

## Second Sunday Of Advent~Year C

Diocesan Theme "The family, home of love and mercy – "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful"  
(Luke 6.36).

"THE CHURCH IS GOD'S FAMILY: LOVE IS OUR MISSION"

Parish Mission Statement: "LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS, MAKE DISCIPLES"



### *Mass Intentions*

#### **Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**

**4:30 pm** For the repose of the soul of Joseph Cleary by Guylaine and Padhraig O'Byrne

#### **Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> ~ Second Sunday of Advent**

**9:00 am** For the repose of the souls of Rene and Marcel Sirois by Elaine Cousineau

**10:45 am** For the repose of the soul of Norm DuHamel by Linda DuHamel and family

#### **Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> ~ The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**9:00am**

#### **Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> ~at STA**

**9:00 am**

#### **Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 am**

#### **Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup> ~at STA**

**8:30 am**

**10:00 am**

#### **Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>~Our Lady of Guadalupe**

**4:30 pm** For the repose of the soul of Joyce Piovesan by Mom and Dad

#### **Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> ~Third Sunday of Advent**

**9:00 am** For the birthday intentions of Brianna Lalonde by the Urlocker/Lalonde family

**10:45 am** For the repose of the soul of Ernest Kelly by Lorraine and Dale Harper

#### **~IN OUR PRAYERS~**

For the sick among our families and friends especially: Lucille Nichol, Trish McNulty, Claudette Pare and Ashley Egan.

#### **INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR DECEMBER:**

That all may experience the mercy of God, who never tires of forgiving. That families, especially those who suffer, may find in the birth of Jesus a sign of certain hope.

**Advent masses at St. Thomas Aquinas** will occur on Friday, Dec 11 at 8:30am and 10am. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

## Pastor's Corner

### Year Of Mercy

The Jubilee Year of Mercy begins this Tuesday, December 8, 2015, the feast of Immaculate Conception and ends on November 20, 2016, the feast of Christ the King. The Year of Mercy, called by Pope Francis, is an opportunity for us to encounter the incredible mercy of God. It is a time for the Church to focus on forgiveness and healing in a special way. During this Holy Year, our Holy Father challenges each and every one of us "to be a witness of mercy" by reflecting on and practicing the spiritual and corporal works of mercy.

Archbishop Prendergast has asked the faithful of the archdiocese to perform at least one spiritual or corporal work of mercy during this Year of Mercy. In the sacrament of reconciliation, we experience the loving and forgiving mercy of God. The archbishop encourages us to go to confession at least once this year. In his words, "this is a graced encounter that brings inner healing, peace and joy." You can read more on this in his pastoral letter to the faithful of the archdiocese on the Year of Mercy posted on our bulletin board.

For more information on the activities and events taking place in our diocese and parish during this special year, please visit the archdiocesan website ([catholicottawa.ca](http://catholicottawa.ca)) and see our weekly parish bulletin.

May your mercy be upon us, Oh Lord, even as we place all our trust in You!

Fr. Paul

#### **YOUR OFFERINGS FOR**

**November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015=\$3,336.60**

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# December 6<sup>th</sup> 2015

**Are you new to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish?**

**WELCOME! If you have not yet registered, please complete a registration form found in the foyer or in the office. You may bring the completed form to the office or drop it in the collection basket**

## THIS WEEK AT OUR LADY'S

**Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**

~Jesse tree~7:30-8:30pm

**Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**

~Mass~9:00am

~ Adult choir~ 7:30~Church

**Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**

~Edge~6:30-8:30~hall

**Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**

~1<sup>st</sup> Communion parish class~6:00-7:00pm~ hall

~K of C executive meeting~7:30~kitchen

**Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**

~RCIT~3:00-4:30pm~kitchen

**Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**

~Potluck and carolling~5:00 pm

**Gone to the Father**

✠ Ron Payment

**GOURMET FRUITCAKES** will be available for purchase next weekend December 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> after all masses. The cakes are made by the Cistercian Monks, and are in support of Campaign Life Coalition.

**Please note: Tuesday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm** adoration and mass is cancelled but there will be mass at 9:00am for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, due to the launch of the year of mercy at Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica on Tues., Dec. 8, 7:30 p.m. All are encouraged to attend.

**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 honor in this way, please fill out the envelope found in the pews including your donation. Deadline for envelopes to be in is December 20<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

### **Parish Advent Activities**

**Jesse Tree-Monday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> ~7:30-8:30pm**

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

**Tuesday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, Mass at 9:00am**

**Parish family potluck and carolling**

**Sunday Dec, 13<sup>th</sup> ~5:00pm~hall**

**Mark your calendars**

## **CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

### **Penitential Service**

Wednesday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> ~7:00pm

### **Christmas Eve**

Thursday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> ~4:30pm (STA)

~7:00pm (OLMM)

~9:00pm (OLMM)

### **Christmas Day**

Friday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> ~10:00am (OLMM)

### **New Year's Eve**

Thursday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> ~4:30pm (OLMM)

### **New Year's Day**

Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup> ~10:00am (OLMM)

**OLMM Jesse Tree** Are you looking for a way to get the most out of the season of Advent? Do you want to prepare yourself for receiving true joy at Christmas? Then consider joining us for an evening of reflection and song based on the tradition of the Jesse Tree. Through stories about the people, prophesies, and events leading up to the birth of Jesus, you will be able to connect the Advent season with the faithfulness of God across four thousand years of history. Everyone is invited to attend this special event on Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the church.

**LAUNCH OF THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY IN THE ARCHDIOCESE & OPENING OF THE DOOR OF MERCY AT NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL BASILICA:** We will celebrate Mass at Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica on **Tues., Dec. 8, 7:30 p.m.** to open the Jubilee Year of Mercy. During the celebration several individuals will receive Papal Honours for exceptional service to the Church of Ottawa. Our Door of Mercy at Notre Dame Cathedral will open on **Sun., Dec. 13 at the 9:00 a.m. Mass** (bilingual). Our Door of Mercy will be the left front door of the Cathedral, the one closest to Guigues St. All are welcome to attend these celebrations at Notre Dame Cathedral. Further info about making a pilgrimage to the Jubilee Door of Mercy at Notre Dame Cathedral and gaining an indulgence is available at (<http://www.catholicottawa.ca/year-of-mercy>).