

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 17th

4:30 pm. Repose of souls of departed members of McLaughlin & Beaudette families by Alice McLaughlin

Sunday, December 18th: Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00 am. Special intentions of parishioners by Pastor
10:30 am. For Morris & Catherine Hendriks by Hendriks family

Tuesday, December 20th

7:00 pm. Repose of soul of Simone King by Mr. & Mrs. Yves Provost

Wednesday, December 21st: Saint Peter Canisius

at St. Thomas Aquinas High School Chapel
9:00 am. Repose of soul of Philip Smith by staff & students of St. Thomas Aquinas High School

Thursday, December 22nd

9:00 am. Repose of souls of Martina & Merv Van Lankveld by Rick & Maureen Marsolais

Friday, December 23rd: Saint John of Kanty

9:00 am. Repose of soul of Robert Martel by Fr. Tim & Pastoral Care Team

Saturday, December 24th: Vigil of Christmas

5:00 pm. Repose of soul of Sister Frances Jeffrey by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Jeffrey
8:00 pm. Intentions of Jo & Gary Barnes & family by James family
10:00 pm. In celebration of life of Gable Berard Beupré by family

Sunday, December 25th: The Nativity of the Lord

10:30 am. Repose of souls of Michael & Florence Siva by the Siva family

THIS WEEK AT OUR LADY'S

Monday, Dec. 19th: NO Teen Sports until Jan. 16th

Tuesday, Dec. 20th:

Men's Basketball, 8:30-10:30 pm. St. Thomas Aquinas gym

Thursday, Dec. 22nd: The 9 am. Choir Practice, 7 pm.

Friday, Dec. 23rd: Eucharistic Adoration, 9:30 am - 12 noon

Saturday, Dec. 24th: NO 4:30 pm. Mass; Christmas Eve Masses:

5:00 pm. St. Thomas Aquinas H.S.; 8:00 & 10:00 pm. Church

Sunday, Dec. 25th:

Birth of the Lord, Christmas Day Mass - 10:30 am.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT OUR LADY'S . . .

Monday, Dec. 26th: NO Teen Sports until Jan. 16th

Tuesday, Dec. 27th: Mass cancelled

Thursday, Dec. 29th: 9:00 am Mass

Friday, Dec. 30th: Eucharistic Adoration, 9:30 am - 12 noon

Saturday, Dec. 31st: New Year's Eve Mass, 4:30 pm.

Sunday, Jan. 1st, 2006: Mary Mother of God, New Year's Day

Masses 9:00 & 10:30 am.; Russell Food Bank Donation Sunday

Monday, Jan. 2nd: NO Teen Sports until Jan. 16th

Tuesday, Jan. 3rd: 7 pm. Mass; Office reopens, 9 am.

Wednesday, Jan. 4th: RCIA, 7 pm. Hall

Thursday, Jan. 5th: Baptismal Preparation Meeting, 7 pm. Hall

Friday, Jan. 6th: First Friday Adoration & Reconciliation, 9:30 am. - 12 noon & 7:00 pm. - 8:00 pm. Benediction & Reconciliation
Sunday, Jan. 8th: Epiphany; Baptisms, 9 & 10:30 am Masses; Pancake Breakfast hosted by KOC after 9 & 10:30 am Masses; KOC Basketball Free Throw Competition, Mother Teresa School gym - 1 pm.

Monday, Jan. 9th: NO Teen Sports until Jan. 16th

Tuesday, Jan. 10th:

Men's Basketball, 8:30-10:30 pm. St. Thomas Aquinas gym

Wednesday, Jan. 11th: RCIA, 7 pm. Hall

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, 7 pm. Kitchen

Thursday, Jan. 12th: CWL Annual General Meeting, 7 pm. Hall

KOC Executive Meeting, 7:30 pm. Kitchen

Friday, Jan. 13th: Eucharistic Adoration, 9:30 am - 12 noon

Saturday, Jan. 14th: CWL Membership Drive Weekend, 4:30 pm.

Sunday, Jan. 15th: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time; CWL Membership Drive Weekend, 9 & 10:30 am Masses; Coffee Sundays for 9 & 10:30 am Masses hosted by CWL

BULLETIN DEADLINE FOR CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR'S:

Tuesday, December 20th at Noon in writing please.

OFFICE CLOSURE FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

The Parish Office will close at noon on Fri., Dec. 23rd and will reopen on Tues. Jan. 3rd, 2006.

A Joyous Christmas & God's Blessings in the New Year!

PLEASE NOTE



Coffee and Donuts viable.

COFFEE SUNDAY

We Serve Fair Trade Coffee!

Please remember this is a service to the parish. It is your donations that will keep it

9:00 am: hosted by the St. Thomas Aquinas Athletic Dept.

