



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

“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 19th**

**4:30 pm** For the repose of the soul of Ernest Laforce by Sandy Geerts

For the repose of the soul of Robert Joannette by the Family

**Sunday, December 20th, Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**9:00 am** For the special intentions of the Parishioners by the Pastor

**10:45am** For the repose of the soul of Ernest Laforce by Howard and Marjory Riopelle

**Tuesday, December 22nd**

**7:00 pm** For the intentions of Joyce Piovesan by Dianne McCauley

**Wednesday, December 23rd, Mass at OLMM**

**9:00 am** For the repose of the soul of Fr. Charles Clement by the Pastor

### CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR'S MASSES

**Christmas Eve Masses:**

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

**Christmas Day Mass:**

**Friday December 25<sup>th</sup>**, Church at 9:00am and 10:45am

**New Year's Masses:**

**Thursday December 31<sup>st</sup>**, Church at 4:30pm

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

### NEXT WEEK AT OUR LADY'S

**Tuesday December 22** - Adult Choir Practice 7:30

**Wednesday December 23** - ACE Cancelled, Youth Choir Practice 7:00 pm

### OFFICE CLOSURE FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

*The Parish Office is closed between Christmas & New Years, Regular office hours resume  
Tues., Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>.*

*A Joyous Christmas & God's Blessings in the New Year!*

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

Web Site: [www.olmm.ca](http://www.olmm.ca)

### Pope's Corner: "The Crèche Is a School of Life"

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

Mother Church, while she accompanies us toward the holy season of Christmas, helps us to rediscover the sense and the taste of Christian joy, so different from the world's joy. The crèche is a school of life, where we can learn the secret of true joy. This does not consist in having a lot of things, but in feeling loved by the Lord, in making oneself a gift for others, in loving. We look at the crèche: The Madonna and St. Joseph do not seem to be a very fortunate family; they had their first child in the midst of great hardships; and yet they are full of deep joy, because they love each other, they help each other and above all they are certain that God is at work in their history, God who made himself present in the little Jesus.

Behold, dear friends, what true joy consists in: It is feeling that our personal and communal existence is visited and filled by a great mystery, the mystery of God's love. To be joyful we do not just have need of things, but love and truth: We need a God who is near, who warms our heart, and responds to our profound desires. This God is manifested in Jesus, born of the Virgin Mary. This is why that Baby, whom we place in the stable or the cave, is the center of everything, the heart of the world. Let us pray that every person, like the Virgin Mary, may welcome into the center of their lives the God who became a Child, font of true joy.

### YOUR OFFERING

for Dec. 12/13 was \$3223.39

Thank you for your generosity & support.

**Penitential Service: The next service for those who missed our Parish can go to**

Blessed Sacrament, 194 Fourth Ave. Orleans  
Monday, December 21, 7:00 pm.

### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS BOOKS IN THE OLMM SPIRITUAL LIBRARY

The Baby God Promised,  
The Christmas Star,  
Elizabeth's Christmas Story,  
Good News of Great Joy,  
The Story of Christmas

The Baby Jesus,  
The Donkey of Nazareth,  
God Gave Us Jesus,  
Our New Baby,

# December 20, 2009



Joyce Piovesan, Alex Bennett, Monica Baker, Brenda Henke, Kathy Mack, Mark Brewer and Pat Gates.  
If you would like a name added to this list please call the office.

**PRAYERS:** For Fr. Bill Lunney and Jack Tyo who have passed away. Please pray for them and their families.

## PARISH NEWS:

**ACE CANCELLATION:** December 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> cancelled. ACE will resume on January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

### JANUARY BAPTISMS:

Sunday January 10, 9:00 am. Presentation of children  
Wednesday January 13, 7:00 pm. Hall  
Sunday January 17, 12 noon Baptisms

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR :** We would like to ask that all choir students be at St. Thomas Aquinas High School by 4:30 pm on Christmas Eve. Questions: contact Andrew or Sue Watson at 613-443-0115.

Email: [olmm@bellnet.ca](mailto:olmm@bellnet.ca) Fax: 445-9839 ☎ 445-3054  
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**BAPTISM:** Baptismal arrangements should be made one month in advance. A baptismal preparation program is required for all parents. Please contact the church office at 445-3054. There are no baptisms in July, August and December.

**MATRIMONY:** Please contact the church for an appointment at least six months before your planned marriage date. A marriage preparation course is required. Call June & André Paré at 445-0971 for information on the parish marriage preparation course.

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:** Please call the church office at 445-3054 if you wish your child to receive parish preparation for the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation.

**FOOD BANK:** A reminder that our local food bank is still in need of 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).

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

**AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWAL:** is a convenient and efficient way to make weekly or monthly offerings. There are sign up envelopes in the foyer.



### CWL CORNER:

- ◆ The minutes from our last meeting are available in the foyer.
- ◆ Our next meeting will be held on January 14<sup>th</sup> in the Hall.



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

- ◆ January 10<sup>th</sup> - Spaghetti Dinner 5:00 - 7:00 pm Parish Hall - (Adults \$6.00; Children \$3.00 & Family \$20)
- ◆ Executive Meeting Kitchen January 14<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm

**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.

**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](mailto:olmm@bellnet.ca) or fax 613-445-9839

**EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUND (EAF):** Please remember that the EAF is available to parishioners who find themselves in unexpected financial hardship. If you know someone in our parish who is in need of temporary financial relief, please contact Father Tim or Kristine Steele.

**REMINDER: YOUR 2010 CHURCH ENVELOPES** are available for pickup in the Church Foyer. If there is a change or correction in your address on the box please contact the office.

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**SIGN OF PEACE:** In the flu and cold season people are reminded that the rite of peace does not necessarily have to be expressed by a handshake. A simple greeting is acceptable.

### 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 No Volunteers

10:45 am Ken & Heather Sisk

Let us continue our celebration by meeting with other parishioners after Masses.

### OTHER NEWS:

Mark your calendar for the Spring 2010 Cursillo Weekends held locally in Orleans, Ontario. Cursillo is a Spanish word for "short course" and participants will learn more about their Catholic faith in this course. Women's Weekend is March 11-14 and Men's Weekend is April 15-18. For details, please contact Faith Stephenson 613 445 5691

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