

**CHRISTMAS 2011 NEW YEARS & EPIPHANY 2012  
AT OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL CHURCH**



*Diocesan Theme* "Called for Holiness, the Saints Among us"  
*Parish Theme* "Encounter Christ. Share Him with Others."

## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>**

**4:30 pm** For the intentions of the Parishioners by the Pastor

**Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 am** For the repose of the soul of Tom Van Dusen by the Chesser Family

**10:45 am.** The special intentions of the Van Dusen Family by the Cogan Family

**Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00pm** The special intentions of the Cooke Family by the Cogan Family

**Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 am** For the intentions of the Barnes Family by the James Family

**Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 am** For the repose of the soul of Birute & Pranas Ceponkus by Diane Ceponkus

**Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 am** For the special intentions of Jennifer & Jose Fernandez by the Cogan Family

**Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>**

**4:30 pm** For the repose of the soul of Mariette Forgues by her Family

**Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 am** For the intentions of the Parishioners by the Pastor

**10:45 am** For the intentions of the Sean and Judy Cogan and Family

## PASTOR'S CORNER

**"And the Word became flesh and lived among us..."**

At Christmas we celebrate the birth of Christ. It is a time we set our minds and hearts to Bethlehem to behold and adore the newborn king! Today, we call to mind God's immense love for us. The reason that Christ took flesh in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary is to establish us in friendship and intimacy with God. God wants to enter into a life giving and personally relationship with us that he sent us his son to be our brother and our saviour.

### Jesus came to set us free

What happened at Christmas is a powerful reminder that we are very important to God, each and every one of us. By sending his son, God reaches out to our helpless and broken world. The best way to celebrate Christmas, therefore, far from over indulging in excessive eating and drinking, is to accept this super precious gift! It is only by accepting this little child lying in a manger that we can be healed of our misery and brokenness; that we can be completely happy and indeed be free from the shackles of sin and death.

### Thank you

Thank you to everyone who in one-way or the other helped the parish this Christmas. A special thanks to all our sacristans, altar servers, choirs, decorating committee, our office volunteers, ushers, indeed everyone! Your hard work and dedication is quite appreciated and will never go unrewarded by God. Trust me!

On a personal note, I will be going home (Nigeria) to visit with my family from Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> through to the first week of Feb. (At least to shorten my winter). Please say a little prayer for me that I may go in peace and come back in safety and in good health. And please welcome Fr. Gordon Maclean!

Wishing everyone a merry Christmas and a fantastic 2012.

Fr. Paul



*Matthew Holmes,  
Isaac Berkers, , Paul Beaupre  
Monica Baker, Florence Grant,  
Jack Clarke,  
Julie Lefebvre, Micheline Gray,  
Laura M., Shawn English and  
Justin McKenna*

**January 8, 2012**

**PASTORAL CARE:** The Pastoral Care Team is currently putting together a list of people who would like to offer help to others in need making meals for those going through difficult times such as illness. CAN YOU help? The need is great, but with the help of many volunteers, the burden becomes smaller for everyone. There are many ways to reach out to each other. Regardless of how we serve others, and I'm sure you'd all agree, there is no greater satisfaction than to serve Jesus in our neighbors, be it family or community. Please call the Parish office 613-445-3054

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**OTHER INFORMATION RECEIVED:**

**RUSSELL AA MEETINGS:** Monday nights, Location: OLMM. For Information with confidentiality call Charlie Caldwell 613-993-9929

**ARCHBISHOP PRENDERGAST'S CHRISTMAS 2011**

**MESSAGE:** Time magazine recently named "the protester" the Person of the Year 2011. This reflects the unsettled state of our world: uprisings in the Middle East, the Occupy Wall Street movement, and violence at every turn. [Read more...](#) online at ([www.CatholicOttawa.ca](http://www.CatholicOttawa.ca)).

**ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP – WORLD DAY OF**

**PEACE:** In his World Day of Peace 2012 message, Educating Young People in Justice and Peace, Pope Benedict expresses the conviction that "young people, with their enthusiasm and idealism, can offer new hope to the world." His message calls on all of us, including parents, educators, and leaders in various spheres of religious, social, political, economic and cultural life and in the media, to be attentive to the concerns of youth and their desire "to look to the future with solid hope." As expressed by our Holy Father, let us support young people as they "hunger and thirst for right relations with God, with themselves, with their brothers and sisters, and with the whole of creation". Info: John Dorner ([jdorner@archottawa.ca](mailto:jdorner@archottawa.ca)); (613-738-5025, x251).

**MORE CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:**

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**WPBS TV** (Watertown, NY) will be showing four episodes of **Fr. Robert Barron's Catholicism series** on **Sundays from 4 to 5 pm, from January 8 to January 29, 2012** (please see below for details and link to trailer). (These are the four episodes that were not shown on EWTN or Salt and Light TV). WPBS TV is carried on Rogers Cable in Ottawa on channels 64 (digital cable) and 97 (analogue cable).

In this moving and epic documentary series, Father Barron tells the story of Catholicism around the world – using art, architecture, literature, music and all the riches of the Catholic tradition.

Sun. Jan. 8: 4:00 p.m.

**Episode #101: "Amazed and Afraid: The Revelation of God Become Man"**

Sun. Jan. 15: 4:00 p.m.

**Episode #102: "That Than Which Nothing Greater Can Be Thought: The Ineffable Mystery of God"**

Sun. Jan. 22: 4:00 p.m.

**Episode #103: "Our Tainted Nature's Solitary Boast: Mary, the Mother of God"**

Sun. Jan 29 4:00 p.m.

**Episode #104: "The Indispensable Men: Peter, Paul, and the Missionary Adventure"**

**FOR THE POOR BOX:** Donations for our Alms for the Poor Box for the months of January, February & March will be donated to Ronald McDonald House. THANK YOU!

**FOOD BANK:** A reminder that our local food bank is in need of toiletries such as shampoo, cream rinse and toilet paper etc. as well as non-perishable food items and monetary donations to buy other necessities for the poor of our area. (Income tax receipts available: Good Neighbours Food Bank, P.O. Box 985, Embrun, K0A 1W0).

**Last Chance: YOUR 2012 CHURCH ENVELOPES** are available for pickup in the Church hall. If there is a change or correction in your address on the box please contact the office.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Tuesday at Noon in writing please [admin@olmm.ca](mailto:admin@olmm.ca)