

NATIVITY OF THE LORD~ DECEMBER 25, 2023

**STAR OF THE SEA, CANSO
ST. AGNES, LITTLE DOVER
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, QUEENSPORT
ST. JOSEPH'S, PORT FELIX**

**PASTOR: FR. JONATHAN NNAJIOFOR, 366-2927
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WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 30 - Port Felix - Saturday 6:00 pm - †*Ellen Marie Pellerine*

Sunday, December 31 -Star of the Sea- 11:00 am - †*George & †Bertha O'Hearn*

NEW YEARS MASS

Monday, January 1 - Star of the Sea - 11:00 a.m. - ♥*For the Faithful*

REFLECTION TODAY'S READINGS - *Unto Us, A Child is Born!!!* *By taking on our humanity, Jesus has shown us that we can be divine. He has shown us how far we can go even in our humanity. We can love more, dare more, believe more, and be more. Nothing is now outside the scope of our humanity which after the birth of Jesus is no longer a limitation but always an advantage. This is why according to the Letter to the Hebrews, God, who spoke of old only through prophets, messengers or messages, has finally and definitively spoken in and through a Son. This is also why the oracle of Isaiah composed towards the end of the exile and which announces the return of the exiles to Jerusalem finds its fulfillment. Captivity and limitation have come to an end. Now only freedom and*

limitlessness are real. Thus, Christmas is not merely the celebration of a historical birth or a birth that occurred over two thousand years ago. It is about becoming conscious of who we are as human beings. It is The celebration of life in all its fullness. It is the celebration of the transformation of limit to limitlessness, of selfishness to selflessness, of bondage and fear of freedom and unconditional love.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR:

'It is Christmas again. A continuous Christmas without end and beyond season – The perennial birth of Love'. Please share joy during this Christmas. Make a visit (when it is safe to do so), give a card, send a word or a smile. And do your best to touch someone's life today. Let us all make the effort to be a light that will lighten someone's darkness in this season of light and joy. Let sadness give place to joy, and despair to hope. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and God's blessings and protection in the coming New Year.

ANNOUNCEMENT

I would like to inform all parishioners that I will be away for some weeks after Christmas to visit my family. The Parish Office will remain open for all your needs. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year to come – Fr. Jonathan

THANK YOU - To all who have contributed to our parishes, your gifts of time, energy, prayers and finances are much appreciated!!! We are grateful for all you do. Thanks so much!

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Star of the Sea (32)	\$ 530.00
St. Agnes (17)	\$ 250.00
St. Joseph (16)	\$ 162.00
Tickets on Basket	\$1,275.00
Memory Balls	\$ 845.00
Prize Bingo	\$ 675.65

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL DONATIONS

We wish to acknowledge donations in memory of:

Harry & Lucy Horne

Lawrence/Emily Dort

Members of the McCormick/O'Halloran family

Family members of Jean/Dana Feltmate

Family members of Noreen Casey

Terry Parker

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