



## Fourth Sunday Of Advent to The Epiphany Of The Lord ~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

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#### **Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**

**4:30 pm** For the repose of the soul of Harry Nooyen by Christine and family

#### **Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> ~Fourth 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 Peter Kiskis by family members and friends

#### **Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 pm** For the repose of the soul of Jack Tyo by Pauline Tyo and family

#### **Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>~at OLMM**

**9:00 am**

#### **Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**

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

#### **Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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

#### **Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> ~ The Nativity of the Lord**

**4:30 pm** For the repose of the soul of Harriette Nahri by her family

**7:00 pm** For the repose of the souls of George Hendley, family members and friends

**9:00 pm** For the intentions of the Mulholland family by Richard James Jr.

#### **Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup> ~The Nativity of the Lord**

**10:00 am** For the repose of the souls of Kaze and Jonas Januskevicius by Alex Kiskis and family

#### **Tuesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>~St. John**

**7:00 pm**

#### **Wednesday, December 28<sup>th</sup> ~at OLMM~The Holy Innocents**

**9:00 am**

#### **Thursday, December 29<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 am** For the intentions of Jim and Jane Munro on the occasion of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

#### **Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup> ~The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

**9:00 am** For the healing intentions of Holly Leamont by the Doyle family

#### **Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

**4:30 pm** For the repose of the soul of Marcel Lemery by Jacqueline Lemery and family

#### **Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>~Mary, Holy Mother of God**

**10:00 am** For the special intentions of family, friends and parishioners by the Kiskis family

#### **Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**7:00 pm**

#### **Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>~at OLMM**

**9:00 am**

#### **Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 am**

#### **Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 am** For the intentions of the Lehman family by Joseph James

#### **Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>~ St. Andre Bessette**

**4:30 pm** For the intentions of Dick and Sally James by the James family

#### **Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>~Epiphany of the Lord**

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

**10:45 am** For the repose of the soul of Ben Baechler by Dale and Lorraine Harper

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

That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over. That the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel, which gives joy, and hope to life.

*Merry Christmas  
&  
A Very Happy New Year*



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# December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016 to January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017

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.**

## Pastor's Corner

The prophet Isaiah tells us: "...the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel."

At Christmas we celebrate the birth of Christ. It is a time we set our minds and hearts to Bethlehem to behold and adore the newborn king! Today, we call to mind God's immense love for us. The reason that Christ took flesh in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary is to establish us in friendship and intimacy with God. God wants to enter into a life-giving and personal relationship with us so He sent us His son to be our brother and our saviour.

### Jesus Came To Set Us Free

What happened at Christmas is a powerful reminder that we are very important to God, each and every one of us. By sending His son, God reaches out to our helpless and broken world. The best way to celebrate Christmas, therefore, far from over-indulging in excessive eating and drinking, is to accept this super precious gift! It is only by accepting this little child lying in a manger that we can be healed of our misery and brokenness; that we can be completely happy and indeed be free from the shackles of sin and death.

### The Archbishop's Message

Please do take time to read the Archbishop's 2016 Christmas message which centers on the joy the birth of Christ brings our lives, our families, our archdiocese and indeed our country, Canada. He said, among other things, "Spontaneously, we rejoice at the sight of a newborn child. Each baby demonstrates God's creativity and goodness. How much more joyful is it to contemplate the birth of Jesus Christ! Through it, God shines the light of his love into the darkness of the world." See the bulletin insert for the full text of the Archbishop's message.

### Thank You

Thank you to everyone who in one way or the other helped the parish this Christmas. A special thanks to all our sacristans, lectors, extraordinary ministers, altar servers, choirs/musicians, decorating committee, our pastoral assistant, ushers, indeed everyone! Your hard work and dedication is quite appreciated and will never go unrewarded by God. Trust me!

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a prosperous 2017.

Fr. Paul

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

### 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)

**Please Note:** The office will be closed from December 23<sup>rd</sup> to January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017.

### STEUBENVILLE TORONTO 2017 INTEREST MEETING:

Steubenville Toronto is Canada's largest Catholic Youth Conference. Youth who will be in Grade 9 in September 2017 up to those who will be graduating high school by the end of 2017 can attend Steubenville Toronto. An interest meeting for parents and youth will be held **Jan. 12, 6:30-9:30 p.m.** at the Diocesan Centre, 1247 Kilborn Place. Info: Krista Wawrykow (613-738-5025 ext. 222); ([kwawrykow@ArchOttawa.ca](mailto:kwawrykow@ArchOttawa.ca)).

### PILGRIMAGE STATUE OF OUR LADY OF THE

**MIRACULOUS MEDAL** is available to go home with a family this week. If you wish to take home Our Lady for one week, please sign up on the sheet on the table in the foyer

**During the flu season**, it is acceptable to omit the handshake at the "Sign of Peace". Please note that there are hand sanitizers available at both entrances to the Church.

### ~IN OUR PRAYERS~

For the sick among our families and friends especially:

Margaret Robertson, Eleanor Kelly, Addie Pittman, Marthe Lepine, and Melanie Joannette .