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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**Mass Intentions: DEC 24 - 30, 2018**

**OFFICE Schedule: Mon, Wed, & Fri 9AM - 1PM 705-428-2124.**  
For urgent after hours, please call 705-315-2424

↓ **Scheduled Events & Contacts** ↓

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:**

All Catholic men are invited. Council #15162 St. André Bessette. GRAND KNIGHT, Brian MacDonnell 705-429-0499. The Executive meeting is the 4th Thursday of each month, & the General Meeting is the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7PM at St. Noel Chabanel Church. Next meeting Jan 10, 2019.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:** All women are invited.

President: Charlotte Casey (705) 424-6797; Co-President: Dorothy Mittins (705) 429-4286. Next meeting is 7pm, Jan 07, 2018 at St. Noel Chabanel.

**St. Noel Chabanel Hall**

St. Vincent De Paul- By appointment Mon. & Thur. 705-428-3396  
St. Vincent De Paul Council last Wed. of the month at 9:30am  
VON Smart Program Exercise Group: Mon. 2:30 - 3:30 & Tue. 1:00-2:00pm  
**St. Patrick's Hall**  
Good Food Bags – Every 3rd Wed. of the month 9:00am -- 1:00pm  
VON Smart Program Exercise Group: Tue. & Thurs. 10:00 – 11am

**Saint and hero of the month for Jan 25: TBA**

Last Friday of the month at St. Patrick's Hall, 7:15pm. Free pass & popcorn. Bring a friend with you. Any suggestions about what movie or the event please send an email to the office found on the cover page. Thank you.

**"Divine Mercy, Lectio Divina, Prayer-Group"**

**Every Wednesday!** Reflection on St. Faustina's diary, praying the Chaplet, & Scripture meditation after the 6:30pm Mass; starting at 7:15PM - 8:30PM at St. Noel Chabanel. Coordinators Lynda & Norman Trimble. **The group will not meet until the new year Wed, Jan 09, 2019.** All are welcome to join. Contact 705-429-3402

If You Want Help: When you don't know where to turn. Call 211. Website: [www.211Ontario.ca](http://www.211Ontario.ca)

↓ **Parish Highlights** ↓

**Christmas Gift or Dedication?**

Both of our churches are going through various restorations & renovations. If you wish to dedicate to your family name or a person, a hymnal book or a needed piece of furniture, or a project, please contact the pastor via an email or call 705-315-2424. Thank you for loving our Church.

**St. Michael Prayer**

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who wonder throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

St. Noel Chabanel MON. 5PM Christmas Eve Mass (4:30 Pageant)  
St. Patrick MON. 11PM Christmas Eve Mass (10:30 Carols)  
St. Noel Chabanel TUE. 9:15AM Nativity of the Lord  
St. Patrick TUE. 11AM Nativity of the Lord

**Wednesday and Thursday No Mass and Office Closed**

St. Noel Chabanel FRI. 6:30PM +Boodo Ahn By Yang-sik & Marianna Han  
+James & Agnes Nicholas By Gemma & Flo Jean  
St. Noel Chabanel FRI. 6:30PM Private Intention

St. Noel Chabanel SAT. 5:00PM +Pasquale & +Ascenza Mattacchione  
& +Dominico & +Maria Dipede By Mattacchione Fmailly  
+Molly & +Harry Donnelly By Culley Family

St. Noel Chabanel SUN. 8:00AM Wendy Rozycki (B.day)  
By Dave and Regina Rozycki

St. Noel Chabanel SUN. 9:15AM +Carlo Aletto By Aletto Family  
+Alfredo Domingo Jr. By Velma Domingo

St. Patrick SUN. 11AM Missa Pro Populo

**Dec 31 - Jan 6, Mass Intentions**

St. Noel Chabanel MON. 5PM New Year's Eve Mass

St. Noel Chabanel TUE. 9:15AM New Year Mass

St. Patrick TUE. 11AM New Year Mass

**Wednesday and Thursday No Mass and Office Closed**

St. Noel Chabanel FRI. 10:00AM +Billy Matrich By Linda Vander Stelt  
St. Patrick FRI. 6:30PM Private Intention

St. Noel Chabanel SAT. 5:00PM Missa Pro Populo

St. Noel Chabanel SUN. 8:00AM Missa Pro Populo

St. Noel Chabanel SUN. 9:15AM Missa Pro Populo

St. Patrick SUN. 11:00AM Missa Pro Populo

Offertory on Dec 16: \$4986 (+ \$390 PAG).

\*PAG: pre-authorized automatic giving through the bank.  
If interested in giving in this manner, please call the office.  
Thank you for your continual generosity, time, and talent.

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Deacon Dave Whall, Rob Carpino.

PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED SOULS: Murray McCharles, Mary Vander Wielen, Lillian Lopez, & Sheila Sherwood.

