

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ Year C

Diocesan Theme "When they arrived, they called the church together and related all that God had done with them and how he had opened a door of faith"(Acts 14.27)

"Increase our Faith (Luke 17.5)..."

Parish Theme "Though Many We Are One Body in Christ."



### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>

**4:30 pm** For the healing of Natalie Stibernik & George Chyzyj by Myra Chyzyj

#### Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>

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

**10:45 am** For the repose of the soul Theodore Bouwhuis by Lambert and Rita Hendriks

#### Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>

**7:00 pm** For the repose of the soul of Gwen Sturkenboom by Bep Versteeg

#### Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 am** For the repose of the soul of Bernard Goodwin by Kathy Mack & Lois Drummond

#### Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 am** For the repose of the soul of Norman DuHamel on his 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary by his Family

#### Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> St. Ambrose

**9:00 am** For the marriage blessings of Ms. Erin James by Joseph James & Family

#### Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> Immaculate Conception

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

#### Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 am** For the birthday intentions of Sydney Berard Beaupre by her Family

**10:45 am** For the repose of the soul of Norman DuHamel by Linda and Family

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#### ~Prayer Shawl Ministry

Joyce Vinclette 445-0536~

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#### Welcome Catechumens

On the first Sunday of Advent December 2<sup>nd</sup> at the 10:45 am Mass the Parish will be introduced to the 2012/2013 Catechumens. They are Blake Brooks, Lareina Gerstgrasser, Kate Johnston and Sean O'Reilly. Please keep them in your prayers as they journey towards the Easter Vigil.

#### PASTOR'S CORNER

The season of Advent summons us to pay attention; to get ready and be prepared for the coming of the Lord.

#### Warning

Days leading to Christmas, no doubt, are exciting. Everyone is busy preparing for the joy of the Christmas event: cards are sent, presents are bought; homes are decorated. This is all very good. But there is a caveat here, lest we are carried away. Jesus is warning us of his second coming. It sounds like a catastrophe! He wants us to pay attention to the right things so as not to be caught off guard. He came in the flesh to save humanity, and he will come again to judge the world. We have to do all we can to be able to stand before the Son of Man!

#### A New Beginning

Advent is a time for a new beginning. It is a time to seek the Lord. The Church invites us to prepare our hearts and homes so that Christ may be born again in each one of us. In a more practical and deeper way, we can use the season to brighten things up; to clear up the "garbage" in our hearts in order to make room, enough room for the Lord. This might be a good time to look for some of your dark spots: your lack of patience, petty jealousy, selfishness, slothfulness, etc., and do something about it.

#### Congratulations

This year we have four of our parishioners – Blake Brooks, Lareina Gerstgrasser, Kate Johnson and Sean O'Reilly Jr. join the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program as Catechumens. We congratulate them on this very important step they are taking today - to follow Jesus Christ and his teaching. Please keep these brothers and sisters of ours and their families in your prayers.

May the spirit help us in our resolve to be faithful to the Lord!

Fr. Paul

## DECEMBER 2, 2012

### THIS WEEK AT OUR LADY'S

**Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>** ~ Adult Choir Practice 7:30pm ~ RCIA 7:30 pm (Kitchen)~Light up for Christ (after 7:00 pm Mass)

**Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**~Prayer Night 7:30 pm (Church)

**Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>** ~Sacramental Preparation 7:00 pm (Hall)

**Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>** ~ First Friday Adoration Starting at 3:00 pm

**Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>** ~ Nativity Play Rehearsal 9:00 am~

**Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**~ Lead the Way to Christmas ~ Play 2:00 pm (Church)

**Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**~St. Thomas Grade 8 Net Retreat (Hall)

### NEXT WEEK AT OUR LADY'S

**Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**~St. Thomas Grade 8 Net Retreat (Hall)

**Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>** ~ Adult Choir Practice 7:30pm ~ RCIA 7:30 pm (Kitchen)~

**Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>** ~Parish Penance Service 7:00 pm

### **KNIGHTS "CANDLELIGHT BLESSING OF THE CRECHE":**

You and your family are cordially invited to join the Knights of Columbus this Tues., December 4<sup>th</sup>, after the 7 pm. Mass. The opening of the holy season of Advent will take place with the blessing of the crèche outdoors.

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### **YOUR OFFERINGS FOR**

November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012 - \$3050.00

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**"LEAD THE WAY TO CHRISTMAS"** children's play will be performing in our Parish on Sunday December 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. Please bring a non-perishable food donation.

**"Come join us for an evening of prayer and meditation on our Blessed Mother,** this Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30pm. The evening will include marian songs, a scriptural rosary, and a testimony. Let Mary lead you to the Christ-child this Advent season."

**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.

**GOURMET FRUITCAKES** December 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> there will be sales of fruitcakes after all Masses. The cakes are made by the Cistercian Monks who have moved from Oka, Quebec further north to Saint-Jean-de-Matha, where they continue to produce these delicious, gourmet cakes at Val Notre-Dame Abbey. The cakes are available in Ottawa in support of Campaign Life Coalition.

### **~YEAR OF FAITH~**

**Introduction to the Nicene Creed -Part Eight.** This week we look at the phrase "THROUGH HIM [Christ] ALL THINGS WERE MADE." This phrase tells us something important about how God works in creation. "The New Testament reveals that God created everything by the eternal Word, his beloved Son. In him 'all things were created, in heaven and on earth... all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together'" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, n. 291). Why did God create the universe and everything in it? St. Bonaventure teaches us that God creates "not to increase his glory, but to show it forth and to communicate it, for God has no other reason for creating than his love and goodness" (CCC, n. 293). God did not create the universe in a big bang and then step back: He loves and cares about His creation. God creates out of love and He communicated that love to us definitively by sending His Son, Jesus, to us to save us from the forces of sin and death.

**The December and January schedules have been posted. For those who do not have access to email, copies are available in the foyer or at the back of the Church.**

### **Fill out our social media survey for a chance to win great prizes**

The Archdiocese of Ottawa would like to know which social networking sites you use, if you read the Archbishop's blog, and if you visit our website: **www.CatholicOttawa.ca**. If you'd like to be included in our draw to win a \$50 gift certificate at Flying Piggy's Bistro Italiano, a copy of A Brief History and Parishes of the Archdiocese of Ottawa signed by Archbishop Prendergast, and a professional photo taken with him, please fill out our survey **before December 31, 2012:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/socialmediacatholicoottawa>. The winners will be contacted in the new year, and their photo with the Archbishop will be published in the Spring / Summer 2013 issue of Catholic Ottawa, along with the results of the survey.

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