



CWL Christmas Newsletter 2020

A COVID Christmas

The lyrics, “there’s no place like home for the holidays”, will have added significance this Christmas. Many families will be celebrating within their own household, instead of the large family gathering. Some will be celebrating alone as family members cannot make it home. In a year of the unexpected, one thing has come to be expected: change. It has been a year of stress, disruptions, anxiety, and sadness. Your Christmas will not be the same as it usually is. Before you say “Bah, humbug!” say a prayer for the frontline workers who work tirelessly, remember those who are alone, give them a call Christmas day or drop a plate of cookies on their doorstep. As we ride out this second wave and the mandatory restrictions, remember to stay healthy. Christmas is a season of hope, if we lean on each other we will be able to cope.

The impact of Covid has been quite severe
Let’s pray that 2021 will be a better year

May your Christmas be peaceful and bright,
And filled with the love of that first night.

Yvette d’Entremont
Acting President

2020 Christmas Charity – The Marian Centre

There are those among us who still need the League to help and reach out. **Thank you** to all members who donated to the CWL Christmas Charity, the Marian Centre. Your donations are very much appreciated by the Centre! Thank you to Connie McBride who has taken the lead on this project and will deliver all donated items to the Centre.

Christmas Novena Masses

St Charles will be holding daily Christmas Novena Masses (Simbang Gabi) from December 15 – 23. Mass will begin at 6:30 and all are invited. St Charles CWL Knights of Columbus are the sponsors of the December 22 mass. If you would like to attend you must register online or by calling the church.

Things to do that you might not have thought of

- Christmas lights across Canada

- All Canadians can enjoy the holiday lights of each capital city across Canada. The Edmonton Legislative Assembly is featured. Just google “Christmas Lights Across Canada” and each provincial and territorial capital building in lights.
- University of Alberta – Coursera
 - University of Alberta Online courses (Coursera) are available FREE. The University of Alberta has partnered with Coursera to develop Online Courses free to the general public. Just google “University of Alberta Online Courses –Coursera” and the list of available courses will appear.
- Future Learn has short online courses FREE to the general public.
 - Choose from hundreds of online courses from top universities and specialist organizations. Just google “Future Learn”, pick your course, and make sure you are signing up for the free version of the course.
- The Coady Institute is offering courses to anyone, however they are not free.

St Charles CWL 40th Anniversary

Heads up: 2021 marks the 40th Anniversary of St Charles CWL!! Not knowing what will be happening with covid, we don't know how we will celebrate this milestone but it will not go unnoticed. If you have **any** ideas please send them to Yvette at yvette@ualberta.ca One way or another we will mark the event.



Live streamed Christmas Masses

If you will not be attending Christmas mass in person, you may participate, as some of the masses will be live streamed. The 6 pm and midnight mass of December 24, and the 11 am mass on December 25 will be live streamed. You may connect directly from the St Charles Parish website. You do not need a Facebook account to do so.

A Prayer as I put on My Mask



**Creator God
as I prepare to go into the world,
help me to see the sacrament
in the wearing of this cloth.
Let it be an “outward sign”
of an “inward grace,
a tangible and visible way of living
love for my neighbours
as I love myself.”**

**Since my lips will be covered,
uncover my heart,
that people would see my smile
in the crinkles around my eyes.
Since my voice will be muffled
help me to speak clearly
not only with my words
but with my actions.**

**As the elastic touches my ears
remind me to listen carefully
and full of care
to all those I meet.
May this simple piece of cloth be
a shield and banner
and each breath that it holds
be filled with your love
Amen**

A Prayer for Christmas Hope-2020

Lord Jesus, as we celebrate the season of Christ's birth, there's nothing that stands brighter than hope. The thrill of hope. The excitement that no matter what life brings us, we can still have hope because of that night divine, that night when our precious Saviour was born in a stable.



*Keep us Children of light, filled with Hope and Faith during this World Pandemic.
Amen*

Spatafora - Organization Convenor:

2021 Memberships are now due; Cost is still \$30 for the year. Thank you to everyone who's paid their 2021 membership. For those still

wishing to pay, there are a number of options available to you:

1) e-Transfer your \$30 membership fee to Bea Spatafora at bspat@shaw.ca. Note, there is no security question required; fees with your name will automatically transfer. This option has worked great for a number of our members.

2) Mail a cheque (no cash please) to Bea Spatafora directly at 14407 - 130 St. NW Edmonton, AB T6V 1E2

3) Drop your membership payment off with Pat at the St. Charles parish office.

4) Drop your membership payment into the offertory basket during mass.

Please be sure to include your name & contact information with your membership payment.

For those with email, your receipt will be emailed to you; those without email will a copy of your receipt will be held by me, unless you request I mail it out to you.

In the new year, I'll be sending out an updated membership list by email, so please try to pay for your membership before then. If you do not have email or a printer, similar to last year, I'll also be sending the list to Pat at the parish office, who can print a copy for you.



ST. CHARLES CWL PRAYER LIST
December 2020

*Please pray for our CWL members
and our council*

For those who are sick and all who look after them:

Georgie Alexander (sister of Kathy Martel)
Mary Ziska
Larry Belanger (husband of Norma Belanger)
Rollande Paquette
Faye Tkachuk
Jacqueline Cuerrier
Marlene Schmidt
Rose Potter
Margaret Gartner (sister of Rose Potter)
Marie Phillips
Theresa Logan
Andrea Martel (daughter-in-law of Kathy Martel)
Kathleen Correia
Archer and Brayden Coates (grandsons of Janice Albiston)

For those who have died and all who mourn them:

Evette Michael Barry (mother-in-law of Kathy Michael)

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