

**Saturday, December 21, 2024 5:00 PM**

Intentions of St. Maurice Parish

**Sunday, December 22, 2024 9:00 AM**

+Mr. Frederick Sinclair, by Jaime DeMarchi and Family  
+Karen Smithers, by the Birmingham Family  
+Tom Clarke, by The Clarke's Family

**Sunday, December 22, 2024 11:00 AM**

+José Toro Gomez, by the Mccutcheon-Toro Family  
+Giuseppina and Matteo Fulco, by Angelo Fulco  
+Louis Delery, by Jayne Delery

**Sunday, December 22, 2024 7:30 PM**

+Desiree Severimuttu, by Paul Gravelle

*st Maurice*  
Parish

## FOR THIS WE PRAY...

Lord, help us to prepare the way of the Lord this Advent season. May the blessings of our advent mission awaken in us a deep longing to respond ... reach out ... and receive ... as we share your message of salvation with everyone we meet.

Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us this Christmas. May the peace and hope of your nativity live in our hearts, our homes, and our world. Comfort those who find this time of year challenging.

Lord, we pray for all those you have called to RCIC and RCIA this year. Fill them with zeal for your word and for your church. May this month's Catechumens Enrollment uplift and empower all who participate.

Lord, enlighten and inspire students in the 1st Reconciliation Class, the After-confirmation Class, and at the School Liturgy, as well as those in our junior and senior youth groups. Breathe your Holy Spirit upon them that they might hunger more and more for you.

Lord, guide many people to this month's Surge, to the Men's Discernment Group, and to the post-Alpha Wild Goose sessions. Reveal your Holy Spirit to each one through a profound encounter with you.

Lord, refresh and nourish all seniors attending 55+ and the Playing The Back Nine, as well as those living in long-term and retirement homes. Guide and comfort them so that each one may truly know your deep, abiding love.

Breathe your Holy Spirit upon all those living and working within our parish boundaries who do not come to church, especially the unchurched and those who have fallen away. Kindle in us a burning desire to share Christ's message of salvation with them all. Empower and embolden all who join this year's Door to Door Campaign. Move many to respond and join our celebrations this Christmas.

## POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: BE A CHRISTMAS GREETER!

This Christmas, help us welcome everyone with warmth and joy as they join us for our Christmas Masses. We are looking for friendly, welcoming individuals to serve as greeters before each Christmas Mass. A complete list of all our Christmas Masses can be found on page three. All you need is a smile!

If you would like to help spread the spirit of Christmas, please contact Lisa Staltari at [lisa@stmauriceparish.com](mailto:lisa@stmauriceparish.com).

## Greeters Needed

HELP US WELCOME OUR PARISHIONERS AND  
VISITORS AT OUR CHRISTMAS MASSES  
CONTACT LISA AT [LISA@STMAURICEPARISH.COM](mailto:LISA@STMAURICEPARISH.COM)





## DOOR TO DOOR OUTREACH

This year, we will continue our tradition of inviting neighbours to our Christmas celebrations. As a parish, we exist not just for ourselves but for the greater community. We want everyone to experience the joy of the Incarnation, but how can they receive that joy unless invited?

We will go door-to-door in our St. Maurice neighbourhood to invite neighbours to our celebrations. If you feel unsure about sharing your faith or uncomfortable with evangelization, this is a great way to start. Come share a friendly invitation to experience the joy of Christmas. We will be out the next two Saturdays, December 14th and 21st, starting at 9:30am. Please meet in the atrium. Materials and training will be provided. For more information, contact [avery@stmauriceparish.com](mailto:avery@stmauriceparish.com).

## 60TH ANNIVERSARY MERCHANDISE

Join us after the 9 and 11 am Masses this weekend to grab some fantastic 60th-anniversary merchandise! If you can't make it, don't worry – you can easily order online or reach out to our office. We have stylish caps for just \$20, and lovely water bottles and coffee mugs for \$15. We can't wait to celebrate with you!

## PARISH EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

- TUE 17 KOC GENERAL MEETING**  
7:30 PM TO 9:00 PM IN THE ATRIUM

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- WED 18 MOM'S GROUP**  
9:30 AM TO 12:00 PM IN THE ATRIUM
- JR & SR YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
7:00 PM TO 8:30 PM IN THE ATRIUM

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- THU 19 PLAYING THE BACK NINE**  
12:00 PM TO 3:00 PM IN THE CHURCH & ATRIUM
- MENS DISCERNMENT GROUP**  
7:00 PM TO 8:30 PM IN THE BOARDROOM & CHURCH

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- FRI 20 CAFÉ MAURICE**  
9:30 AM TO 11:00 AM IN THE ATRIUM
- HOUR OF MERCY**  
3:00 PM TO 4:00 PM IN THE CHURCH

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- SAT 21 THAT MAN IS YOU**  
7:00 AM TO 8:30 AM IN THE ATRIUM
- DOOR TO DOOR OUTREACH**  
9:30 AM MEET IN THE ATRIUM
- THE WALKING GROUP**  
10:00 AM TO 11:00 AM ST. MAURICE WEST ENTRANCE

## DOOR-TO-DOOR OUTREACH

Share the hope of Christmas! Join us as we go door-to-door to invite our neighbours to celebrate Christmas with us. We are going door-to-door on Dec. 14 and 21. We will meet at 9:30am in the Atrium for a brief training, supplies, and walking route. All are welcome.



## ST. MAURICE YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY

AGES 11-18 WELCOME

THE JUNIOR AND SENIOR YOUTH GROUPS ARE COMING TOGETHER FOR A NIGHT OF GAMES, SNACKS, WORSHIP, AND A CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD!

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18, 7-9 PM @ ST. MAURICE



# Christmas Mass Schedule

**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
DECEMBER 24 • 4 PM, 7 PM & 9 PM  
(PAGEANT & LIVE STREAM 4 PM)

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**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
DECEMBER 25 • 9 AM & 11 AM

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**SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD**  
DECEMBER 31 • 5 PM & 11 PM

**ADORATION IN THE CHURCH FROM 8PM UNTIL 10:45PM**

JANUARY 1 • 9AM & 11AM

