



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Diocesan Theme "The Word of God grew and multiplied."
Parish Theme "Though many, we are one body in Christ."

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 17th

4:30 p.m. For the repose of the soul of Norman DuHamel by Linda & Family

Sunday, December 18th

9:00 a.m. For Briana Lalonde's 18th Birthday intentions by the Urlocker Lalonde

10:45 a.m. For the intentions of the Parishioners by the Parish

Tuesday, December 20th

7:00 p.m. For the healing of Arthur Stephenson by Deacon Tom and Faith Stephenson

Wednesday, December 21st St. Thomas

10:00 a.m. For the intentions of the Quinton Family by the James Family

Thursday, December 22nd

9:00 a.m. For the special intentions of Rita Bourassa by the Cogan Family

Friday, December 23rd

9:00 a.m. For the intentions of the Lehman Family by the James Family

Saturday, December 24th

5:00 p.m. For the intentions of Bea & Tom Mascaro by the James Family

8:00 p.m. For the repose of the soul of Earl McAndrew by Catherine Gray

10:00 p.m. For the 50th Birthday intentions of Carolyn Cogan by the Urlocker/Lalonde

Sunday, December 25th

10:00 a.m. For the intentions of the Parishioners by the Pastor

For the repose of the souls of Gabel Berard Beaupre



Paul Beaupre, Matthew Holmes, Isaac Berkers, Monica Baker, Sheila Johnstone, Arthur Stephenson, Julie Lefebvre, Micheline Gray, Laura M., and Justin McKenna

If you would like a name added to this list please call the office.

CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS

The office will be closed from December 24th until December 30th. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday January 3rd. Please call 613-724-0487 for emergencies only.

PASTOR'S CORNER

"Hail, Full of Grace"

Today's liturgy invites us to reflect on Mary, the woman of advent, our mother and our model!

God's Choice

God freely chose Mary to be the mother of his only son. It was God's choice that made her "Full of Grace". If grace was God's gift, Mary was full of God's gift! And we do not have to ask what she did to deserve that: she didn't do anything to deserve it, because it was sheer gift, as someone rightly put it, "gifts and favours reflect the generosity of the giver and not the worthiness of the receiver." Therefore, today, what we are celebrating is the extravagant love of God who freely chose Mary to be the mother of Jesus.

Saying "Yes" Like Mary

The beautiful story of the Annunciation, the Angel Gabriel bringing to Mary the Good News that she will be the mother of his son, is a great reminder of the magnificent things that God can do with each one of us if we give him the permission, if we give him the opportunity, if we like Mary, say: "Here I am, the servant of the Lord, let it be done to me according to your word", and mean it. Like Mary, God has chosen each and every one of us; he has a role for each of us and now he waits for our response.

Christmas Carolling

All are welcome to the last lap of our parish Advent events this Wednesday at our parish church, starting at 6 PM.

May the Blessed Mary intercede for us always so that we might be full of grace and do the will of God.

Fr. Paul

YOUR OFFERINGS FOR

December 11th - \$3606.80

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December 18, 2011

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE:

Wednesday, December 14 –

Advent Penitential Service – 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 24 – Christmas Eve:

St. Thomas Aquinas School Gym – 5:00 p.m.

Our Lady's Church - 8:00 p.m.
10:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 25 – Christmas day:

Our Lady's Church - 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, December 31 –

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God:

Our Lady's Church - 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 1 – Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

Our Lady's Church - 9:00 a.m.
10:45 a.m.

MISSION TEAM: CHRISTMAS CAROLING

All are welcome to join the Parish Mission Team as they enjoy caroling this Wednesday at our parish, starting at 6:00 p.m.

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE NEWS

1. New Christmas items are for sale in the religious articles cabinet in the foyer.
2. A CWL member will be taking membership dues after masses.
3. There is a CWL suggestion box on the table in the foyer. Ladies are asked to suggest topics and/or guest speakers for the general meetings in the coming year. The CWL wishes parishioners a blessed Christmas and a joyous new year.

WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS: If you are new to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, welcome to our Parish. Please take a moment to fill in the registration form found on the table in the Church Foyer. Say "hello" to Fr. Paul and share fellowship with parishioners at one of our events.

A NOTE OF APPRECIATION TO OUR ADVERTISERS

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PRAYER: Lord, the advent and Christmas stories are so deep, their symbols are so rich, and carry such potential for nourishing our faith. Prevent us from adulterating the message with so many cultural accumulations that we lose sight of the heart of Christmas as worship.

NEW PROCEDURES:

LECTORS/READERS - Very Important

LECTOR 1 -

Will do the Welcome and 1st reading. If Deacon Tom is away then Lector 1 will also do the Prayers of the Faithful.

LECTOR 2 - Second Reading and the Announcements (see the revised schedule on the bulletin board in the photocopy room)

USHERS money collected at collection will be brought to the back of the church as normal, put in a secure, sealed container and placed in the red velvet bag then brought back up to the front as usual in the basket.

Please call Kristine with any questions 613-445-3054

FINAL WEEKEND: CHURCH DECORATIONS & FLOWERS:

Parishioners can help beautify the church for Christmas by making a donation for church flowers and decorations in the name of a departed loved one. The names of the donors and the names of their departed loved ones will be published in the church bulletin at Christmas. If you have a loved one you would like to honour in this way, please fill out the envelope found in the pews including your donation.

2012 CHURCH ENVELOPES

Will be available for pickup in the Church hall. If there is a change or correction in your address on the box please contact the office.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: Is in need of large gift bags to wrap shawls and lap blankets. Please drop them off in the office or in the hall outside the office door after office hours. Thank you for your generosity.

BULLETIN NOTICE DEADLINE:

All notices must be in writing, and turned in to the parish office by noon on Tuesday for that weekend's bulletin. By email: admin@olmm.ca or in writing to the Parish office.

OTHER INFORMATION RECEIVED:

Cause Wish Lists - Register your Cause Wish List and include the Archdiocese of Ottawa in your list and, if so desired, you can specify your parish within our giving page. (We will forward your donation as directed by you.) These lists are quick and easy to set up. Once they are set up, ask your friends and family to donate in your honour and share through your social media networks. Each page has a fun holiday design and makes donating easy and secure. This is a wonderful way to teach our children the true meaning of Christmas and is fun for all! Check them out, and set one up today:
www.CanadaHelps.org/CauseWishList