

Third 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 12th

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

Sunday, December 13th~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

Tuesday, December 15th

9:00am For the repose of the soul of Jack Tyo by Pauline and family

Wednesday, December 16th ~at STA

9:00 am

Thursday, December 17th

9:00 am For the intentions of the Barnes family by the James family

Friday, December 18th

9:00 am For the intentions of the Wolfert family by Luke James

Saturday, December 19th

4:30 pm For the repose of the soul of Jack Tyo by Pauline and family

Sunday, December 20th~Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

10:45 am For the repose of the souls of Kaze and Jonas Jonaskevicius by the Kiskis family

~IN OUR PRAYERS~

For the sick among our families and friends especially:

Trish McNulty, Claudette Pare, Ashley Egan and Margaret Robertson.

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.

Here is the text of the proclamation of the opening of the Holy Year of Mercy by archbishop Prendergast:

Brothers and sisters in faith, Greetings of peace and joy! On this day, the fiftieth anniversary of the closing of the second Vatican Ecumenical Council, an event whereby the Church entered a new phase of history, and on this, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Pope Francis has decreed a Holy Year of Mercy, which opens on this very day and will close with the Solemnity of Christ the King on November 20, 2016.

May we enter this Extraordinary Jubilee with glowing and grateful hearts for this occasion that is given to us to pass through the Door of Mercy and to rediscover the joy which flows from a personal and shared encounter with the Risen Christ.

May the activities we will share in the coming year be occasions for growth as we let the Word of God fill our hearts; may we rediscover the depth of God's love and the joy of witnessing to our faith with renewed conviction.

Our daily lives have their share of struggles. May this time of grace strengthen us as we seek to give witness to God's mercy towards all persons who seek God. May our corporal and spiritual works of mercy accomplished during this Jubilee foster peace, forgiveness and charity in our society.

May this Year of Mercy give the Church new vitality as it strives to reach those who find themselves on the periphery of our world which is facing profound challenges.

In communion with Pope Francis, and with all the other Churches of the world, I, Terrence Prendergast, your brother and bishop, standing before you at Notre Dame Cathedral, hereby declare open the Holy Year of Mercy in our diocese.

YOUR OFFERINGS FOR

December 6th, 2015=\$3,707.75

Thank you for your generosity and support

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Email: admin@olmm.ca

December 13th, 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

Tuesday, December 15th

~ Adult choir~ 7:30~Church

Wednesday, December 16th

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

Gone to the Father

✠ Ron Payment

✠ Lucille Nichol

A great, big thank you to all of you who contributed to the summer African mission appeal. Fr. Peter, in Kenya, has received the money that some of you donated and he bought food for the children of his parish and some seeds to plant to ensure a future supply of healthy food for them. He is extremely grateful and his people think it's a miracle that people who don't even know them cared enough to come to their aid. Fr. Benjamin in Zambia wants to thank all of you who prayed for the burned people whose house burnt down and wants to assure you that they are all now out of hospital and are so amazed to be still alive! The money that some of you donated was used for much needed medical bills, new (secondhand) clothes from the market and food. The family will never forget the people of a church in faraway Canada who caused a miracle to happen for them. Fr. Gilbert in Madagascar came back from his father's funeral to find a parcel waiting for him with wonderful things like razors, pens, soap and tylenol for his seminarians and sends you his grateful thanks and Fr. Charles in Zambia has just received his parcel of pens, razors and Tylenol. Thank you, everyone, for caring about these people you don't even know. God bless you. Teresa

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 20th. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

- **Penitential Service**
- Wednesday, Dec. 16th ~7:00pm
- **Christmas Eve**
- Thursday, Dec. 24th ~4:30pm (STA)
- ~7:00pm (OLMM)
- ~9:00pm (OLMM)
- **Christmas Day**
- Friday, Dec. 25th ~10:00am (OLMM)
- **New Year's Eve**
- Thursday, Dec. 31st ~4:30pm (OLMM)
- **New Year's Day**
- Friday, January 1st ~10:00am (OLMM)

CHRISTMAS CONCERT & RECEPTION AT NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL: A Choral Celebration presented by the choirs of Notre Dame Cathedral on **Sun., Dec. 20, 2:30 p.m.** Archbishop Prendergast will be present at the Reception in the Cathedral Hall following the Concert. Everyone is welcome. Info: (613-241-7496).

The 2016 envelopes are ready for pickup in the foyer. The envelopes are only for those parishioners that are NOT on automatic payment. For the special collections throughout 2016 there will be envelopes in the pews.

ANNUAL HOMELANDS MASS: The annual Homelands Mass at Notre Dame Cathedral will take place on Sunday, January 24, 2016 at 2:30 p.m.

The Edge program will be breaking for the Christmas season starting December 23rd and will resume regular Wednesday night events starting January 6th 2016.

Please Note: The office will be closed from December 24th, 2015 to January 5th, 2016.

Don't forget: Parish Family Potluck is Sunday December 13th. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share. Dinner begins at 5pm followed by carolling. Hope to see you all there.