



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus”

Mass Intentions

Saturday December 5th

4:30 pm For the special intentions of the Parishioners by the Pastor

For the repose of the soul of Edward Thomas by Michelle, Joe and Natasha Baechler

Sunday December 6th

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

10:45 am For the deceased members of the Kiskis family by Alex and Penny Kiskis

Tuesday December 8th

7:00 pm For the repose of the soul of Michael Jarzeb by the family

Wednesday December 9th St. Thomas Aquinas H.S.

8:30 am & 10:00 am Liturgy of the Word

Thursday December 10th

9:00 am For the repose of the souls of Carmel and Paul Troxell by the Urlocker/Lalonde family

Friday December 11th

9:00 am For all the deceased members of the Crouzat family by the Crouzat family

Saturday December 12th

4:30 pm For the special intentions of the parishioners by Fr. Tim

Sunday December 13th

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

10:45 am For the intentions of Joyce Piovesan by Mom and Dad

THIS WEEK AT OUR LADY'S

Saturday December 5- Knights of Columbus MADD campaign
4:30 pm Mass

Sunday December 6- Knights of Columbus MADD campaign
9 and 10:45 masses

Tuesday December 8- Parish Feast Day Mass **7:00 pm**

Wednesday December 9- ACE **7:00 pm** Hall, Youth Choir Practice **7:00 pm**

Thursday December 10- Parish Sacraments Program **7:00 pm**

Friday December 11- Kids of Our Parish **6:30 pm** Parish

NEXT WEEK AT OUR LADY'S

Tuesday December 15 - Adult Choir Practice **7:30**

Wednesday December 16 - ACE **7:00 pm** Hall, Youth Choir Practice **7:00 pm**

Thursday December 17- Parish Sacraments Program **7:00 pm**

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish
Welcomes You !!!

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POPE BENEDICT ON ADVENT 2009

"The meaning of the expression "advent" includes . . . also that of . . . a visit of God: He enters my life and wants to address me. We all experience in daily life having little time for the Lord and little time for ourselves. We end up by being absorbed in "doing." Is it not true that often activity possesses us, that society with its many interests monopolizes our attention? Is it not true that we dedicate much time to amusements and leisure of different kinds? Sometimes things "trap" us . . .

Advent, this intense liturgical time that we are beginning, invites us to pause in silence to grasp a presence . . .

Another essential element of Advent is expectation, expectation that at the same time is hope. . .

Dear brothers and sisters, let us live the present intensely, when we already have the gifts of the Lord, let us live it projected to the future, a future full of hope. The Christian Advent thus becomes an occasion to reawaken in ourselves the true meaning of waiting, returning to the heart of our faith which is the mystery of Christ, the Messiah awaited for long centuries and born in the poverty of Bethlehem." (Homily for Vespers, November 28th, 2009)

FEATURE MOVIE:

The Story of the Nativity - the Truth of Christmas

This DVD explores the true story of Mary and Joseph, Jesus' miraculous conception, the birth of John the Baptist, the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem, the Star of Bethlehem and the birth of Jesus.

Featured in this DVD are top scholars, inspirational speakers and popular authors as they explain the story behind the story of the birth of Jesus. Included are works of art depicting the biblical story and footage from the Holy Land.

Look for this DVD in the adult DVD non-fiction section in the OLMM Spiritual Library.

CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR'S MASSES

Christmas Eve Masses:

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

Christmas Day Mass:

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

New Year's Masses:

Thursday December 31st, Church at 4:30pm
Friday January 1st, Church at 10:45am

December 6, 2009



Joyce Piovesan, Alex Bennett,
Brenda Henke, Jack Tyo
Cory Vandenhanenberg, Mark Brewer
and Pat Gates.
If you would like a name added to this
list please call the office.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Join us on our Parish Feast Day **Tuesday December 8th**
Mass at 7:00 pm, followed by the KNIGHTS "CANDLELIGHT
BLESSING OF THE CRECHE". A reception will be held in the hall
with ice cream cake and hot chocolate. Don't miss this
celebration!

THE NEXT KIDS OF OUR PARISH is on Friday December 11th,
6:30 pm in the hall. All youth ages 9-13 are invited! Come out
and see what fun there is to be had!



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 The Desmarais Family

10:45 am No volunteers

GOURMET FRUITCAKES This weekend there will be a sale of
fruitcakes after all Masses. The cakes are made by the
Cistercian Monks who have moved from Oka, Quebec further
north to Saint-Jean-de-Matha, where they continue to produce
these delicious, gourmet cakes at Val Notre-Dame Abbey. The
cakes are available in Ottawa in support of Campaign Life
Coalition. The loaf cake price is \$14.00 and the round cake in a
decorative tin, boxed for mailing will cost \$20.00.

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 honour
in this way, please fill out the envelope found in the pews
including your donation.

MASS INTENTION REMINDER: Just a gentle reminder when you
would like to reserve a Mass Intention for loved ones, please
be sure to fill out the envelopes provided in the foyer or in the
front of the church. Feel free to leave your intention
envelope with payment in the collection basket and Kristine
will call you Tuesday during office hours.

YOUR OFFERINGS FOR

November 28/29- \$3397.75

Thank you for your generosity and support

ALMS FOR THE POOR BOX donations for the months of
October, November & December will be for The Embrun Good
Neighbours Food Bank. Thank you for your generosity!

CHRISTMAS GIFTS: CATHOLIC CD'S: Don't miss this incredible
sale of CD's - titles from Catholic evangelists and speakers such
as Scott Hahn, Matthew Kelly, Peter Kreeft, and Benedict
Groeschel - for the unbelievably low price of \$5.00! An easy
way to learn more about your faith and to share the faith with
others. Keep this in mind for Christmas gifts.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Web Site: www.sta-russell.com

UPCOMING EVENTS:

December 9th - Advent Liturgies, Christmas Music Concert
7:00pm

December 17th - Christmas Dance grades 9-12

December 18th - Dress Down Day, Christmas Talent Show Grades
9-12

CHRISTMAS BREAK 21st - JANUARY 4th

AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWAL:

Have you thought of switching to **AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWAL**?
It's a simple way to continue to support the parish while you
are away on holidays and simplifies your weekly donations. You
can simply complete the automatic withdrawal form on our
parish website www.olmm.ca

PILGRIMAGE STATUE OF OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL is at the home of the Sullivan Family this week.

To reserve a week to have her visit with you and your family, sign
up on the sheet in Foyer.

ADVERTISEMENT SPACE IN OUR PARISH BULLETIN is available.
Ads cost \$175 year-single space ad; \$350/year-double space ad.
"due to recent recession, we are lowering our advertising
prices". Please contact the office for further information. We
especially welcome ads from members of Our Lady of the
Miraculous Medal Parish who wish to promote their businesses
or practices.

OTHER NEWS:

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE

St. Catherine of Siena's Penitential Service will take place
Monday December 14th at 7:00 pm. There will be several
priests including Fr. Tim who will be available for the
Sacrament of Reconciliation.

***This is an excellent opportunity for individual confession
for both parents and children.***

**Saturday December 12th is the Feast of Our Lady of
Guadalupe who is the Patroness of the unborn.**

At Saint-Patrick's Basilica there will be a special "High Mass" at
8:00 a.m. in honour of this Feast celebrated by Fr. Richard Siok.
This Mass will also mark the end of the all-night vigil which will
take place in the scavi of the Basilica. As we continue to pray
for the respect for life throughout advent we ask our Blessed
Mother "Our Lady of Guadalupe", the Patroness of the unborn,
the Warrior Queen, to guide us and help us combat the evil of
abortion.