



## St. Hyacinthe Roman Catholic Church

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## CHRISTMAS SEASON 2025-2026



*New life and hope entered the world with the birth of Jesus.*

*God chose to become a helpless infant in the arms of his mother Mary and taken under the gentle care of his father Joseph. God became one of us, to be our comfort and our strength.*

*This is the reason for our joy at Christmas and should be every day of our lives!*



**Your Pastor, Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Committee and Parish Staff wish you and your families a joyful Christmas and a New Year 2026 filled with blessings!**

Date	Intentions	Lectors	Communion	Collection
Wednesday, Dec. 24 7 pm (Carols 6:30 pm) <i>Children's Christmas Mass &amp; Pageant</i>	Parishioners Intentions Father Gabriel	Youth	Suzanne Lavallee Randy Bossuyt Rob Masi	Youth
Wednesday, Dec. 24 <i>Midnight Mass</i> (Carols 11:30 pm)	Parishioners Intentions Father Gabriel	Fatima Kostas Christopher Lippens	Ray Cormier Christopher Lippens Claude Lagace	Volunteers
Thursday, Dec. 25 <i>Nativity of the Lord</i>	<i>No Mass</i>			
Saturday, Dec. 27 4 pm	+ Eveline Lagace Michelle Schaubroeck	Randy Bossuyt		Volunteer
Sunday, Dec. 28 11 am <i>Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph</i>	+ Matthew Lagace & + Suzie Lagace Claude Lagace & Bernadette Lagace	Fatima Kostas Larry Franz	Ray Cormier	Andrea Morann Jean Rochon
Wednesday, Dec. 31 4 pm <i>New Year's Mass</i>	Special Intention Lucille & Gilles Lavallee	Volunteer	Volunteers	Volunteers
Thursday, January 1 <i>Mary, Mother of God World Day of Peace</i>	<i>No Mass</i>			
Saturday, January 3 4 pm	+ Marie-Therese Levesque Yvette & Armand Rioux	Randy Bossuyt		Volunteer
Sunday, January 4 11 am <i>Epiphany of the Lord</i>	Parishioners Intentions Father Gabriel	Larry Franz Mike Renaud	Suzanne Lavallee	Rheal Rochon Claude Lavallee

**“Life Is Better With Jesus!” – 2025-2026 PARISH THEME**

## St. Hyacinthe Parish News



**Thank you so very much!** To everyone for your generous donations to the *Multi-Purpose Food Drive* for Holy Cross Food Bank, the Family Support Centre, and to the *Toy Drive* for families in need.



**Thank you to all those who helped prepare our church for Christmas and holiday season!**



- ❖ **Thank you** also to parishioners and the Knights of Columbus who donated poinsettias.
- ❖ **Donations to the parish:** Please do not forget your parish and your usual God's Share or Fall Drive gift. All donations for 2025 must be received by parish by **Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**.
- ❖ **2026 Sunday Collection Envelopes:** Your envelopes for the new year are available in the church entrance. Don't forget to inform the parish if any of your contact information has recently changed. If someone does not have envelopes and would appreciate having, please contact the parish.
- ❖ **Catechism Classes:** Classes resume Sunday, January 4, 2026.

### Remember in Your Prayers

- ❖ For our families, friends and loved ones, that the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph will watch over, protect and bless them. Our thoughts are especially with all who are struggling at this time with illness or loss.
- ❖ On World Day of Peace, January 1<sup>st</sup>, that we endeavour to achieve greater peace in our world, committing ourselves to remedying the causes of injustice, settling debts, and feeding the hungry.
- ❖ That praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church. (Pope's prayer intention for January 2026)

**Jubilee 2025** – The special jubilee year will conclude on Sunday, December 28, 2025, the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The closing of the jubilee will be marked in our parish at the weekend masses. Everyone is also invited to the Diocesan Celebration for the Closing of the Jubilee 2025 Year at 3 pm at the St. Boniface Cathedral. A light reception to follow. Let us be grateful for this Pilgrimage of Hope that we experienced in 2025. *“May the light of Christian hope illumine every man and woman, as a message of God’s love addressed to all! And may the Church bear faithful witness to this message in every part of the world!”*



**Marriage Tip for Christmas** – Christmas is the celebration of God assuming human nature. Our own human nature, however, often exposes family conflicts during this season. Accept the human foibles of your spouse and relatives.

**Marriage Tip for the New Year** – Make a “spiritual New Year’s resolution” together. Choose one thing to stick to through this year as a family: monthly Confession, praying together, Adoration, etc. You can “adopt” a patron saint for the coming year to intercede for you and your family. Throughout the year, read a biography about them, attend Mass together on the saint’s feast day, and find litanies, novenas, other prayers to pray together.



**Blessing Children on New Year’s Day** – Dear parents, you are encouraged to take a moment on the first day of 2026 to bless your children, in your own words or with this prayer:

**“May God bless you and may He keep your hearts and minds filled with Joy – in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.”**

**World Day of Peace, January 1** – May we all find inspiration and guiding thoughts in Pope Leo’s message: [Message of the Holy Father for the 59th World Day of Peace 2026: “Peace be with you all: Towards an “unarmed and disarming” peace”](#)



**Did You Know?** – The use of “Holly” (holy tree) as a religious tradition and Christmas decoration began in northern Europe. It symbolizes protection, eternal life and Christ’s sacrifice with its red berries and prickly thorns.