



Anglican Parish of Central Saanich
St. Mary Church St. Stephen Church

Faith - Family - Friendship

*But Mary treasured up all these things and
pondered them in her heart.*

Luke 2:19

*In times such as these, does the manger of Jesus appear in the
rubble of war-torn countries.*

December 9, 2023

Dear Friends,

God comes to live in our neighborhoods, in our hearts. This is the Incarnation, and the narrative never gets old. We are handed the invitation and the free gift of our salvation. God has created you and I, each a masterpiece. God loves us and reaches out to us with open arms.

Jesus lives into the prophetic destiny of the Messiah, the anointed one coming as a Saviour to this world. "Jesus Christ; the same yesterday, today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). He transcends time and space and lives in your heart.

We, the People of the Parish of Central Saanich, part of the body of Christ, take this opportunity each year to shine the light of Christ into the world. We invite you to join us as we gather. Please see the schedule of services on the back of this letter or look to our website and to parish e-mails for the most up-to-date information.

Whoever you are and whatever is happening in your life during this Advent and Christmas 2023, my prayer is that you come close to God, close to the family of God and that you hear the heartbeat of God.

Marian and I wish each of you and your family all the blessings of the Christmas season.

Please be generous to God's Church and other community needs.

Thank you,

Archdeacon Lon Towstego



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DECEMBER 2023 SERVICES

Please join us

Dec. 24 *	4:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	St. Stephen St. Mary	Christmas Eve Holy Communion Christmas Eve Holy Communion
Dec. 25	10:00 a.m.	St. Mary	Christmas Day Holy Communion
Dec. 31	10:00 a.m.	St. Stephen	Service of Holy Communion

**There are no morning services on December 24th*

*The best way to stay informed is via the website:
ParishCS.ca*