

First Sunday Of Advent~Year A

Diocesan Theme "Whoever does the will of God, is my brother and sister and mother" (Mark 3.35)

"THE CHURCH IS GOD'S FAMILY: LOVE IS OUR MISSION"

Parish Mission Statement: "LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS, MAKE DISCIPLES"



Mass Intentions

Pastor's Corner

Today, we begin a New Liturgical Year with the Holy Season of Advent. The word Advent comes from the Latin word *Adventus*, meaning "coming". The theme that runs through this season is: The Lord is coming! During Advent, we recall the prophecies of the old and how they were fulfilled in the fullness of time with the coming in flesh of Jesus, the Son of God. During this season, we are also reminded of His second coming; when He, the Just Judge will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead. Thus, this time we reflect on the two-fold coming of Jesus Christ: His first coming as man and His second coming at the end of time.

A New Beginning

Advent is also a time for a new beginning. It is a time to seek the Lord. The Church invites us to prepare our hearts and homes so that Christ may be born again in each one of us. In a more practical and deeper way, we can use the season to brighten things up, to clear up the 'garbage' in our hearts in order to make room, enough room for the Lord. This might be a good time to look for some of your dark spots: your lack of patience, petty jealousy, selfishness, slothfulness, etc., and do something about it.

Keep Awake

Days leading to Christmas, no doubt, are exciting times. Everyone is busy preparing for the joy of the Christmas event: cards are sent, presents are bought, homes are decorated. This is all very good. But there is a caveat here, lest we are carried away. Jesus is warning us of his second coming. Yes, He is coming again on a day that we do not know and at an hour we do not expect. He wants us to pay attention to the right things so as not to be caught off guard. He came in the flesh to save humanity, and he will come again to judge the world. Keep awake! Stand ready!!

Maranatha, come, Lord Jesus!

Fr. Paul

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Saturday, November 29th

4:30 pm For the deceased members of the McKlusky family by Donna McKlusky

Sunday, November 30th~First Sunday of Advent

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

10:45 am For God's blessing and favor upon Dr. Chantal Plant and her entire family by Fr. Anthony Ibezor

Tuesday, December 2nd

7:00pm

Wednesday, December 3rd~St. Francis Xavier~STA

8:30am

10:00am For the repose of the soul of Theresa Drummond by Kathy Mack

Thursday, December 4th

9:00 am

Friday, December 5th

9:00 am For the intentions of the Wayne Beckles family by Gary and Noreen Plant

Saturday, December 6th

4:30 pm For the repose of the soul of Norm DuHamel by Linda DuHamel and family

Sunday, November 7th

9:00 am For the repose of the soul of Ceferina Del Rosario by the Guilbault family

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

~ IN OUR PRAYERS ~

For the sick among our families and friends especially: Marcel Sirois, Maddy Nichol, Ken Woods and Stephen Williams.

YOUR OFFERINGS FOR

November 16th, 2014 = \$3,850.00

Thank you for your generosity and support

Pope's prayer intentions for November 2014:

That all who suffer loneliness may experience the closeness of God and the support of others. That young seminarians and religious may have wise and well-formed mentors.

November 30th, 2014

Are you new to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish?

WELCOME! If you have not yet registered, please complete a registration form found in the foyer or in the office. You may bring the completed form to the office or drop it in the collection basket.

THIS WEEK AT OUR LADY'S

Tuesday, December 2nd

~ Adult choir~ 7:30~Church

Wednesday, December 3rd

~Advent Mass at STA~8:30am and 10:00am

~Advent Lessons and Carols~7:00pm~Church

~Edge youth group~6:30-8:00pm~hall

Thursday, December 4th

~1st Communion Parish class~6:00-7:00pm~ hall

Friday, December 5th

~First Friday 24 hour adoration, 4:00pm Friday to 4:00pm Saturday

NEXT WEEK AT OUR LADY'S

Tuesday, December 9th

~ Adult choir~ 7:30~Church

Wednesday, December 2nd

~Edge youth group~6:30-8:00pm ~hall

Thursday, December 3rd

~1st Communion parish class~6:00-7:00pm~ hall

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.

PILGRIMAGE STATUE OF OUR LADY OF THE

MIRACULOUS MEDAL is available to go home with a family this week. If you wish to take home Our Lady for one week, please sign up on the sheet on the table in the foyer **GOURMET FRUITCAKES** will be available for purchase next weekend December 6th and 7th after all masses. The cakes are made by the Cistercian Monks. The cakes are in support of Campaign Life Coalition.

OLMM Rediscovered Catholicism will be breaking for the Advent season. We will re-commence in early January 2015. The date will be in a later bulletin.

First Friday 24-hour adoration, Friday, November 5th from 4:00pm to Saturday November 7th, 4:00pm

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Penitential Service

Wednesday, Dec. 17th~7:00pm

Christmas Eve

Wednesday, Dec. 24th~4:30pm (STA)

~7:00pm (OLMM)

~9:00pm (OLMM)

Christmas Day

Thursday, Dec. 25th ~10:00am (OLMM)

New Year's Eve

Wednesday, Dec. 31st ~4:30pm (OLMM)

New Year's Day

Thursday, January 1st ~10:00am (OLMM)

Seniors of Russell Meadows Retirement Community wish to invite everyone for their 3rd annual up-coming St Nicholas Bazaar on Tuesday, December 2nd from 10-3. We are proudly featuring Dutch Refreshments, the Dutch Treat Male Choir in the afternoon, St Nicholas himself will visit with Black Perter, local crafters and vendors as well as a bake table, a silent auction and raffle! Don't miss this great community event that brings everyone together. Come and do some Christmas shopping and- a nice hot tea and receive a gift from the earth from St Nicholas himself. Get your picture taken as well and put your name in for the door prize!

Wanted; A few people who want to experience God in a different way and learn the art of forgiveness while reading and discussing Wm Paul Young's novel 'The Shack'. Contact Louise Kelly 613-987-5798

On Monday December 8th it is the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In celebration of our Parish feast day there will be a special mass at 7:00pm.

During the flu season, it is acceptable to omit the handshake at the "Sign of Peace". Please note that there are hand sanitizers available at both entrances to the Church.