



## First Sunday Of Advent ~Year A

Diocesan Theme: THE FAMILY: HOME OF LOVE, MERCY AND JOY.”

“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace...”(Galatians 5.22)

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

### *Mass Intentions*

#### **Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup>**

**4:30 pm** For the repose of the soul of Hugh Mattie by the James family

#### **Sunday November 27<sup>th</sup> ~ First Sunday of Advent**

**9:00 am** For the repose of the soul of Ron Payment by Mary Payment and family

**10:45 am** For the intentions of the parishioners by the pastor

#### **Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 pm** For the repose of the soul of Susan Sisson by the KOC council 12401

#### **Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at STA~ St. Andrew ~Advent Mass**

**8:30 am**

#### **Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**

**9:00 am** For the intentions of Melanie Joannette by her OLMM friends

#### **Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**9:00 am** For the repose of the soul of Dean Fitzpatrick by the staff and students of MTCS

#### **Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> ~St. Francis Xavier**

**4:30 pm**

#### **Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> ~Second Sunday of Advent**

**9:00 am** For the intentions of the parishioners by the pastor

**10:45 am** For the repose of the soul of Sally Kiskis by family members and friends

### **YOUR OFFERINGS FOR**

**November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016~\$3,649.30**

***Thank you for your generosity and support***

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

For the sick among our families and friends especially:

Margaret Robertson, Eleanor Kelly, Addie Pittman, Marthe Lepine, Tony Logtens, Melanie Joannette and Brent DiBartolo.

### **Pastor's Corner**

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

#### **Keep Awake**

Days leading to Christmas, no doubt, are exciting times. 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. Yes, He is coming again on a day that we do not know and at an hour we do not expect. 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. Keep awake! Stand ready!!

#### **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.

#### **A Question**

What is the single most important thing you would like to do to make this year's Advent season the best ever?

You can make this advent the best ever if you want to. And you can do this by entering into the spirit of the season by allowing the Baby Jesus to be born anew in your heart. As part of our preparation for Christmas, we are organizing an evening of reflection and song based on the Jesse Tree tradition on Sunday, Dec. 11 at 7:00 pm. I invite you to mark your calendars and consider joining us.

Maranatha, Come Lord Jesus!

Fr. Paul

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

**NOVEMBER:** That the countries which take in a great number of displaced persons and refugees may find support for their efforts which show solidarity. That within parishes, priests and lay people may collaborate in service to the community without giving in to the temptation of discouragement.

# November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**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

Mon. Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> ~Rosary making group  
~7:00 -9:00 pm in the hall  
Tues. Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> ~Adult choir~7:30~church  
Tues. Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> ~First reconciliation class~6:00-7:00  
pm~hall  
Wed. Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> ~Edge youth group ~6:30-8:30pm~hall

## **DEVELOPMENT & PEACE PRAYERS FOR SYRIAN PEACE**

As part of the fall 2016 D & P campaign, we are called to pray for peace in Syria, now over 5 years into its civil war. Several of the prayers D & P is asking us to pray, as a parish, as individuals and as families are the Prayer of Saint Francis and the Prayer for Syria: Caritas Internationalis. Prayer, combined with faith, as Christ teaches can move mountains.

### LORD, MAKE ME AN INSTRUMENT OF YOUR PEACE

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.  
Oh, Divine Master, grant that I may seek  
not so much to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.  
For it is giving that we receive; it is pardoning that we are  
pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born again to  
eternal life. Amen

### PRAYER FOR SYRIA: CARITAS INTERNATIONALIS

Lord, our God, Father of all humanity;  
change the hearts of all peoples and their rulers,  
so that peace may be established among the nations  
on the foundation of justice, love, and righteousness.  
May the Spirit of Peace descend on the people  
of Syria and on our world until all conflicts cease  
and peace reigns on earth. Amen

## **Parish Advent Activities**

### **Light up for Christ**

**Tuesday, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> ~after 7:00 pm mass**

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

**Thursday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, Mass at 7:00 pm**

**Jesse Tree-Sunday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> ~7:00 pm**

**Mark your calendars**

## **CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

- **Penitential Service**
- Wednesday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> ~7:00pm
- **Christmas Eve**
- Saturday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> ~4:30pm (STA)
- ~7:00pm (OLMM)
- ~9:00pm (OLMM)
- **Christmas Day**
- Sunday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> ~10:00am (OLMM)
- **New Year's Eve**
- Saturday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> ~4:30pm (OLMM)
- **New Year's Day**
- Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup> ~10:00am (OLMM)

**EDGE youth ministry** invites all youth in grades 6-8 to come join us on Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:30pm. Bring a friend and check us out. No cost!!

**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 18<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

**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 Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

**CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE** at [www.olmm.ca](http://www.olmm.ca)  
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