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## Monthly Newsletter

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### *I did it!*

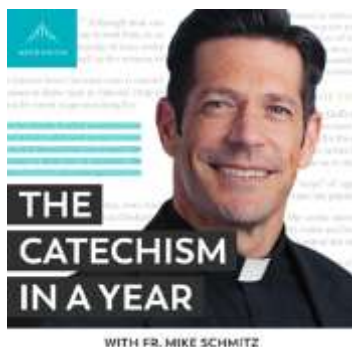
I can't believe I started a resolution on January 1, 2023, and I completed it on December 31, 2023. Typical for me is that no resolution lasts an entire year--until this one.



What was the resolution? I completed reading and learning about the **Catechism of the Catholic Church** with Fr. Mike Schmitz from Ascension. Each day-365 days-he read and went through sections of the Catechism and gave insightful explanations.



It was such a learning and discerning experience for me. If I am perfectly honest, some days I was not listening and reading with 100% focus. This usually happened when I had to catch up a few days. I was away for a week with no internet access so when I came back, that required some discipline to not give up or just skip to the present day. Other days dealt with very tough subjects and I would have to read the paragraphs over a second time, but I can say there were many more days with ah-ha moments. Fr. Mike didn't use a lot of theological language in his explanations and if he did, he explained them at a level I could understand. I don't feel like an expert on the Catechism but I have a better grounding on my faith.



Each of the daily episodes are about 15-20 minutes long, making it easy to listen for your own personal listening, with your family, or with a small group.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to finally understand what it means to be Catholic and allow those truths to shape your life!

Follow this link to learn more and join us on this journey through the Catechism:

<https://media.ascensionpress.com/category/ascension-podcasts/catechisminayear/>

(You can follow "The Catechism in a Year" and subscribe on YouTube as well.)

There is also a **free** app, **Ascension**, —>  
that can be downloaded from the Apple App Store or  
Google Play Store.



By Wilma Vanderzwaag

# We Welcome Deacon Maurice Prindiville o.f.s. to Star of the Sea



Deacon Maurice was ordained in 2010 and was assigned to the Cathedral where he has served until being re-assigned to our parish by Bishop Bergie. His first set of Masses with Father Richard at Star of the Sea took place during the weekend of November 25/26, 2023, the Feast of Christ the King.

Since 1984, Deacon Maurice has been permanently professed in the Secular Franciscan Order, an order which seeks to follow the example of Saint Francis of Assisi and is comprised of laity (male and female) and clergy. This order is about poverty, joy, Gospel life, simplicity, community, and deep devotion to the Catholic Church. In 2012, he became a Spiritual Assistant to one local fraternity in the Order.

An example of putting Franciscan ideals into action is that since 2010, his ministries of charity as an ordained permanent deacon have been for those who struggle with poverty and addiction, and for people in hospitals, seniors' homes and prisons.

There have been many learning occasions that have shaped his spiritual journey, but four hold particular significance: a 2000 Jubilee Year pilgrimage to Lima, Peru; the 2011 World Youth Day in Madrid; a 2016 missionary work experience in Allahabad (renamed Prayagraj) in Northern India; and a 2023 trip to Turkey. Deacon will gladly disclose the reasons if you ask.

Deacon Maurice looks forwards to serving happily with us. He has seen already that we are a warm and welcoming community, and he is grateful that we are making him and his wife, Fran, feel at home.

We thank you, Deacon, for joining us, and we look forward to many years of service!

*Deacon Maurice will be a regular contributor to our monthly newsletter and his first article appears on the next page. Here are some interesting facts from the "desk" of Deacon Maurice:*

## What is the difference between a priest stole and a deacon stole?



Deacons wear the stole across their body, going from their left shoulder to their right side, symbolism of their devotion to the service of the Mass. The deacon's stole signifies the towel Jesus tied around Himself at the Last Supper when He washed the disciples' feet.

