

**CHRISTMAS 2011 NEW YEARS & EPIPHANY 2012
AT OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL CHURCH**



Diocesan Theme "Called for Holiness, the Saints Among us"
Parish Theme "Encounter Christ. Share Him with Others."

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 24th

5:00 pm For the intentions of Bea & Tom Mascaro by the James Family

8:00 pm For the repose of the soul of Earl McAndrew by Catherine Gray

10:00 pm For the 50th birthday intentions of Carolyn Cogan by the Urlocker/Lalonde Family

Sunday, December 25th

Christmas – The Nativity of the Lord

10:00 am For the repose of the soul of Gable Berard Beaupre by the Berard Beaupre Family

Tuesday, December 27th – Friday, December 30th

No Masses

Saturday December 31st

4:30 pm For the repose of the soul of Morris & Catherine Hendricks by Lambert & Rita Hendricks

For the intentions of the Wolfert Family by the James Family

Sunday, January 1st Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

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

10:45 am For the repose of the soul of Julie Harper by Dale & Lorraine Harper

Tuesday January 3rd

7:00 pm For the repose of the soul of Rev. Marcel Ranger by the Parish

Wednesday January 4th - Parish

9:00 am For the intentions of Fr. Paul on his trip home by the Parishioners

Thursday, January 5th

9:00 am For the special intentions of Marty & Maria Chesser & Family by the Cogan Family

Friday, January 6th

9:00 am For the special intentions of the Renaud Family by the Cogan Family

Saturday, January 7th

4:30 pm For the intentions of the Parishioners by the Pastor
For the intentions of the Barnes Family by the James Family

Sunday, January 8th

9:00 am For the repose of the soul of Birute & Pranas Ceponkus by Diane Ceponkus

PASTOR'S CORNER

"And the Word became flesh and lived among us..."

At Christmas we celebrate the birth of Christ. It is a time we set our minds and hearts to Bethlehem to behold and adore the newborn king! Today, we call to mind God's immense love for us. The reason that Christ took flesh in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary is to establish us in friendship and intimacy with God. God wants to enter into a life giving and personally relationship with us that he sent us his son to be our brother and our saviour.

Jesus came to set us free

What happened at Christmas is a powerful reminder that we are very important to God, each and every one of us. By sending his son, God reaches out to our helpless and broken world. The best way to celebrate Christmas, therefore, far from over indulging in excessive eating and drinking, is to accept this super precious gift! It is only by accepting this little child lying in a manger that we can be healed of our misery and brokenness; that we can be completely happy and indeed be free from the shackles of sin and death.

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who in one-way or the other helped the parish this Christmas. A special thanks to all our sacristans, altar servers, choirs, decorating committee, our office volunteers, ushers, indeed everyone! Your hard work and dedication is quite appreciated and will never go unrewarded by God. Trust me!

On a personal note, I will be going home (Nigeria) to visit with my family from Jan. 2nd through to the first week of Feb. (At least to shorten my winter). Please say a little prayer for me that I may go in peace and come back in safety and in good health. And please welcome Fr. Gordon Maclean!

Wishing everyone a merry Christmas and a fantastic 2012.

Fr. Paul

December 25, 2011 - January 8, 2012

PASTORAL CARE: The Pastoral Care Team is currently putting together a list of people who would like to offer help to others in need making meals for those going through difficult times such as illness. CAN YOU help? The need is great, but with the help of many volunteers, the burden becomes smaller for everyone. There are many ways to reach out to each other. Regardless of how we serve others, and I'm sure you'd all agree, there is no greater satisfaction than to serve Jesus in our neighbors, be it family or community. Please call the Parish office 613-445-3054

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OTHER INFORMATION RECEIVED:

RUSSELL AA MEETINGS: Monday nights, Location: OLMM. For Information with confidentiality call Gib 613-445-8008.

ARCHBISHOP PRENDERGAST'S CHRISTMAS 2011 MESSAGE:

Time magazine recently named "the protester" the Person of the Year 2011. This reflects the unsettled state of our world: uprisings in the Middle East, the Occupy Wall Street movement, and violence at every turn. [Read more...](#) online at (www.CatholicOttawa.ca).

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP – WORLD DAY OF

PEACE: In his World Day of Peace 2012 message, Educating Young People in Justice and Peace, Pope Benedict expresses the conviction that "young people, with their enthusiasm and idealism, can offer new hope to the world." His message calls on all of us, including parents, educators, and leaders in various spheres of religious, social, political, economic and cultural life and in the media, to be attentive to the concerns of youth and their desire "to look to the future with solid hope." As expressed by our Holy Father, let us support young people as they "hunger and thirst for right relations with God, with themselves, with their brothers and sisters, and with the whole of creation". Info: John Dorner (jdorner@archottawa.ca); (613-738-5025, x251).

Helen Keller once wrote:

"Christmas is the harvest time of love. Souls are drawn to other souls. All that we have read and thought and hoped comes to fruition at this happy time. Our spirits are astir. We feel within us a strong desire to serve. A strange, subtle force, a new kindness animates man and child. A new spirit is growing in us. No longer are we content to relieve pain, to sweeten sorrow, to give the crust of charity. We dare to give friendship, service, the equal loaf of bread and love."

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:

In Memory

John Kelly
Murray Fleet and Sean James
Joyce Piovesan
Norman DuHamel
Simone Dorval
Kathleen Goodwin & Betty Mack
In memory of departed Parish Members
Parish Member
John & Lucy Lacelle and Children
Alice & Fred Kearley
For the deceased members of the
Stekette & Serjak Families
Deceased Family Members
For Catherine & Morris Hendriks
For Patricia O'Gorman & other
Deceased Family Members

Ken Woods

Mr. Heymans
Tony & Evert Peterson

For the deceased members of
The McKlusky Family

Donated by

Kristina, Don, Emily & Claudia
The James Family
Tom & Simone Sullivan
Linda DuHamel and Family
The Dorval Family
Kathy & Ian Mack

Harriet & Al Clarke
Larry Lacelle
Joyce Vincelette & Family
The Serjak Family
Bob & Angie Maidment
The Hendriks Family

Liz O,Gorman-Smit
W.Melenhorst Family
Peter & Jean Graham
Tom & Carole Egan
The Woods Family
Michael Steve Happy
Martina Heymans
The Peterson Family
W. Langens
Pat & Gerry Redsell
Phyllis Bellevill

Donna McKlusky

ALMS FOR THE POOR BOX: Donations for our Alms for the Poor Box for the months of January, February & March will be donated to Ronald McDonald House. THANK YOU!

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).

REMINDER: YOUR 2012 CHURCH ENVELOPES are available for pickup in the Church hall. If there is a change or correction in your address on the box please contact the office.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Tuesday at Noon in writing please
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