



## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### “Be Reconciled to God” (2 Cor 5:20)



#### Saturday December 6<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am For the intentions of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

4:30 pm For the special intentions of the Parishioners

#### Sunday December 7<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am For the repose of the soul of Madeleine Bouwhuis by the Bouwhuis family

10:45 am For the repose of the soul of Michael Jarzab by Mary Jarzab

#### Monday December 8<sup>th</sup>

7:00 pm For the repose of the soul of Mr. Fiorentino by the Urlocker/Lalonde family

#### Tuesday December 9<sup>th</sup>

7:00 pm For the repose of the soul of Michael Czyzewski by Gianni Caravaggio

#### Wednesday December 10<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am Advent Masses at St. Thomas

#### Thursday December 11<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am Advent Mass at St. Thomas

#### Friday December 12<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am For the repose of the soul of Georgette Marengere

#### Saturday December 13<sup>th</sup>

4:30 pm For the repose of the soul of Grace Bouwhuis by the Bouwhuis family

#### Sunday December 14<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am For Morris & Catherine Hendriks by the Hendriks family

10:45 am For the special intentions of the Parishioners by the Pastor

#### THIS WEEK AT OUR LADY'S

Mon., Dec 8 - Rosary 6:30 pm, Feast Day Mass 7 pm - reception to follow - hall, Christmas Choir 6:30 pm at MTCS library

Tues., Dec 9 - Adult Choir 7:30 pm, RCIA 7:30 pm Hall

Thurs., Dec 11- Youth Choir Practice 7:45 pm

Fri., Dec 12 - Prayer Group/Study 9:45 am

Sat., Dec 13- Reconciliation Parish Program 3:30 pm

#### NEXT WEEK AT OUR LADY'S

Mon., Dec 15 - Christmas Choir 6:30 pm at MTCS library

Tues., Dec 16 - Communion Service with Deacon Tom, Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm, RCIA 7:30 pm kitchen

Thurs., Dec 18 - Youth Choir Practice 7:45 am

Sat., Dec 20 - Youth Teams of Our Lady 5:30 pm Parish

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we are living in uncertain economic times (and now turbulent political times as well!), we certainly need to turn to God in trusting prayer. But some people among us are also in need of financial assistance. In the past few years, we have been able to help parishioners in need through our Emergency Assistance Fund. We have received \$16,815.87 in donations and given out \$16495.00 leaving \$320.87 in our account. I encourage those who have been blessed with financial security to prayerfully consider how you might help some of your brothers and sisters in financial difficulty. One way is a donation to the Emergency Assistance Fund. Another is to offer a secure, interest-free loan to one of the families among us who are struggling. As a Church, let us remember the example of the first Christians who “had all things in common; they would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one’s need” (Acts 2:44-45). If you are able to help, please contact me personally. God bless you all this Advent season!

Fr. Tim

#### 🏠 PARISH NEWS:

♦ **ADVENT IS HERE!** Mark your calendars for special events in our parish this Advent: Reconciliation Service Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

♦ **CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS CHOIR** will be singing at the Christmas Eve Mass at 5:00 p.m. Practices will be held on December 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at Mother Teresa School in the library and December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm at the Church.

♦ **SOUND SYSTEM UPDATE:** A new receiver has been installed permitting independent volume control for the speakers in the balcony & the foyer. This should enhance the sound quality in both areas, so that those in the “crying room” (foyer) will be able to hear clearly! Thanks again for those who helped with the fundraiser by the Ottawa-Carleton Male Choir, which covered the cost of the upgrade.

♦ **MARIA GORETTI** The story of the Patroness of Modern youth. This DVD is now available in the library. Please remember to follow the Spiritual Library’s directions as many people share the videos and will wish to share over the holiday’s.

♦ **2009 BULLETINS:** Now is the time to reserve available ad space. Please contact Kristine in the office for info 445-3054.

## December 7, 2008



Colette Vaillancourt, Ken Gaydamack,  
Norita Trottier, Tom Egan, Cory  
VandenHananberg, Marguerite Black,  
Teresa Morris, Jack Tyo and Gilles Benoit.

If you would like a name added to this list please call the office.



**COFFEE SUNDAY:** *Please remember this is a service to the parish. It is your donations that will keep it viable*

Sunday November 30<sup>th</sup> will be hosted by:  
9:00: Dan Moreau & Eileen Souliere  
10:45: KOC

Next week coffee Sunday will be hosted by  
9:00 am: Van Dusen family  
10:45 am: CWL

♦ **WE NEED YOUR HELP IN THE OFFICE** - We are in need of an office volunteer with computer skills. Please call Kristine at 445-3054.

♦ **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.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** "Keep Christ in Christmas" signs available to be purchased at \$10.00 each. The sign will be in the foyer this weekend if you wish to view one before ordering. Please call the Paul Beaupre family at 443-0325.

♦ **GOURMET FRUITCAKES** made by the Cistercian Monks of Oka. The cost is \$14.00 for the 750 gm. cake and \$22.00 for the specially packaged 3 lb. round cake. These Christmas cake sales are in support of Pro-Life (Campaign Life Coalition). There are still some cakes left please call the office 445-3054.

### ALTAR SERVERS: NEXT WEEKEND'S SCHEDULE

Sat, Dec 6th

4:30 pm. Adam, Marie-Eve

Sun, Dec 7th

9:00 am. Luke, Jacob .L. Samuel

10:45 am. Cameron, Alex, Zachery



### CWL CORNER:

**Membership fees** are now due at the cost of \$14.00. If you pay before Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> your name will go into a draw and you could get your membership free.

### CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR'S MASSES

#### Christmas Eve Masses:

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

#### Christmas Day Masses:

Thursday December 25th, Church at 9:00am and 10:45am

Friday December 26th at 10 am

Saturday December 27th at 4:30 pm

#### New Year's Masses:

Wednesday, December 31st, Church at 4:30pm

Thursday, January 1st, Church at 9:00 am and 10:45am

### YOUR OFFERINGS FOR

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Thank you for your generosity & support

♦ **PILGRIMAGE STATUE OF OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL** is at the home of the Dorval family this week. To reserve a week to have her visit with you and your family, sign up on the sheet in foyer.

♦ **ALMS FOR THE POOR:** October, November and December donations from the Alms for the Poor will be made to the Shepherds of Good Hope. Thank you for your generosity.

#### ♦ CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR TELEPHONE NUMBER?

Please advise the Parish Office (445-3054) so we can update our records. Thank you.

#### ♦ 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 hall this weekend.

♦ **BULLETIN NOTICE DEADLINE:** All notices must be in writing, and turned in to the parish office by noon on Tuesday for that weekend's bulletin. By email olmm@bellnet.ca or fax 613-445-9839