

THIRD 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."



Mass Intentions

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

Tuesday, December 18th

7:00 pm For the intentions of Marty Chesser by the Parish

Wednesday, December 19th

9:00 am For the repose of the soul of Lucyna Gajdowski by Helen Zurowski & Family

Thursday, December 20th

9:00 am For the repose of the soul of Douglas Beaudoin by the Chartrand Family

Friday, December 21st

9:00 am For the repose of the soul of David Versteeg by the Beaupre Family

Saturday, December 22nd

4:30 pm For the intentions of Mrs. Elizabeth Guertin on her retirement by MTCS Council

Sunday, December 23rd

9:00 am For the repose of the soul of Monica Baker by Carolina Huisman

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

PASTOR'S CORNER

With just few days or so to Christmas, today's liturgy calls us to rejoice for the Lord is near and in doing so to be willing to share what we have with others. We are reminded to think of our neighbour especially those among us for whom this season can be a lonely and difficult one.

Thank You

To all those amazing kids who took part in the Christmas pageant last Sunday tagged "Lead the Way to Christmas." It was such a magnificent presentation. What a great way to get everyone into the spirit and the joyful mood of Christmas. A special thanks to Chantal Batchilder and Diane Garvin for doing such a fantastic job and to all the volunteers particularly those who worked behind the scenes. It was so nice to see everyone having fun and enjoying themselves. Thanks be to God!

Youth Ministry Coordinator

I am happy to announce that our Parish has hired a Youth Ministry Coordinator (Part time). His name is Rob Halpin. Rob is married with a three month old son. It is our hope that Rob with his wealth of experience in Youth Ministry, will help in evangelizing and calling the youth of our parish to discipleship. We welcome Rob to our Parish and pray that his ministry with and for the youth will bear lasting fruits in our parish and in our homes.

2013 Catholic Calendar

You are welcome to take a copy of the 2013 Catholic Calendar after mass. This is a gift from one of our Parishioners Gwenn Berard Beaupre in memory of her beloved husband Paul Beaupre who passed away almost a year ago. Please keep Gwenn and her family in your prayers and May her husband Paul continue to rest in the bosom of the Lord!

Peace to All!

Fr. Paul

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.

DECEMBER 16, 2012

YOUR OFFERINGS FOR

December 9, 2012 - \$2998.00

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2012 CHRISTMAS MASSES

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

IN OUR PRAYERS

For the sick among our families and friends especially:
Matthew Holmes, Isaac Berkers, Maddy Nichol,
Lydia Knock, Yolande Bekkers, Burt Bekkers,
Louis Ranger, Pat Gates, Ken Poirer, Anita Cottrell, Justine
McKenna, Sandy Geerts, Sandra Sweeney, Arthur Durocher
and Dawn-Leanne Thomson:

may Christ bless and heal them

THIS WEEK AT OUR LADY'S

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

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

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

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.

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JOIN OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL PARISH FAMILY ~Wednesday December 19th at 6:30 pm in the Church parking lot for an evening of Christmas carolling. All are welcome.

~YEAR OF FAITH~

Introduction to the Nicene Creed - Part Eleven. This week we look at this part of Creed: "HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN AND IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER." We are familiar with the expression that someone who is valuable and of great use and esteem is said to be our "right hand." Jesus returned to the Father and holds the place of honour at the Father's "right hand." But this expression has another dimension. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us: "being seated at the Father's right hand signifies the inauguration of the Messiah's kingdom, the fulfillment of the prophet Daniel's vision concerning the Son of man: "To him was given dominion and glory and kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed." (CCC, n. 664) Through our union with Christ the Head of the Mystical Body of Christ, we too already have a share in his kingdom!

The winter edition of the Archdiocesan Newsletter is available for pick up in the foyer. The electronic version of Catholic Ottawa is available on the archdiocesan website. www.catholicottawa.ca

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.

NEXT WEEKEND-> RUSSELL TOWNSHIP GOOD

NEIGHBOURS FOOD BANK SUNDAY: Needed items include lunch snacks, peanut butter, kleenex, dish soap, laundry detergent, toothpaste, condiments (relish), mayonnaise, salad dressings and soup.

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.

REMINDER: YOUR 2011 CHURCH ENVELOPES are available for pickup in the Church Foyer.

RUSSELL AA MEETINGS: Monday nights,
Location: 8:00 pm at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish