



First Sunday Of Advent~Year B

Diocesan Theme: **The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World**

“Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience
...above all, clothe yourselves with love!” (*Colossians 3.12, 14*)

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 2nd

4:30pm~ For the repose of the soul of John Rooyakkers by the Lommen family

Sunday, 3rd~First Sunday Of Advent

9:00 am~ For the birthday intentions of Brianna Hamilton by the Urlocker/Lalonda family

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

Tuesday, December 5th

7:00 pm

Wednesday, December 6th

8:20 am~at STA

9:30am~at OLMM

Thursday, December 7th~St. Ambrose

9:00 am

Friday, December 8th ~The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 am

7:00 pm

Saturday, December 9th

4:30 pm~For the intentions of Mr. Trump and Mr. Pence by Nellie Nahri

Sunday, December 10th~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 Norm Duhamel by Linda and family

December 8. The Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Many Christians around the world, particularly those of the Catholic faith, mark the Feast of the Immaculate Conception in their diaries and calendars. Church services honoring this observance are held on or around December 8. The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is a public holiday in many places around the world. Theological controversy surrounded the Feast of the Immaculate Conception for centuries. However, popular celebration of this holiday dates back to at least the eighth century. The argument related to the meaning of the word “immaculate”, which in this context refers to the belief that Jesus’ mother Mary was conceived without original sin, according to Christian belief. Many theologians throughout Christian history, including St Thomas Aquinas, questioned the Immaculate Conception. It remained open for debate for many years until **Pope Pius IX** proclaimed it to be an **essential dogma in the Catholic Church on December 8, 1854**. The written document on this is known as the Ineffabilis Deus. Since then, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception celebrates the belief that Mary was born without sin and that God chose her to be Jesus’ mother.

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**Please join us on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm** for a special mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception in honor of OLMM. At this mass we will also celebrate the anniversary of the foundation of the Salvatorian Fathers. We are happy to welcome a couple of visiting Salvatorian fathers who along with Fr. Robert will renew their vows, A reception will follow in the parish hall. Everyone is welcome!

**November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017~\$4,168.70**

**Thank you for your generosity and support**

**INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR DECEMBER;**  
That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

**~IN OUR PRAYERS~**

For the sick among our families and friends especially:

Jenifer Gunton, Melanie Joannette  
Yvette Barretto-Duval, and Noreen Plant.

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

**Email: [admin@olmm.ca](mailto:admin@olmm.ca)**

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

**Penitential Service**

Wednesday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>, ~7:00pm

**Christmas Eve**

Sunday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>      ~4:30pm (STA)  
                                         ~7:00pm (OLMM)  
                                         ~9:00pm (OLMM)

**Christmas Day**

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

**New Year’s Day**

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

# December 3<sup>rd</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.**

## **THIS WEEK AT OUR LADY'S**

Mon. Dec. 4~Rosary making group~7:00-8:30pm~hall

Tues. Dec. 5~Adult choir~7:30~church

**Please help us provide Christmas Hampers for 4 families in need through Waupoos Family Farm.** We are gathering gifts and gift cards for these families to help them enjoy a special Christmas at Waupoos Family Farm ([www.waupoos.com](http://www.waupoos.com)). There will be a list of suggested gift items for the families in the church foyer as well as a sign up sheet for specific items. All gifts will be collected in the Waupoos Family Farm boxes in the foyer. Gift cards can be handed in at the parish office. Please bring your unwrapped contribution to the church by Sunday, December 17th. For more information please contact Carolyn Cogan at 613-608-9502 or Karen Urlocker at 613-445-2962

**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 17<sup>th</sup>. Thank you! **On Sunday December 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 mass we will have the intention for their souls.**

**Christmas Treats Made by the Monks of Val Notre Dame Abbey,** in support of Campaign Life Coalition, will be available for purchase on the weekend of December 9-10 after all masses.

Prices this year:

Christmas cake -\$18 (600 gm)

Gift basket - \$30 (Contains 2 boxes of 6 chocolates maple & caramel filled, mini fruit cake & a jar of Okaramel Maple Spread)

**Await the birth of our King with Academia Stella Maris!**

Free Family Advent Event Sunday December 10 from 3-6pm at The Good Shepherd Parish. Potluck dinner with chili prepared by Academia Stella Maris, adoration and activities for children.

To register: [www.academiastellamaris.ca](http://www.academiastellamaris.ca) or 343-883-6600

**Congratulations to the Knights of Columbus** for the beautiful float and their participation in the Russell Christmas parade.

Many thanks & Blessings. Fr. Robert

## **December 8 Marks the Anniversary of the Foundation of the Salvatorian Fathers**

As a member of the Society of the Divine Savior religious order I wanted to share with you some of our history and the importance of December 8 to we, its members, [priests, brothers and sisters] as the date of the anniversary of our foundation.

The Society of the Divine Saviors [SDS], also known as the Salvatorian religious order was established on December 8, 1881 in Rome [the historical heart of the Church] by Fr. Francis Jordan its Founder, when he and three other priests took private vows as members of the Apostolic Teaching Society at the Chapel of St Brigida. Today, the Salvatorians minister in 40 countries throughout the world with about 1200 priests and religious.

On December 8 annually, Salvatorian Fathers all over the world make an annual renewal of these vows, as follows:

"Lord Jesus Christ, Savior of the World. I desire to follow You faithfully and to serve You and Your work of Salvation.

Today, I rededicate myself to You in Your Church without reserve to a life of apostolic service in the Society of the Divine Savior. Therefore, in the presence of the community, I reconfirm my will of obeying for life my religious vows of celibate chastity, poverty, and obedience according to the constitution of our Society. At the same time, I trust in the help of our Blessed Lady, Mother of the Savior, and all the patrons of the Society, as well as the daily help of my confreres. Accept, O Lord, my recommitment of obeying religious vows and with Your grace strengthen my resolution to fulfill all my life what I have vowed. Amen."

Though Fr. Jordan originally named our Order the 'Apostolic Teaching Society' the name was later changed to 'The Catholic Teaching Society', and then to 'The Society of the Divine Savior' (in Latin: Societas Divini Salvatoris) and ever since then the Society has been known as "The Salvatorians".

This change of name was fortunate because the new Society no longer took its name from its activities, as it did in the beginning, but from its highest ideal: Christ Himself, the Savior of the World. He is our model and it is to Him that we aim to draw others.

### **Parish Advent Activities**

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception  
Friday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, Mass at 9:00am & 7:00 pm**

**Advent Lessons and Carols**

**Monday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> ~6:30 pm**

**Mark your calendars**