



# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## Together With Mary We Live the Eucharist

*"Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, may your kingdom come through the Immaculate Heart of Mary."*

*"Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, burning with love for us, set our hearts on fire with love for you."*

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>

9:00 am For the intentions of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the conversion of sinners

4:30 pm For the repose of the soul of Anne Gagnon by Michele Gagnon

### Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, First Sunday of Advent

9:00 am For the special intentions of the parishioners by Fr. Tim

10:45 am For the repose of the soul of Madeleine Bouwhuis by the Bouwhuis family

### Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, Saint John of Damascus

7:00 pm For the repose of the soul of Antonio Disipio by John Serjak

### Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am For the repose of the soul of Anne Gagnon by David Gagnon

### Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, Saint Nicholas

9:00 am For the repose of the soul of Anne Gagnon by Sarah Gagnon

### Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, Saint Ambrose

9:00 am For the repose of the soul of Anne Gagnon by Sophie Gagnon

### Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

4:30 pm For the repose of the soul of Georgette Guertin by the Guertin family

### Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 am For the repose of the soul of Michael Jarzab by a friend

10:45 am For the special intentions of the parishioners by Fr. Tim

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

Tue, Dec 4<sup>th</sup>, RCIA, Hall - 7:30 pm. KOC Light up for Christ after 07:00 pm Mass.

Wed, Dec 5<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm Advent Penitential service. Youth Choir practice cancel.

Fri, Dec 7<sup>th</sup>, KOC Christmas Social (Henry & Catherine ten Den's) at 7 pm.

Sat, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, PARISH FEAST DAY at 9:00 am

Sun, Dec 9<sup>th</sup>, SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, 9:00 am Coffee Sunday hosted by the Cemetery Committee, 10:45 am Coffee Sunday hosted by Children's Liturgy. 7:30 pm. Evening Prayer in Church

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Tue, Dec 11<sup>th</sup>, RCIA, Hall - 7:30 pm. Hall

Wed, Dec 12<sup>th</sup>, Youth Choir practice - 07:00 pm Church

Thu, Dec 13<sup>th</sup>, Mother Teresa School Confessions- 10:00 -11:00 am. & 12 noon - 2:30 pm

Sun, Dec 16<sup>th</sup>, THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT-(Rejoicing Sunday)

9:00 am Coffee Sunday hosted by St. Thomas Aquinas High School. 10:45 am Coffee Sunday hosted by Parish Pastoral Council. 7:30 pm Advent Evening Prayer in Church

### ♦ ALTAR SERVERS: NEXT WEEKEND'S SCHEDULE

1st Server 2nd Server Cross Bearer

Sat, Dec 8<sup>th</sup>

4:30 pm. Adam Hayden Matthew

Sun, Dec 9<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am. Richard Nicholas Ben MacDonald  
10:45 am. Ben MacKinnon Cameron Sarah

Please arrive 15 minutes prior to Mass.

Thank you for your loving service to Our Lord.



**COFFEE SUNDAY:** We Serve Fair Trade Coffee! Please remember this is a service to the parish. It is your donations that will keep it viable.

9:00 am Cancelled due to Youth Retreat

10:45 am. hosted by Knights of Columbus



IN OUR PRAYER

Julien Coulombe, Tini Forgues, Dave Phillips, Justin McKenna, Monica Baker, and Heather Sisk. (If you would like a name added to this list please call the office.)

### ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE

The Penitential Service will take place on **Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.**

### PARISH FEAST DAY

The Immaculate Conception of Mary on **Saturday, Dec. 8 at 9:00 a.m.** followed by cake and coffee.

♦ **ADVENT EVENING PRAYER:** For those seeking some peace and prayer amidst the chaos of the season, we are offering evening prayer on Sunday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. (Doors open at 7 p.m.) On the 16<sup>th</sup>, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 12 to 7, praying especially for Justin McKenna. Following evening prayer, we will rejoice with a "Gaudete Sunday" social in the Rectory!