Priests wear the stole on both shoulders, crossed in front of the chest, according to the liturgical reforms of Vatican II.

<https://www.terrasanctaguild.com/permanent-deacon-pin.html>



<https://dioceseofsaintjohn.org/permanent-diaconate>

St Francis of Assisi chose to be a deacon rather than a priest.

# The Deacon's Bench



Deacons have been a part of the Church since earliest days

Excerpts from an article published in the Catholic Register in 2012:

The ... permanent diaconate comes right out of Scripture, ... But the most substantive reference to the diaconate is Acts 6:2-7, which directly refers to ... the first deacons.

*"...the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said,... select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit... whom we may appoint to this task [of charity]... and they chose [seven.] They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.*

Many of the early fathers of the Church wrote about deacons,... taking upon administrative and **juridical positions in the Church. They were very closely connected to the bishops... but they were a distinct group.** They were not priests.

After several centuries of deacons working closely with bishops, things started to change... the permanent diaconate began to wane by 1000, and soon disappeared in the western Church.

The Council of Trent, ... was the first occasion... that the idea of a renewal was brought up. In 1563, during the council's 23rd session, ... But ...nothing really happened until the 20th century. "For 500 years, (the restoration) was on hold.

Of all places for the diaconate to begin its revival, it was the Nazi concentration camp Dachau during the Second World War. A small number of Catholic priests were detained there, in a cell block called the "priest block." And [they] spearheaded the movement [to renew the permanent diaconate after the war.].

They saw Europe crumbling around them... They saw the ravages of war, they saw the attack on the Church. They had faith that we were going to get through this, but when we got through this, we would be in the ruins and things would need to be rebuilt.

These priests began to write about bringing back the diaconate envisioned at Trent, about how deacons could help the priesthood restore faith after the war. These thoughts were published, and [others] began to write about similar ideas... Fr. Karl Rahner, talked about how there were lots of people in the world doing diaconal things, but they weren't given the sacramental grace of ordination to do it... It only made sense to empower people to do what you were asking them to do. That was his basic argument.

<https://www.catholicregister.org/home/international/itemlist/tag/Dachau> September 13, 2012

**In the Diocese of St. Catharines, the permanent deacons' ministries of charity have been:** with the poor, in hospitals, in prisons, with seniors and shut-ins, with migrant workers and refugees, and with seafarers in the Welland Canal.

Most permanent deacons are married, and Matrimony is the sacrament that takes precedence. Permanent deacons are connected most closely with their Bishop, but are also assigned a liturgical ministry in a specific parish - in order to link the Church's mission of charity to the Holy Eucharist.

*(to be continued next month)*

pax et bonum

deacon Maurice o.f.s

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: January 18 – January 25, 2024

The week of Prayer for Christian Unity began in 1908 as the Octave of Christian Unity. It was proposed by Father Paul Wattson, of the Graymoor Franciscan Friars, who conceived the idea of an octave of prayer beginning on January 18<sup>th</sup>, the feast of the Chair of St. Peter and concluding on January 25<sup>th</sup> the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. Pope Pius X blessed the concept and Benedict XV encouraged its observance throughout the entire Roman Catholic Church. In 1935 Abbe Paul Couturier of Lyons, France advocated prayer "for the unity of the Church as Christ wills it, and in accordance with the means he will" thereby enabling other Christians with differing views of the Petrine ministry to join in the prayer. In 1948 with the founding of the World Council of Churches (WCC) the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity became increasingly recognized by different churches throughout the world.

The theme for this year's week of Prayer for Christian Unity is:

**"You shall love the Lord your God .....and your neighbour as yourself". (Luke 10:27)**

An ecumenical team from Burkina Faso, facilitated by the Chemin Neuf community, has been the convenor for the Christian Unity 2024 planning group. As is the tradition, it was finalized by an international group representing the Roman Catholic Church's Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and the WCC's Faith and Order Commission. The resources include an ecumenical opening prayer service, biblical reflections, and prayers for eight days, and other elements of worship.

