



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ Year A
CHRISTMAS & THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH.

Diocesan Theme "Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you,
For the glory of God." (Romans 15:7)

Mission Statement: "LOVE GOD. LOVE OTHERS. MAKE DISCIPLES"

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 21st

4:30 pm For the intentions of the Gaudet Family by John & Ann Jackson

Sunday, December 22nd

9:00 am For the repose of the soul of Rita Bourassa by the Montojo Family

10:45 am For the intentions of the Parishioners by the Pastor

Tuesday, December 24th

5:00 pm For the repose of the souls of Hector Lamirande and Brendan O'Byrne by Gulaine Padhraig O'Byrne and Family

7:00 pm For the repose of the souls of Gable & Paul Berard Beaupre by the Berard Beaupre Family

9:00 pm For the repose of the soul of Al Clarke and the intentions of his Family by the Steele Family

Wednesday, December 25th

10:00 am For the intentions of Dick & Sally James by the James Family

Thursday, December 26th No Mass

Friday, December 27th No Mass

Saturday, December 28th

4:30 pm For the repose of the soul of Felix and Alice McLaughlin by their Children

Sunday, December 29th

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

10:45 am For the repose of the souls of Joseph and Adrienne Berube by their Children

Tuesday, December 31st

4:30 pm For all married couples by the Berard Beaupre Family

Wednesday, January 1st At the Parish

10:00 am For the intentions of Sophie Foo by her Grandparents

Thursday, January 2nd

9:00 am For the repose of the soul of Rita Bourassa by the Kupferschmidt Family

Friday, January 3rd

9:00 am For the intentions of the Mulholland Family by Richard James JR

Saturday, January 4th

4:30 pm For the intentions of Donna McKlusky by the Parish

Sunday, January 5th

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

10:45 am For the intentions of Tom & Bea Mascaro by the James Family

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ARCHBISHOP'S RECEPTION FOR THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY: At the Archbishop's Residence. **Sunday, January 5, 3:00 p.m.** The Archbishop will receive members of the faithful and the general public to exchange greetings for the New Year. Children are invited to dress up as angels, shepherds, and magi. All welcome.

Christmas Office Hours:

The office will be closed from December 24th ~ January 2nd. Telephone calls will be monitored.

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ARCHBISHOP PRENDERGAST'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 2013

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

The winter solstice marks the shortest day of the year and the longest night. In such a cold and dark setting, we naturally seek out fire and warmth, light and company.

A few days after the solstice—on December 25th—the daylight period begins to lengthen. People look forward to spring. And we Christians look forward to the rebirth found in the Paschal Mystery celebrated at Easter!

This era is also a time of transition. The election of Pope Francis is a ray of light. He embodies the new evangelization with his concern for the poor and needy. The civil war in Syria, the devastation in the Philippines from Typhoon Haiyan, and the poor in our midst remind us that the call on our hearts to a generous response is constant.

There is a profound message in the Church's decision to celebrate the birth of Our Saviour Jesus Christ in the lengthening days of late December.

God's Eternal Word, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, determined to enter into our world when all was dark and without hope.

Jesus Christ determined to share our human condition to the full and become "incarnate," taking on human flesh in the womb of the Virgin Mary. He even experienced death out of love for each of us. He redeemed us from the darkness of slavery and sin. He brought us into the light of God's Kingdom.

Living in the Holy Family with Mary and Joseph, Jesus' vocation was nourished by the loving attention of his earthly parents.

The Church has always sought to encourage and protect the family. Indeed, your family was your first experience of Church, where you learned the love of Jesus, your image of the Trinity, and a life of charity. The family now faces unparalleled strains as marriages are torn apart and children have less contact with their parents for financial and social reasons.

Pope Francis has called for an Extraordinary Synod in Rome next October to discern the Church's pastoral response to families in crisis. The eighth World Meeting of Families will take place in Philadelphia in 2015 to seek to strengthen the sacred bonds of family in the face of today's challenges.

Those sacred bonds start with your family, the Church in your home.

Today, our world—with all its complexities—still needs the Good News that God became one of us to show us how to live.

During this holy season of Christmas, take to heart Our Lord's message of hope to overcome the darkness.

Let us turn from darkness to the light of Christ and reflect His light to all around us!

Merry Christmas! God bless you all!
+Terrence Prendergast, S.J.
Archbishop of Ottawa

~ IN OUR PRAYERS ~

For the sick among our families and friends especially:
Elta Mullins, Ken Woods, Annette Cyr, Linda Pepler, Nicole Fontaine, Diane Labrecque, Megan Shane, Ryan Beaudette, Matthew Holmes, Isaac Berkers, Gisele Langevin, Patrick Egan, Trish McNulty, Margret Robertson, Helene MacDonald, Ashley Egan, Ken Poirer and Justin McKenna

EDGE YOUTH GROUP will be held in the hall Wednesday at 6:30 pm. All youth in grades 6 – 8 are welcome. After the holidays are over.

CATHOLIC LIGHTHOUSE MEDIA CD'S - "There are varieties of new CDs available for your listening pleasure in the Lighthouse Catholic Media booth in the foyer. Please take a moment to view the new CDs and inspirational pamphlets and treat yourself to some wonderful Catholic teaching, they are available for a suggested donation of \$5 for CDs and \$3 for Pamphlets."

BEQUESTS AND WILLS: In your kindness, please remember Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church in your bequests and wills. If anyone wishes to make such a bequest in their will the following clause may be included or added to a will or added by codicil: I give devise and bequeath the sum of \$..... to Our Lady of the Miraculous Church, Russell, to be used for the benefit of the Parish and its pastoral activities.

SIGN OF PEACE: In the flu and cold season people are reminded that the rite of peace does not necessarily have to be expressed by a handshake. A simple greeting is acceptable.