

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

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





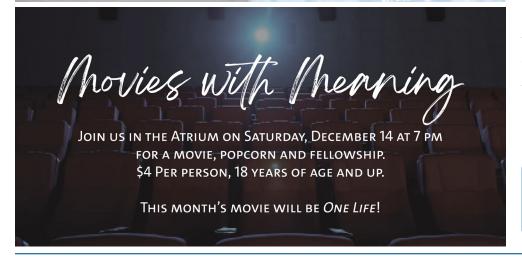


### **Everyone Welcome!**

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
FOR QUESTIONS



### 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 stmauricessvp@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 for more information.

We look forward to seeing you in the forest!

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

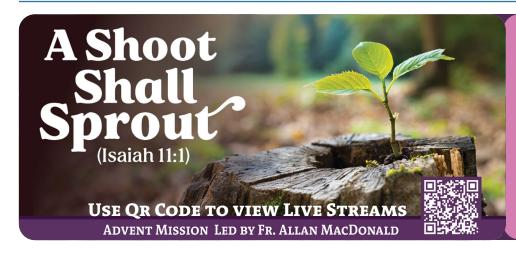
A big thank you to everyone who donated, baked, volunteered, spent money, and prayed for the CWL's annual bake sale, raffles, and jewellery table on the weekend of November 30 and December 1. It was a huge success, raising \$4,100. These funds will support several local, national, and international charities,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

# ST. MAURICE PARISH



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## **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

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

#### **Adoration Chapel**

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

#### **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
- +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 Narcy 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
- +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
- +Louis Delery, by Jayne Delery

Sunday, December 22, 2024 7:30 PM +Desiree Severimuttu, by Paul Gravelle



#### 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 Afterconfirmation 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.



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#### **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.

### 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

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

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

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

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