In Burkina Faso, located in West Africa, the political and social situation is unstable and there are many threats to peace and social cohesion. Preparations of the texts for the week of prayer during these precarious times helped the ecumenical group to recognize that God's love unites all Christians and is stronger than divisions. The texts are offered to Christians throughout the world on the understanding that, whenever possible, they will be adapted for use in local situations, taking account of social and cultural contexts and liturgical and devotional practices.



***"We ask you to teach us how to love one another as Christ loved us and help us to show one another the unusual kindness that can only come from knowing your son, Jesus. May the Spirit stir up in our hearts a desire to be united as one, in the bond of peace and fellowship.  
This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen."***

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2024

To participate in an octave of bible study and prayer for the days from  
Thurs, Jan 18, 2024 – Thurs, Jan 25, 2024 go to:

<https://www.usccb.org/committees/ecumenical-interreligious-affairs/week-prayer-christian-unity-2024>



# St. Francis de Sales -January 24

By Pat Waters

After a month of lights and celebrations we enter January, a month of wintry dark and cold. The calendar for the month, is filled with the names of saints, some familiar and many lesser known. One of the more familiar saints is St. Francis de Sales, whom we celebrate on the 24<sup>th</sup> of January.



would not come to him, so he started to play with the children and eventually he turned the people back to him. When he returned home, he brought 40,000 people to the Catholic Church.

Francis knew from an early age that he desired to serve God, but his father had other ideas. He wanted Francis to enter a career in politics and law, so he was sent to university in Paris to study. At the age of 24 he received his doctorate in law. All this time he never lost his passion for God and studied theology and practiced mental prayers. After much discussion and disagreement with his father, he was ordained to the priesthood and elected provost of the Diocese of Geneva.

During the time of the Protestant reformation Francis lived close to Calvinist territory and decided that it was his mission to bring the 60,000 Calvinist back to the Catholic faith. For three years he trekked through the countryside in all weather, had doors slammed in his face, and rocks thrown at him. The parents

Most of his spiritual direction was given to people through letters. He insisted that every Christian was called to holiness and sanctity, lived within their own state of life. As such, he laid the groundwork for the teaching of the Second Vatican Council, what is now called "the universal call to holiness". His most famous book, ***Introduction to the Devout Life***, was written for ordinary lay people in 1608 and became an instant success all over Europe. He believed that the worst sin was to judge someone or to gossip about them. Even if we say we do it out of love we're still doing it to look better ourselves.

Francis was canonized on April 19, 1665 by Pope Alexander VII. Because of his writing he is the patron saint of Catholic writers and the Catholic press as well as the deaf, adult education, journalists, and the Sisters of St. Joseph.

***St. Francis de Sales, pray for us.***



This month we welcome to  
our parish family,

Joseph Alexander Dubois

## **Prayer for Child's Baptism:**

Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your love  
and the grace of calling us to know You.

We ask, O Lord, that this child will grow in  
wisdom, knowledge, and understanding to  
know You.

We ask that from henceforth, the Holy Spirit  
will continually be your guardian.  
Amen.

**"May the Light of God guide you and may His loving arms protect you in this new year"**



### **The Pope's Prayer Intention for January**

#### **For the Gift of Diversity in the Church**

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

To read reflections on the Pope's Prayer Intentions, visit

<https://popesprayerusa.net/>

#### **A New Year's Prayer**

Lord, You make all  
things new.

You bring hope alive in  
our hearts and cause our  
spirits to be born again.

Thank you for this new  
year for all the potential  
it holds.

Come kindle in us a  
mighty flame so that in  
our time, many will see  
the wonders of God and  
live forever to praise  
Your glorious name.

Amen



## **What is in a word?**



### **From the Catechism of the Catholic Church paragraphs 1061-1065**

**1061** The word "Amen" frequently concludes prayers in the New Testament. The Church likewise ends her prayers with "Amen."