♦ **NEW OFFICE HOURS:** As of this coming week, office hours will be Tuesday to Friday 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

♦ **SOUL FOOD SATURDAY:** We would love some extra volunteers for Soul Food Saturday. It is the first Saturday of each month from 2:30 - 4:00. This is a young youth group 9 - 13 who are wonderfully enthusiastic and a joy to work with. Please contact the church or Karen Urlocker at 613-445-2962.

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## DECEMBER 2, 2007

### ◆ RUSSELL TOWNSHIP GOOD NEIGHBOURS FOOD BANK:

You are reminded that the first Sunday of every month has been designated Food Bank Sunday for the collection of your donations. Please place your food donations in the baskets located in the Foyer this weekend.

◆ **SUNDAY MISSALS:** If you would like to own your own Sunday Missal, they are available at both entrances. The cost is \$5.00 each. There is a limited supply. These missals are required for this weekend of Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

◆ **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR** will be singing at the Christmas eve Mass at 5:00 p.m. Those interested in participating are asked to attend practices Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.

◆ **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. Please fill out the envelope found in the pews including your donation. DEADLINE: SUN, DEC 16<sup>th</sup>.

### CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR'S MASSES

Christmas Eve Masses:

Monday December 24<sup>th</sup>, St-Thomas Aquinas High School at 5pm, and Church at 8pm and 10pm.

Christmas Day Mass:

Tuesday December 25<sup>th</sup>, Church at 09:00am and 10:45am

New Year's Masses:

Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, Church at 04:30pm

Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, Church at 10:45am

◆ **CATHOLIC CD'S:** Don't miss this incredible sale of CD's - titles from Catholic evangelists and speakers such as Scott Hahn, Peter Kreeft, and Benedict Groeschel - for the unbelievably low price of \$3! An easy way to learn more about your faith and to share the faith with others. Available in the new year.

### YOUR OFFERINGS

November 25<sup>th</sup> - \$3987.80

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Dear Parishioners,

I invite you all to prepare for the joy of Christmas by observing some form of penance in Advent, and by obtaining a plenary indulgence on our feast day. As I mentioned last week, our Archbishop is granting us this favour this year, and I regard it as a tremendous grace from God.

What is an indulgence? The Catechism explains: 'An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven.' (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* # 1471)

"Sin has a *double consequence*. Grave sin deprives us of communion with God and therefore makes us incapable of eternal life." This is the 'eternal punishment' of sin. On the other hand every sin, even venial, entails an unhealthy attachment to creatures, which must be purified either here on earth, or after death in the state called Purgatory. This purification frees one from what is called the 'temporal punishment' of sin. These two punishments must not be conceived of as a kind of vengeance inflicted by God from without, but as following from the very nature of sin. A conversion from a fervent charity can attain the complete purification of the sinner in such a way that no punishment would remain." (CCC #1472).

To obtain this plenary indulgence for our feast day, there are four requirements:

- 1) Attend Mass and receive communion on Sat. Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.
- 2) Receive the sacrament of Reconciliation (our Parish service is Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.)
- 3) Pray for the intentions of the Holy Father (for example, an Our Father, a Hail Mary, and a Glory Be)
- 4) Have one's soul completely removed from attachment to any form of sin. (This last requirement may seem impossible, but don't worry, and don't be scrupulous! God will reward all our sincere efforts to be detached from sin).

It is important to remember that a plenary indulgence is not magic. The devotional acts in themselves - prayer, confession, communion - serve to detach our souls from sin, to purify and sanctify us.

In Christ,  
Fr. Tim

◆ **ADULT FAITH DEVELOPMENT** - What does it mean for me to be a Catholic in the world today as someone called to moral decision-making? Presenter: Prof. Noel Simard, member of Pontifical Council for Life and Director of "The Ethics Centre". Sat., Dec. 8. Cost: \$15. 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Diocesan Centre, 1247 Kilborn. Info: Carol (738-5025 X 251); ([ckuzmochka@ecclesia-ott-a-wa.org](mailto:ckuzmochka@ecclesia-ott-a-wa.org)). Registrations: ([abrown@ecclesia-ottawa.org](mailto:abrown@ecclesia-ottawa.org)); (738-5025 X 217).