SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ Year C

Diocesan Theme "When they arrived, they called the church together and related all that God had done with them and how he had opened a door of faith"(Acts 14.27) "Increase our Faith (Luke 17.5)…" Parish Theme "Though Many We Are One Body in Christ."



BMass Intentions

Saturday, December 8th Immaculate Conception

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

Sunday, December 9th

9:00 am For the birthday intentions of Sydney Berard Beaupre by her Family **10:45 am** For the repose of the soul of Norman DuHamel by Linda and Family

Tuesday, December 11th

7:00 pm For the repose of the soul of Jamie Turmaine by Gilbert & Shirley Desjardins

Wednesday, December 12th

St. Thomas School Chapel

9:00 am For the repose of the soul of Brigitte Seguin by the St. Thomas Staff & Students

Thursday, December 13th

9:00 am For the members of the OLMM Catholic Women's League by Jane Munro

Friday, December 14th

9:00 am For the repose of the soul of Jack Tyo on his 3rd Anniversary by Pauline & Family

Saturday, December 15th

4:30 pm For the repose of the soul of Maurice & Catherine Hendriks by Lambert & Rita Hendriks

Sunday, December 16th

9:00 am For the birthday intentions of Brianna Lalonde by her Family *10:45 am* For the intentions of the Parishioners by the Pastor

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CATECHUMENS

They are Blake Brooks, Lareina Gerstgrasser, Kate Johnston and Sean O'Reilly. Please keep them in your prayers as they journey towards the Easter Vigil.

PILGRIMAGE STATUE OF OUR LADY OF THE

MIRACULOUS MEDAL is available to go home with a family this week. To reserve a week to have her visit with you and your family, sign up on the sheet in foyer.

2012 CHRISTMAS MASSES

Penitential Service Wednesday, December 12th ~ 7:00 pm

Christmas Eve

Monday, December 24th ~ 5:00 pm [St. Thomas Aquinas High School]

Monday, December 24th ~8:00 pm Monday, December 24th ~10:00 pm

Christmas Day

Tuesday, December 25th ~ 10:45 am

New Year's Eve Monday, December 31st ~ 4:30 pm

New Year's Day

Tuesday, January 1st ~ 10:45 am

THIS WEEK AT OUR LADY'S

Sunday, December 9th~ Lead the Way to Christmas Play 2:00 pm (Church) Monday, December 10th~St. Thomas Grade 8 Net Retreat (Hall) Tuesday, December 11th ~ STA School Confessions~ Adult Chain Practice 7:20 pm _ DCIA 7:20 pm (Vitebas

Adult Choir Practice 7:30pm ~ RCIA 7:30 pm (Kitchen)~ Wednesday, December 12th ~Parish Penance Service 7:00 pm

NEXT WEEK AT OUR LADY'S

Tuesday, December 18th ~ Adult Choir Practice 7:30pm ~ RCIA 7:30 pm (Kitchen)~

Wednesday, December **19**th ~*Christmas Caroling with our Parish 6:30 pm*

Saturday, December 22nd ~ Men's Prayer Group 8:30 am (Church)

DECEMBER 9, 2012

YOUR OFFERINGS FOR

December 2, 2012 - \$3223.00 Thank you for your generosity & support

REMINDER: YOUR 2013 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.

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.

"LEAD THE WAY TO CHRISTMAS" children's play will be performing in our Parish on Sunday December 9th at 2:00 pm. Please bring a non-perishable food donation.

JOIN OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL

Wednesday December 19th at 6:30 pm in the Church parking lot for an evening of Christmas carolling. All are welcome.

OLMM SPIRITUAL LIBRARY:

Please check out our display of items about Advent and Christmas. The collection contains many children's books for Christmas and two for Advent, and for adults, the Nativity Story DVD.

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: If you would like to know more about volunteering please call the office for information.

9:00 am: No Volunteers **10:45 am:** The Hildreth Family & Dorinda & Bill

Thank you to all who volunteer Coffee Sunday.

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~YEAR OF FAITH~

Introduction to the Nicene Creed - Part Nine. This week we look at the Mystery of the Incarnation which is expressed in this phrase: "FOR US MEN AND FOR OUR SALVATION HE CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN, AND BY THE HOLY SPIRIT WAS INCARNATE OF THE VIRGIN MARY, AND BECAME MAN." This phrase tells us that Christ came from heaven "for our salvation" from the forces of sin and death and it tells us 'how' God arranged that to happen – "by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary." One of the heresies the early Church contended against was that Jesus only seemed human. This new version of the Creed uses "incarnate" to make an important point. The Latin origin of the word "incarnate" captures a very material, very 'fleshy' sense of Christ's becoming a human being. It emphasizes that he really was a human being, with flesh and bone and that he is 'incarnate' of the Virgin Mary. She had an essential role in salvation history because Christ was 'enfleshed' of the Virgin Mary. Jesus didn't just look like us – he was truly human and divine.

Fill out our social media survey for a chance to win great prizes

The Archdiocese of Ottawa would like to know which social networking sites you use, if you read the Archbishop's blog, and if you visit our website: www.CatholicOttawa.ca. If you'd like to be included in our draw to win a \$50 gift certificate at Flying Piggy's Bistro Italiano, a copy of A Brief History and Parishes of the Archdiocese of Ottawa signed by Archbishop Prendergast, and a professional photo taken with him, please fill out our survey before December 31, 2012:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/socialmediacatholicot tawa. The winners will be contacted in the new year, and their photo with the Archbishop will be published in the Spring / Summer 2013 issue of Catholic Ottawa, along with the results of the survey.

OTHER INFORMATION RECEIVED

YOUCAT - YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT VERSION OF

CATECHISM: As part of the Year of Faith, the Youth Office is placing a bulk order of YOUCATs. Cost: \$16.50. Orders: Ted Hurley (613-738-5025 x231); (<u>thurley@archottawa.ca</u>).

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