**1062** In Hebrew, *amen* comes from the same root as the word "believe." This root expresses solidity, trustworthiness and faithfulness. And so we can understand why "Amen" may express both God's faithfulness towards us and our trust in Him.

**1063** ..... Our Lord often uses the word "Amen," sometimes repeated, to emphasize the trustworthiness of his teaching, his authority founded on God's truth.

**1064** Thus the Creed's final "Amen" repeats and confirms its first words: "I believe." To believe is to say "Amen" to God's words, promises and commandments; to entrust oneself completely to him who is the "Amen" of infinite love and perfect faithfulness. The Christian's everyday life will then be the "Amen" to the "I believe" of our baptismal profession of faith.

**1065** Jesus Christ himself is the "Amen." He is the definitive "Amen" of the Father's love for us. He takes up and completes our "Amen" to the Father. "For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why we utter the Amen through him, to the glory of God."

**There is a lot packed into this one word—let us all remember this when we say "Amen". Let us say this word with conviction and a clear voice. This word captures something deeper, when we say "Amen" don't just think "I believe" think "I stake my life on this". When we receive the Eucharist, we say "Amen", are you thinking that? When you recite the Creed and end with "Amen", are you thinking that?**



## Diocese of St. Catharines Synod 2021-2023 Consultation Summary Report

Participants from across the diocese in the listening sessions not only commented on the questions that were discussed, they reported how taking part in the listening sessions in their parish or group impacted them. The next two paragraphs highlight these insights.

*The Holy Spirit:* Most of the participants commented on how positively the synodal process impacted them: "We have heard the voice of the Holy Spirit here in this listening and sharing – the synodal path." They appreciated the honesty of the positive discussions that took place and the respect that was presented in a non-judgmental forum. Several people mentioned the value of the "spiritual conversation" method, where silence was used as a core and integral part of the reflection process, which took place in an atmosphere of comfort, calmness, and peace: "Were not our hearts burning within us?" The opportunity to connect with other Catholics was welcomed, and there was a strong sense of appreciation for getting to know others in the synodal process.

There was also a desire to continue somehow the synodal process of journeying together; that action **MUST** come out of these sessions. In other words, we must run back to "Jerusalem" to meet the other disciples. There is a sense of renewed discipleship beginning to form, not only encouraging others to encounter Jesus as the disciples did on the road to Emmaus but that we are not alone and should not be alone, that we must somehow find a way to bring this synodal process back into the community.

How wonderful that many appreciated connecting with other Catholics and having meaningful conversations about our faith. Let us hope that as a parish and diocese we continue to find ways to keep this renewed discipleship alive and thriving. Let's keep talking to each other!

To read the entire report, go to <http://saintcd.com/userfiles/saintcdsynodsummaryreportfinal0617221.pdf>



### RCIA. Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Wednesday, Parish hall: 5 pm until 6:30 pm

First Sunday of Advent—Dec 3	Rite of Welcoming and acceptance. ALPHA retreat day
Week 11- Dec. 6	Tour of the church ...walk through the mass <a href="#">Mary and the Saints</a>
Week 12- Dec. 13	Christmas/Eschatology <a href="#">The Last Things: Death, Judgment, Heaven, and Hell</a>
Christmas and Christmas Octave	3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays of Lent. Christmas Day. January 1 <sup>st</sup> Feast of the Holy Family. And Epiphany
Week 13 - Jan. 10	The Early Church and Church History <a href="#">Intro. to the Sacraments</a>
Week 14 - Jan. 17	Sacraments of initiation <a href="#">Baptism</a> <a href="#">Confirmation</a>
Week 15 - Jan. 24	Sacraments of initiation part 2 <a href="#">The Eucharist</a>
Week 16 – Jan 31	<a href="#">Reconciliation</a> Christian Moral Living