**Our Local St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery:**

8342 County Road 91, Stayner. For service or for acquiring a plot.

**NEW MINISTRIES**

**Our Lady of the Rosary (Fatima) Visiting Statue:**

If interested in having the statue pls. call 705-428-2124

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday's adoration at St. Patrick's Church:**

Divine Mercy hour 3 to 6pm including benediction. Chaplet of Mercy at 3pm & benediction 5:30 - 6pm



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### St. John the Apostle December 27

St. John, the son of Zebedee and brother of St. James the Great, was called to be an Apostle by our Lord in the first year of His public ministry. He became the "beloved disciple" and the only one of the Twelve who did not forsake the Savior in the hour of His Passion. He stood faithfully at the cross when Christ made him the guardian of His Mother.

His later life was passed chiefly in Jerusalem and at Ephesus. He founded many churches in Asia Minor, and he wrote many important works, including the fourth Gospel, three Epistles, and the Book of Revelation is also attributed to him. Brought to Rome, tradition relates that he was by order of Emperor Domitian cast into a cauldron of boiling oil but came forth unhurt, and was banished to the island of Pathmos for a year. He lived to an extreme old age, surviving all his fellow apostles, and died in Ephesus about the year 100.

St. John is called the Apostle of Charity, a virtue he had learned from his Divine Master, and which he constantly inculcated by word and example. The "beloved disciple" died at Ephesus, where a stately church was erected over his tomb. It was afterwards converted into a Mohammedan mosque.

John is credited with the authorship of three epistles and one Gospel, although many scholars believe that the final editing of the Gospel was done by others shortly after his death. He is also supposed by many to be the author of the book of Revelation, called the Apocalypse, although this identification is less certain.

### Holy Innocents December 28

The Holy Innocents are the children mentioned in the gospel of Matthew, chapter 2:16-18.

Herod, perceiving that he was deluded by the wise men, was exceeding angry, and sent his soldiers to kill all male children ages two and under that were in Bethlehem and on the borders, according to the time which he had diligently inquired of the wise men. Then was fulfilled the prophesy of Jeremiah: A voice in Rama was heard, of lamentation and great mourning; Rachel bewailed her children, and would not be comforted, because they were not.

The Greek Liturgy asserts that Herod killed 14,000 boys, the Syrians speak of 64,000, and many medieval authors speak of

144,000, according to Rev. 14:3. Modern writers reduce the number considerably, since Bethlehem was a rather small town. Knabenbauer brings it down to fifteen or twenty (Evang. S. Matt., I, 104), Bising to ten or twelve (Evang. S. Matt.), and Kellner to about six (Christus and seine Apostel, Freiburg, 1908).

This cruel deed of Herod is not mentioned by the Jewish historian Flavius Josephus, although he relates quite a number of atrocities committed by the king during the last years of his reign. The number of these children was so small that this crime appeared insignificant amongst the other misdeeds of Herod. Macrobius relates that when Augustus heard that amongst the boys of two years and under Herod's own son also had been massacred, he said: "It is better to be Herod's hog, than his son" alluding to the Jewish law of not eating, and consequently not killing, swine. The Middle Ages gave faith to this story, and Abelard inserted it in his hymn for the feast of Holy Innocents.

It is impossible to determine the day or the year of the death of the Holy Innocents, since the chronology of the birth of Christ and the subsequent Biblical events is most uncertain. All we know is that the infants were slaughtered within two years following the apparition of the star to the Wise Men (Belser, in the Tubingen "Quartalschrift," 1890, p. 361). The Church venerates these children as martyrs (flores martyrum); they are the first buds of the Church killed by the frost of persecution; they died not only for Christ, but in his stead (St. Aug., "Sermo 10us de sanctis").

The Latin Church instituted the feast of the Holy Innocents at a date now unknown, not before the end of the fourth, and not later than the end of the fifth century.

The Roman Station of December 28 is at St. Paul's Outside the Walls, because that church is believed to possess the bodies of several of the Holy Innocents. A portion of these relics was transferred by Sixtus V to Santa Maria Maggiore. The church of St. Justina at Padua, the cathedrals of Lisbon and Milan, and other churches also preserve bodies which they claim to be those of some of the Holy Innocents.

### Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God January 01

The title "Mother of God" goes back to the third or fourth century, but the Greek term *Theotokos* ("The God-bearer") was officially consecrated as Catholic doctrine at the Council of Ephesus in 431, thus becoming the first Marian dogma. At the end of the Council of Ephesus, crowds of people marched through the streets shouting: "Praised be the Theotokos!"

This Catholic doctrine is based on the doctrine of Incarnation, as expressed by St. Paul: "God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law" (Galatians 4:4).

In its chapter on Mary's role in the Church, Vatican II's Dogmatic Constitution "*Lumen Gentium*" ("Light of the People") calls Mary "Mother of God" 12 times.

On this day the Catholic Church also celebrates the World Day of Peace, a tradition established by Pope Paul VI and confirmed by Pope John Paul II. (Articles on the saints above are taken from CNA catholic news agency)

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