

Fourth Sunday of Advent – Christmas Eve

Bulletin for 24th December, 2023

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Adoration and Confession – OLOM – Friday 7:00-8:00pm

Simbang Gabi starts – OLOM – 6:30pm daily, 5:00pm Saturday

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• [2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16](#) • [Psalm 89](#) • [Romans 16:25-27](#) • [Luke 1:26-38](#) •

May it be done to me according to your word. (Luke 1:38)

Mary's words to the angel can seem easy and somewhat romantic to us. But to her they were anything but. They represented a seismic shift in her life. When she spoke these words, she was agreeing to take up a mysterious new life filled with a host of unknowns. No longer would she be a humble housewife and mother in the model of so many of the women she had known.

Instead, she would become the Mother of God, and nothing would ever be the same. She would have only one child whom she would prepare to become Israel's Messiah and the Savior of the world. What's more, she would go through life bearing the misunderstanding and judgments of friends and family members.

Imagine how frightening this could have been for Mary. She had no example to follow because nothing like this had ever happened before! She couldn't ask her mother or an aunt to show her how to walk this path. Her rabbi might offer some guidance, but the idea that God even had a Son would have been foreign to him.

But as unique as Mary's situation was, it is also very familiar. Who among us hasn't felt at times as if we were walking a path that no one else has walked? Who hasn't felt at times as if we were all alone, with no one to guide us? We may not have responded as sinlessly as Mary did, but just the fact that she has gone before us can bring us great comfort.

Mary knows what it's like to have her life turned upside down. She knows what it's like to walk a lonely road and to be misunderstood. But even on Christmas Eve, as she faced the prospect of giving birth in a stable, she continued to trust in God's care. Now assumed into heaven, she offers us her compassion, support, and intercession, especially when we feel lost and alone. She never tires of teaching us and caring for us.

the Word among us, Dec 2023

“Holy Mary, Mother of God, help me to walk the path of trust as I await the coming of your son.”

Christmas Meal and Celebration – 25th December 6:30pm

Come and join the celebrations after Christmas Day 5:00pm Mass. There will be a Christmas meal provided, plus carols and gifts to bring joy and companionship on this special day. From 6:30-9:00 pm. Bring a friend, invite a colleague and spread the word to those who would like to share a feast. No charge!



Mass Times

2023 Christmas and New Year Mass Schedule

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| Christmas Eve: | 9:00 am | Whistler, Our Lady of the Mountains |
| | 11:30 am | Pemberton, St. Francis of Assisi |
| Children's Mass: | 4:30 pm | Whistler, Our Lady of the Mountains |
| | 7:00 pm | Mt. Currie, St. Christopher's |
| | 9:00 pm | Whistler, Our Lady of the Mountains |
| | 11:00 pm | Whistler, Our Lady of the Mountains |
| Christmas Day: | 9:00 am | Whistler, Our Lady of the Mountains |
| | 11:30 am | Pemberton, St. Francis of Assisi |
| | 5:00 pm | Whistler, Our Lady of the Mountains |
| Saturday 30th Dec | 5:00 pm | Whistler, Our Lady of the Mountains |
| New Year's Eve: | 9:00 am | Whistler, Our Lady of the Mountains |
| | 11:30 am | Mt. Currie, St. Christopher's |
| | 1:00 pm | Pemberton, St. Francis of Assisi |
| 31st Dec for 1st Jan | 5:00 pm | Whistler, Our Lady of the Mountains |
| New Year's Day: | 9:00 am | Whistler, Our Lady of the Mountains |
| | 11:30 am | Mt. Currie, St. Christopher's |
| | 1:00 pm | Pemberton, St. Francis of Assisi |

Daily Mass

Our Lady of the Mountains Tuesday to Friday 6:00 pm, Saturday 9:00 am
Adoration and Confessions Friday 22nd December 7:00 – 8:00 pm
St. Francis of Assisi, Pemberton Wednesday and Friday at 11:00am

Our Lady of the Mountains

Rosary before Mass on Saturdays and Sundays: for those who have left the Church
Bible Study on Tuesdays at 5:00pm – all welcome

MASS LECTORS



Our Lady of the Mountains

Sat. 30th Dec Alyssa
Sun. 31st Dec Rebecca

St. Christopher's

Sun. 31st Dec Volunteer
required

St. Francis of Assisi

Sun. 31st Dec Volunteer
required

See attached sheet for
**OLOM Christmas Mass
Ministries. Contact the
office to sign up or check
the notice board**



Sacrament of Reconciliation – Contact Fr. Andrew L'Heureux Cell: 1-778-257-4203

Christmas Hampers



A heartfelt thank you for all the very generous donations for the Christmas Hampers and the Christmas Dinners. Thank you also to the "personal shoppers" who raced up and down the shopping highway and many elves who wrapped, packed and tagged. There will surely be some happy faces this Christmas!



Attend Mass on Sunday and on Christmas Day?

Some have asked whether a Sunday evening Mass on Christmas Eve would fulfill both the obligation for a Sunday Mass and the obligation for a Christmas Day Mass. Catholics should attend two Masses to fulfill their Sunday and Christmas Mass obligations. Visit this link for more information <http://www.rcdk.org/>

Tax Receipt 2023 reminder for parishioners



Faith in Action and Parish donations must be received at the parish **by 12:00 noon on Friday, 29th December**. This includes e-transfer donations. Donations may be mailed to the parish or the Chancery office **post-marked no later than 31st December** to be eligible for 2023 tax receipt. All donations received after 12 noon on Friday, 29th December, or post marked later than 31st December, will go towards the 2024 Tax receipt.

Wishing all our parishioners and visitors a Joyous and Blessed Christmas

Office Hours

Thursday 9:30am-3:00pm

In important or urgent matters, call:
Fr. Andrew, cell: 1-778-257-4203



Donations / New Church Pledge Form

Pledge Forms in support of building the new church are available via this QR code and on our website at <https://whistlercatholicchurch.ca/>