<b>February 28 - March 17</b>	<b>Sessions for RCIA candidates and sponsors. Living Lent and the three scrutinies.</b>
Week 22 Mar. 20	The Meaning of Holy Week - The Way of the Cross
Week 23 March 23 HOLY WEEK	March 23/24 Palm Sunday,
Week 23 March 23-31 THE TRIDUUM	March 28 Holy Thursday, March 29 Good Friday March 30 <sup>th</sup> Easter Vigil RCIA Sacraments
Week 24 - Apr. 3	Conversion: A lifelong process and Our Call to Holiness
Week 25 - Apr. 10	Discipleship: The Role of the Laity and Your spiritual gifts
Week 26 - Apr. 17	Discernment and Journeying forward



## Catholic Initiatives at Our Feeder Schools

### Featured this Month: St Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Elementary

#### Confirmation

*by: Greg Morawek - Principal  
St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Elementary School*



Our Grade 8 students received the Sacrament of Confirmation at Star of the Sea Church on Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023. This is the final sacrament of initiation for our students and was presided by His Excellency, Bishop Bergie.

Congratulations to all of the students on this important step in their journey of faith. Thank you to Ms. Leslie, Mrs. Pietrangelo and Father Richard.

Throughout the month of December, we accepted donations of Hats, Gloves, and Jackets (new or gently-used) as part of our 'Giving Tree' campaign for the needy.

Many thanks to all who so generously contributed!



## Socktober – Out of the Cold Donation

Our wonderfully charitable parishioners donated more than 600 pairs of socks, as well as hand knitted hats and scarves and knitted blankets.

Here is a photo of Susan Venditti from Out of the Cold, when she happily received the goods. As you can see, her trunk was jam-packed! Our Star of the Sea family is so giving!!!!

Susan also was absolutely overwhelmed by our parish CWL's generous cash donation of \$1000 for groceries for the Out of the Cold diners provided by the Cathedral. Thank you all!!!!



St. Catharines  
**OUT OF THE COLD**

**November 1, 2023 — March 31, 2024**

Meals: Supper 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. (\*take out only)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Knights of Columbus Hall 235 Church Street	Silver Spire United Church 366 St. Paul Street	Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria 3 Lyman Street	St. George Anglican Church 83 Church Street	*St. Alfred Roman Catholic Church 272 Vine Street *5 – 6:30 p.m.	Knox Presbyterian Church 53 Church Street	Queen Street Baptist Church 57 Queen Street

In the words of St. John the Baptist,

**"He who has two coats, let him share with him who has none; and he who has food, let him do likewise."**

(Luke 3:11).





## ALPHA SUMMARY

By Joyce Bott

We are thrilled to share the outcomes of our 10-week Alpha program which included 30 participants. Together, we explored questions that strengthen our faith and deepened our connection with God.

Our discussions on the existence of God ignited thoughtful reflections, fostering a sense of shared understanding within our community. Participants delved into the identity of Jesus, contemplating the profound impact of His teachings on our lives.

Exploring the source of true happiness and understanding one's purpose brought forth heartfelt conversations, reinforcing the importance of faith in shaping our lives.

Engaging discussions about the Holy Spirit and the art of prayer enriched our spiritual understanding, highlighting the significance of His pres-

ence in our daily lives. These conversations have strengthened our communal bond, fostering a shared journey of faith.

As we gathered around the table, the fellowship was enhanced by delightful meals—pasta and meatballs, enchilada casserole, shepherd's pie, beef stroganoff, pulled pork and more pulled pork, and the comforting touch of wine. These shared meals became a symbol of unity and love within our church family.

The culmination of our Alpha program was marked by a spiritually enriching retreat. Participants had the opportunity to encounter God during Adoration and a candle-light prayer vigil. The atmosphere was charged with the Holy Spirit, creating a sacred space for deep connection and introspection.

