



**I Baptize With Water
But One Mightier
Is Coming**

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 15th

4:30 pm For the special Intentions of the Parishioners by Father Tim

Sunday, December 16th, Third Sunday of Advent

9:00 am For Catherine and Morris Hendriks by the Hendriks Family

10:45am For the repose of the soul of Rene Coulombe by Andre and Marie Laroque

Tuesday, December 18th

7:00 pm For the Intentions of Justin McKenna and Family by the Watson Family

Wednesday, December 19th

9:00 am For the Intentions of Justin McKenna by Bob and Denise Cousineau

Thursday, December 20th

9:00 am For the repose of the soul of Paul Emile Noel by Guy Noel

Friday, December 21st, Saint Peter Canisius

9:00 am For the Intentions of Justin McKenna by Andrea Vanderward

Saturday, December 22nd

4:30 pm For the repose of the soul of Kenneth Spurill by Fr. Tim and Pastoral Care Team

Sunday, December 23rd, Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00 am For special Intentions of the Parishioners by Fr. Tim

10:45am For the repose of the soul of Stella Hudder by Veronica and Barbara Murack

THIS WEEK AT OUR LADY'S . . .

Tue, Dec. 18th, RCIA, Hall - 7:30 pm. Hall

Wed, Dec. 19th, Youth Choir practice - 07:00 pm Church

Sun, Dec. 23rd, SUNDAY, FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Coffee Sunday after 9 am. And 10:45 am. Masses

Mon Dec 24th, 2007 - Fri, Jan 4, 2008, inclusive -

Office closed; School Christmas Break - Mon, Dec. 24, 2007 to Fri, Jan. 4, 2008

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Tue, Dec 25th, BIRTH OF THE LORD, Christmas Day Mass, 9 am. and 10:45 am.

Thurs, Dec 27th, Thursday 9 am. Mass as usual

Fri, Dec 28th, 9 am. Mass as usual

Sun, Dec 30th, HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH,

Sunday - 9:00 AM. & 10:45 am.

NO COFFEE SUNDAY THROUGH CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Mon, Dec 31st, 2007 - NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS - 4:30 PM.

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

◆ **NEW OFFICE HOURS:** Tuesday to Friday 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

THIRD 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."

◆ **ALTAR SERVERS: NEXT WEEKEND'S SCHEDULE**

	1st Server	2nd Server	Cross Bearer
Sat, Dec 22nd			
4:30 pm.	Adam	Hayden	William
Sun, Dec 23rd th			
9:00 am.	Richard	Luke	Wesley
10:45 am.	Eva	Emily	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 hosted by St. Thomas Aquinas High School

10:45 am. hosted by Parish Pastoral Council



IN OUR PRAYER

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

◆ **YOU'RE INVITED....**

Father Tim cordially invites you to our Gaudete Sunday Open House on December 16, 2007. Please come at 8 pm. after Sunday evening prayer, to the Rectory at 235 Castor Street. You will enjoy food, refreshments and fellowship. For information call 613-445-3054.

◆ **ADVENT EVENING PRAYER:** For those seeking some peace and prayer amidst the chaos of the season, we are offering evening prayer on Sunday, 16th at 7:30 p.m. (Doors open at 7 p.m.)

◆ **CHRISTMAS ASSISTANCE:** There is relief to families/persons who are finding themselves caught in difficult and unexpected circumstances during the Christmas season. If you or if you know of someone who may need help, please call Kristine in the office at 613-445-0323. Confidentiality and compassion are the principals which serve to guide this assistance.

◆ **SOUL FOOD SATURDAY:** Will not meet in January but will resume the first Saturday in February. If you have time volunteer 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.

Church Directory is found in pamphlet rack of Foyer

DECEMBER 16, 2007

◆ **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 practice on December 20th at 6:30 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 16th.

CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR'S MASSES

Christmas Eve Masses:

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

Christmas Day Mass:

Tuesday December 25th, Church at 09:00am and 10:45am

New Year's Masses:

Monday, December 31st, Church at 04:30pm

Tuesday, January 1st, Church at 10:45am

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Dear Parishioners,

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near" (Phil 4:4,5). The entrance antiphon from today's Mass gives us the name "Gaudete" (Rejoicing) Sunday. Accordingly, we light the rose coloured candle and take a break from the penitential purple of Advent in anticipation of the joy of Christmas (so now is the time to eat some of those "frozen cookies")!

In the midst of all the busy-ness and stress of this time of year, it is always encouraging to note the increase in kindness and generosity among so many people. We count our blessings and resolve to share more with others. After prayer and reflection, I have decided this year to direct monetary gifts given to me to Catholic Missions in Canada.

I asked Fr. Philip Kennedy, the director, to recommend a specific community in need. He suggested St. Matthew's Mission, a poor community in Portage, B.C., that cannot afford to fix the roof and foundation of their Church, nor supply basic items for the celebration of the Eucharist. During his recent visit in B.C., he was very impressed with the devotion of the parishioners, almost all of whom are aboriginal Canadians of the Carrier nation, and are already making their own sacrifices to provide for the needs of their Church. They would be most grateful for any help provided.

As the birth of our Lord approaches, let us continue to open our eyes to the signs of goodness and generosity all around us. Let us persevere in prayer and hope, and in spite of all the challenges of this season, rejoice in the Lord always!

Fr. Tim

◆ **CONGRATULATIONS** to the winners of the CWL Christmas stocking draw: Heather Sisk, June Pare and L. Grenier.

◆ **RELIGIOUS CABINET:** Don't forget to take a look in the foyer for Christmas gift ideas. The CWL has loads of great gifts available to you in the Religious cabinet. Come have a look.

◆ **FOOD BANK:** A reminder that our local food bank is in need of toiletries such as shampoo, cream rinse and toilet paper etc. as well as non-perishable food items and monetary donations to buy other necessities for the poor of our area. (Income tax receipts available: Good Neighbours Food Bank, P.O. Box 985, Embrun, K0A 1W0).

◆ WHY DO WE CELEBRATE SUNDAY EUCHARIST?

A formation session for all the baptized, and an excellent way to prepare for the Eucharistic Congress. With Fr. Roy Roberts and Fr. Bill Burke. Sat., Jan. 12, 2008, 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Diocesan Centre, 1247 Kilborn. Cost: \$15 (bring your own lunch).

◆ If you will be alone this Christmas or might not otherwise be having a traditional Christmas Dinner, St. Mary's Anglican Church, 139 Castor Street, Russell, is hosting a Christmas Dinner, Saturday, December 22, 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Open and free to all. Reservations must be made in advance. Please call 613-445-3226 and leave a message to reserve the number of spots you require.