

## Second Sunday Of Advent~Year B

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

#### **Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**

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

#### **Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**

**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

#### **Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>~OLMM~The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**7:00pm**

#### **Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00pm**

#### **Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> ~OLMM**

**9:00am**

#### **Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 am** For God's blessing and favor upon Dr. Chantal Plant and her entire family by Fr. Anthony Ibezor

#### **Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>~Our Lady of Guadalupe**

**9:00 am**

#### **Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>~St. Lucy**

**4:30 pm** For the intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

#### **Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 am** For the 21<sup>st</sup> birthday intentions of Brianna Lalonde by the Urlocker/Lalonde family

**10:45 am** For the repose of the soul of Jack Tyo on the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary by Pauline Tyo and family

### **~ IN OUR PRAYERS ~**

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

### **YOUR OFFERINGS FOR**

**November 30, 2014 =\$3,595.20**

***Thank you for your generosity and support***

### ***INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR DECEMBER:***

That the birth of the Redeemer may bring peace and hope to all people of good will. That parents may be true evangelizers, passing on to their children the precious gift of faith.

## **Pastor's Corner**

On this second Sunday of Advent, we have John the Baptist, the prophet sent by God. John was the voice crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the Way for the Lord, make His path straight." John was blunt in delivering his message to the Israelites. The same message he has for us today. He challenges us to turn to the Lord, to repent. And the question is: Do we repent? Do we seek the way of the Lord?

### **Be Not Afraid**

To repent and to seek the way of the Lord means to follow Him on His own terms and not on our own terms. Sometimes we find it hard to open up to God; to give Him the permission to take full possession of our life which is what conversion is all about. During this Advent, try to ask yourself: "What part of my life do I find difficult to surrender to Him? What is stopping me? Is it fear?"

### **Our God**

Our God is a God of all consolation! Listen again to the opening words of today's first reading: "Comfort, O comfort my people...speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins." This is our God! The entire passage is filled with His warmth and love. He loves us through and through and has called us to follow Him in order to enjoy the fullness of life.

### **Thank You**

A special thanks to our worthy Knights of Columbus council 12401 for decorating our church with beautiful Christmas lights. Our church now looks magnificent. Thanks to our Knights who always make things happen! Gentlemen, thank you very much for making our Christmas so special this year. May we always be open to His love! Maranatha, Come, Lord Jesus!

Fr. Paul

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Email: [admin@olmm.ca](mailto:admin@olmm.ca)

## December 7<sup>th</sup>, 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

**Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**

~ Parish Feast day Mass~7:00pm~Church

**Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**

~R.C.I.A~7:30~kitchen

~ Adult choir~ 7:30~Church

**Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**

~1<sup>st</sup> Communion Parish class~6:00-7:00pm~ hall

~Mass at Russell Meadows~11:00am

### NEXT WEEK AT OUR LADY'S

**Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**

~R.C.I.A~7:30~kitchen

~ Adult choir~ 7:30~Church

**Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**

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

~Penitential Service~7:00pm

**Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**

~1<sup>st</sup> 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 honor in this way, please fill out the envelope found in the pews including your donation. Deadline for envelopes to be in is December 13<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

**Thank you to all who have been praying for me** (Stephanie Dresch) and are supporting me in my ministry with Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO). My last few months working with the university students in Halifax, NS has been an incredible experience and I have great joy in saying that I have witnessed many students come to encounter Jesus in a personal way this semester! I would like to invite you to join me on Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the parish basement, to hear stories and see pictures about how my first year on staff with CCO has been going! All are welcome to attend!

**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

### **CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

#### **Penitential Service**

Wednesday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>~7:00pm

#### **Christmas Eve**

Wednesday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>~4:30pm (STA)

~7:00pm (OLMM)

~9:00pm (OLMM)

#### **Christmas Day**

Thursday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> ~10:00am (OLMM)

#### **New Year's Eve**

Wednesday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> ~4:30pm (OLMM)

#### **New Year's Day**

Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup> ~10:00am (OLMM)

#### **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.

**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.

**The Edge program** will be breaking for the Christmas season starting December 24<sup>th</sup>, and will resume regular Wednesday night events starting January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

**Russell United Church and Community Choir** is presenting a Christmas Cantata entitled: "Appalachian Winter". There will be 2 performances and we hope that everyone will be able to attend at least once. The first will be held at Metcalfe United Church on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. The second will be held at Russell United Church on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. There will be a special appearance at each event by the Russell Children's Choir. Both choirs are directed by Heather Koss-Huisman, the Music Director at Russell United Church. A Free Will offering will be received and following the performances you are invited to join us for refreshments. Our 30 person choir has been practicing since October and we hope you will enjoy the result....See you at the concert(s).