We are immensely grateful for the commitment and enthusi-

asm shown by each participant. A huge thank you goes out to our chefs (Rob Mozzoni, Caroline Crete, and Joyce Bott), our table leaders and prayer team (Clark & Andrea Piller, Rob Mozzoni, Linda Dirks, and Joyce & David Bott), our clean up crew (Fr. Richard, Rita Caporuscio, and Liliana Selimovic), and the participants who brought in surprise treats like ribs, empanadas, fudge, and those participants that also helped with clean up! Thank you also to Deacon Maurice for leading Adoration at the retreat and to Laura Mino for making the lovely rosary keychains!

***May the lessons learned and connections made during this Alpha program continue to blossom in our individual journeys of faith. Let us carry the spirit of unity and love forward, embracing the transformative power of God's grace.***



Final Session: Alpha Retreat, Sunday, December 3, 2023



## St. Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Program 2023—Thank You!



*St Vincent de Paul Christmas  
Baskets*

This year 56 families and 16 individuals received Christmas hampers. This amounted to 140 adults as well as 70 children being served. The hampers contained food staples as well as Christmas goodies. Our clients chose from an assortment of mitts, hats and scarves collected by St. Ann school.

Food vouchers from President's Choice/ No Frills or Walmart were also included for each family/individual picking up a hamper. In all, \$8,100 worth of food vouchers were given out this year.

We continue to enjoy the enthusiastic support of St. Teresa and St. Ann schools whose students helped fill our cupboards again this Christmas through their food drives. Our schools show their Vincentian spirit not only at Christmas but throughout the year with food drives at Easter and Thanksgiving.

The St. Patrick's Shamrock Bingo Club made extremely generous Christmas donations in

addition to their monthly contributions. In these increasingly difficult times of rising costs for everyone, their support has been the difference between serving our clients as we have traditionally done or having to cut back the food and vouchers distributed every month and at Christmas. We are so grateful.

As always we want to thank Father Richard for his constant support and encouragement.

St. Vincent de Paul Society can only do our work with the support of our schools, the Shamrock Club and you, our generous parishioners at Star of the Sea Church.

**From all our SVDP members a heartfelt thank you to all of you and may each and everyone have a very Happy New Year!**



*L to R:  
Linda Leonard,  
Pat Waters,  
Doreen MacNeill*

*Update by Linda Leonard*

*Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink?'*

*And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.'*

Matthew 25:37,40



### In Memoriam



We remember the recently departed faithful of our parish:

Bob Frattini  
Tony Zanatta

### Let Us Pray:

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen.



Since 2019, our CWL has partnered with Chez Marie on Pelham Road to bring Christmas cheer to the families and individuals who live there. There are 8 rooms at the shelter that are used to welcome and house families until their paperwork is completed. After that, an apartment is found for them in the region. Our “warm



hands warm heart” project is a legacy activity done in memory of Louanne Schenck-Campbell who chaired the parish Refugee Ministry. This project is part of our CWL Advent retreat each year. Since 2019 we have provided 260 individuals with warm gloves/mitts plus a \$5 Tim’s card as a welcome to Canada gift.

Each year a large Christmas party is held



at the shelter for all the year’s newcomers. On December 20<sup>th</sup> guests received the knitted hats and scarves, warm socks and Christmas crackers filled with Lindor Chocolates. Each cracker was hand cut, assembled, stuffed

and tied up with a bow by a special angel on our CWL.

### **Twelve Refugee Families had a brighter Christmas thanks to our parish.**

A local business took on the sponsorship of the families/individuals that were at Chez Marie over Christmas this past year. Maria Londono, Shelter Co-ordinator and Outreach Worker, asked the CWL to adopt 8 refugee families that have recently been moved out of the hotels in Niagara Falls. The ladies quickly selected their families and then 2 more were requested and then another. It was a team effort with knitted goods, hygiene products, and gifts for the family members neatly wrapped and delivered to Maria on Saturday, December 16. Families from Peru, El Salvador, Mexico and Columbia had a bright Christmas because we shared the light of Christ with them.