10:30 am: hosted by the Catholic Women's League.

A reminder, to please socialize downstairs in the Church Hall out for respect for those people praying after Mass.

◆ PILGRIMAGE STATUE OF OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL is at the home of the Kiskis family this week. To reserve a week to have Her visit with you and your family, sign up on the sheet in Foyer. Many graces will surely follow. "Under Mary's protection we shall have nothing to fear."

—words of St. Marguerite Bourgeoys



YOUTH CORNER (for youth ages 13+)

TEEN SPORTS will be cancelled December 19th & resume on January 16th at St. Thomas Aquinas High School gym at 8 pm.

Info: Jim Watson 443-0115

DECEMBER 18TH, 2005



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Every Friday, 9:30 am-12 noon. First Friday Adoration: 9:30 am. - 12 noon as well as Reconciliation from 7-8 pm.

◆ **COME SING WITH US!** The CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR has 2 more practices this Mon., Dec. 19th and Fri. Dec. 23rd at 6:30 pm. in the Church to prepare for the 5 pm Family Christmas Eve Mass held at St. Thomas Aquinas High School. Info: Tara Shannon 229-9631.

◆ **CHRISTMAS SHOPPING:** The religious articles in the Gift Cupboard in the Foyer are for sale at any time. If you would like to purchase something for your gift list simply come in during Church office hours or contact a parish member of the CWL.

◆ **A HUGE THANK YOU!** The CWL wishes to thank everyone who supported our Christmas Stocking Raffle. The winners were Carol Speek and Colleen Rutledge.

◆ **RUSSELL GOOD NEIGHBOUR'S FOOD BANK:** Almost everyday someone goes hungry. Please bring what you can to Church in the bushel baskets found in the Foyer. Thank you for helping others!

◆ **CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM OTTAWA ARCHBISHOP MARCEL GERVAIS** is posted on the bulletin board.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS: The next session will take place on *Wed. Jan. 4, 2006*.

◆ **REMINDER:** Please pick up your 2006 Church Envelopes in the Church Foyer asap.



ST. THOMAS AQUINAS HIGH SCHOOL NEWS
Web Site: www.sta-russell.com

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Dec. 21st: Raven Spirit Day

Student Hockey Game, 1:00 pm.

Advent Music Concert, 7:00 pm.

Dec. 22nd: Dress Down Day

Christmas Caroling, 6:00 pm. St. Thomas Aquinas float

Dec. 23rd: Last day of school!

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CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASSES



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24th
St. Thomas Aquinas High School-5 pm.
Church -8 pm. & 10 pm.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25th - 10:30 am.

NEW YEAR'S MASSES

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31st

New Year's Eve Mass -4:30 pm.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1st -9:00 am. & 10:30 am.

ALL PARISHIONERS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED
ON A PILGRIMAGE TRIP TO
CAP DE LA MADELEINE *** QUEBEC CITY ***
STE. ANNE DE BEAUPRE
3 days - May 22, 23 & 24, 2006

Come for a holiday and come to pray at the holy sites of Cap de la Madeleine, Ste Anne de Beaupré, and the tombs of the Canadian saints of Quebec City, where there will be plenty of time for sightseeing in the historic city. Pilgrimage includes daily Mass, professional tour director, luxury air-conditioned coach with onboard toilet, first class hotel with all service charges, taxes and portage, 2 breakfasts and 1 three course evening meal.

For further information or to book now, please contact Fr. Tim or Suzanne at the office (445-3054).

◆ **IN SUPPORT OF LIFE WORKSHOP** Coming Soon!!

On *Wednesday January 18th, 2006* there will be a workshop on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide held in the Church Hall. The workshop will consist of teachings every Catholic should know about end of life issues and care for the dying. Mark your calendar to attend!

OTHER INFORMATION RECEIVED

◆ **ARE YOU ABLE TO ASSIST THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE PRO-LIFE CAUSE?** Priests for Life Canada is in need of volunteers to assist either from their home or from the office in Orleans. If you can help, please call Joyce at 834-2226.

◆ **HOMELANDS MASS:** Archbishop Marcel Gervais is pleased to invite everyone to the annual Homelands Mass on *Sun., Jan. 15, 2006, 2:30 pm.* at the Notre Dame Cathedral. The Homelands Mass celebrates our cultural diversity both here in Canada and in the Church. Please plan to attend!

◆ **CHRISTMAS POSTAGE STAMPS:** Please ask for stamps with the Nativity Scenes on them as opposed to those with the snowman. Canada Post has agreed to provide this series of stamps for 2005 but may not do so in future years if sales of this series are not high enough.

Church Directory is found in pamphlet rack of Foyer