

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



MASSES OF THE WEEK

† - For the repose of the soul / in memory of the person(s) indicated

Sunday, December 1

9:00 a.m. For the parishioners of St. Theresa Parish.
10:30 a.m. For the intentions of the Handmaids of the Lord.

Monday, December 2

9:00 a.m. For Nicholas' health, safety and success by his Mother.

Tuesday, December 3

Feast of St. Francis Xavier

9:00 a.m. For Mikaela, Jeremy and Yanick by their Mother.

Wednesday, December 4

9:00 a.m. † Souls in Purgatory.

Thursday, December 5

9:00 a.m. For Nicholas' health, safety and success by his Mother.

Friday, December 6

9:00 a.m. † Joan Stricher by Darrell Herauf.

Saturday, December 7

Feast of St. Ambrose

9:00 a.m. For respect and protection of life from conception to its natural death by Couples for Christ and its family ministries.

4:30 p.m. † John Hunter by the family.

Sunday, December 8

9:00 a.m. For the parishioners of St. Theresa Parish.
10:30 a.m. † Elizabeth Scott by her son.
† René Narbonne by Michelle Corbett.
For the intentions of the Handmaids of the Lord.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Blair Wright, Bas Houlahan, Baby Raechal McIntyre, Richard Robinson, Michelle Boyer, Alice Hilchie, Gordon F. Hilchie, Catherine Bedard, Lisa Rey, Christina Addison, Monique Beaudry, Erin Burnett, Sara Arias Hernandez, Marcelo Pimentel, Franco Azua Arias, Moli Coletti, Zygmunt Wysocki, Marcelle Makropoulos.



Lectors & Commentators

Saturday, December 7

4:30 p.m. Lyn Fong
Commentator: Don Murphy

Sunday, December 8

9:00 a.m. Denise Corbett
10:30 a.m. Megan Bewagan
Commentator: Paul O'Leary

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, December 7

4:30 p.m. Sheila McGlynn

Sunday, December 8

9:00 a.m. Ellen Dulay
10:30 a.m. Darrell Herauf
Chalice: Miguel Planas and Carol Michon

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION

Evangelization: That every country determine to take the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year A)

First Reading: Isaiah 2.1-5

The Lord gathers all the nations into the everlasting peace of the Kingdom of God.

Second Reading: Romans 13.11-14

Salvation is nearer to us now.

Gospel: Matthew 24.37-44

Keep awake, you must always be ready.

PARISH NEWS

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Dec. 24	4:30 p.m.	Mass
	6:30 p.m.	Christmas Carols
	7:00 p.m.	Solemn High Mass
Wednesday, Dec. 25	10:30 a.m.	Mass
Tuesday, Dec. 31	4:30 p.m.	Mass
Wednesday, Jan. 1	10:30 a.m.	Solemn High Mass

FLOURISHING CONGREGATIONS SURVEY

The deadline for completing the survey has been extended to December 7, 2019. For those of you who have not even attempted to fill in the survey, please go to the parish website: <http://www.sttheresaottawa.com> click on Bulletins, click on either November 3 or November 10, then click on the link under Flourishing Congregations Survey. This is the last chance you have.

MANY THANKS

To the Knights of Columbus for preparing and hosting their delicious Pancake Breakfast last Sunday.

SENIORS LUNCH

Thank you to all who helped to make our Christmas Seniors Lunch on Friday so successful and enjoyable for everyone. The next social will take place in the spring. Please watch the bulletin for details.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Christmas flower fund. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

SOCIAL WITH SANTA

The Knights of Columbus Council will be hosting a Social with Santa next **Sunday, December 8, 2019**, in the Parish Hall **after the 10:30 a.m. Mass**.

The Menu will consist of Tourtières, Lasagne – meat and vegetarian, etc. Everyone is welcome including Grand-Kids. Info: Roger Richard: roger-richard@rogers.com.

CHRISTMAS CAKES, COOKIES & CDs

The Knights of Columbus will be selling Christmas cakes, cookies & \$10 CDs at all the weekend Masses this weekend. This initiative is to raise funds for a plaque with the names of all the former St. Theresa Parish pastors.

BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES

- Dec. 22 bulletin: **Thurs., Dec. 12, 9:00 a.m.**
- Dec. 29 bulletin: **Tues., Dec. 17, 9:00 a.m.**

SEASON OF ADVENT

Advent has a twofold nature: It prepares us for Christmas, when we recall Christ's first coming among us, and it is also a time when we look forward to his second coming at the end of the ages. Advent is a season of joyful expectation. *Ordo 2019-2020, page 73.*

PARISH CALENDARS

Parish calendars for 2020 are available in the parish office. Cost: \$3.00 each or two for \$5.00.

COMMUNITY EVENTS & INTERESTS

ADVENT DAY RETREAT FOR WOMEN

"Our Call to Become What Jesus Is": Sister†Hood invites all women to a day of reflection and preparation for Advent. Talks by Fr. Martin Farrell, OP. Dominican University College, 96 Empress Ave., **Sat., Dec. 7, 2019 9:00 am - 5:00 pm.** Cost: \$40. Free parking. Register by Dec. 6. Info: Karen Bourgon (613-806-0377).

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The OCSB Chamber Choir, the Kanata Choral Society and Immaculate Heart of Mary Choir accompanied by the Ottawa Wind Ensemble and soprano soloist Lynlee Wolstencroft. Immaculate Heart of Mary, 1758 Alta Vista Dr., **Sun., Dec. 8, 2019 3:00 p.m.** Free will offering. Info: 613-791-9115.

PRO-LIFE MASS

The next Mass to pray for the establishment of a Pro-Life Centre in Ottawa will take place on **Sat., Dec. 14, 2019, 10 a.m.** at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish.

PRAYER AND REFLECTION

Lord, give me the simple and humble faith of a child. Help me to see You as You are and to allow Your presence in our world to penetrate my life. Jesus, I trust in you. Come Lord Jesus.