The twelfth family is from Venezuela. They are staying at Oaks Hotel and asked Karen Shakespeare-Ekstein for help. Karen started collecting items, Father made a donation, Tracey Findlay got the Ice Dogs involved and, like twelve drummers drumming people, answered the call.

*It is a corporal work of mercy to welcome the stranger and since welcoming the Kad-mous family in 2016, our church has made this our mission.*



Linda Dirks & Maria Londono



Marie Marano & Karen Shakespeare-Eckstein

## Concerned Lay Catholics Speaker Series

### Slavery, Catholicism, and Lessons for Today



**Saturday, Jan. 20, 2024 at 2 p.m. EST, 3 p.m. AT, 11 a.m. PT**

Is it really true that people “didn’t know slavery was wrong back then”? Did the Catholic Church teach against slaveholding, or for it? In this presentation, Fr. Chris Kellerman, SJ, will explain the basics of the Catholic Church’s historical involvement with slaveholding and the Atlantic slave trade, drawing lessons from this history for the life of the contemporary Church.

**Presenter:**

**Christopher J. Kellerman, SJ**, is a Jesuit priest and author of *All Oppression Shall Cease: A History of Slavery, Abolitionism, and the Catholic Church*. He serves as Secretary of Justice and Ecology for the Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States.

**Registration is free. Donations are requested to help support the work of CLC**

**This will be presented via  
zoom. For more information  
and to register visit  
[concernedlaycatholics.ca](https://concernedlaycatholics.ca)**



## NEW LAW AROUND PASSING SNOW PLOWS NOW IN EFFECT IN ONTARIO – HIGHWAY TRAFFIC ACT

**Note:** On September 15, 2023, the day named by proclamation of the Lieutenant Governor, the Act is amended by adding the following section: (See: 2023, c. 9, Sched. 15, s. 1)

### **No overtaking a snow plow**

**148.1** (1) On a highway on which the speed limit is 80 kilometres per hour or more and which is divided into clearly marked lanes for traffic, no person shall, while travelling in a direction that has two or more such lanes, overtake a snow plow that is travelling in echelon with another plow or plows unless the lane of travel that is used by the overtaking vehicle to overtake the snow plow is entirely clear of any part of the snow plow, including any part of an attachment or the plow blade. 2023, c. 9, Sched. 15, s. 1.

**Offence** (2) Every person who, while driving a motor vehicle, contravenes this section is guilty of an offence and on conviction is liable to a fine of not less than \$150 and not more than \$1,000.





# Star of the Sea R. C. Church – January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
Feast of the Holy Family 9 am Mass 11 am Mass  <i>New Year's Eve</i> 5 pm Mass	<i>New Year's Day</i> <i>Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God</i> 10 am Mass  Parish Office Closed	7:00 pm CWL Executive Meeting	9:45 am St Vincent de Paul Meeting			5:00 pm Mass
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Epiphany of the Lord  9 am CWL Mass 11 am Mass <b>Children's</b> Liturgy	Baptism of the Lord  No Mass  Parish Office Closed	1:00 pm Turban Ministry  7:00 pm CWL General Meeting	5:00 pm RCIA	6:45 pm Choir Practice		5:00 pm Mass
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  9 am Mass 11 am Mass <b>Children's</b> Liturgy	No Mass  Parish Office Closed  1:30 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting	5:00 pm RCIA	6:45 pm Choir Practice		5:00 pm Mass
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  9 am Mass 11 am Mass <b>Children's</b> Liturgy	No Mass  Parish Office Closed	Parish Office Closed  1:00 pm Turban Ministry	Parish Office Closed  5:00 pm RCIA	Parish Office Closed  6:45 pm Choir Practice	Parish Office Closed	5:00 pm Mass
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