

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



MASSES OF THE WEEK

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

Sunday, December 20

10:30 a.m. † Bernadette McVean by her daughter Kathy.
For the intentions of the Handmaids of the Lord.

Monday, December 21

(Private Mass) † Lori Branscombe by Shirley Gillmore.

Tuesday, December 22

9:00 a.m. † Richard Wells.

Wednesday, December 23

(Private Mass) † Dorothy May Ellacott by her nephew Dave.

Thursday, December 24

9:00 a.m. **NO 9:00 a.m. MASS.**

4:30 p.m. † Karen, Ruby & Gerry Taylor by Elaine Taylor
† Albert and Maryanne Patterson by their children and grandchildren.
† Norma Marzola by her nieces and nephews.

7:00 p.m. † Terry Howe by Epe Roca.

Friday, December 25

Christmas – The Nativity of the Lord

10:30 a.m. † Veronica & Michael Slaney by Donna Slaney.
† John and Anna Patterson by their children and grandchildren.
† Frank & Rosina Marzola by their children and grandchildren.

Saturday, December 26

Feast of St. Stephen

4:30 p.m. In thanksgiving for graces received through the Holy Family and to God's Greater Glory by Michaela.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Nickie Shaw, Patricia McNamara, Norbert Dacquay, Baby Raechal McIntyre, Monique Beaudry, Marcelo Pimentel, Moli Coletti, Zygmunt Wysocki and Melchisedec Candido .

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION

Universal: *For a life of prayer ~ We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.*

READINGS (Year B):

Sunday, December 20

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7.1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
The Kingdom of David shall be made sure forever before the Lord.

Second Reading: Romans 16.25-27

The mystery, so long held secret, is now revealed to all.

Gospel: Luke 1.26-38

You will conceive in your womb and bear a son.

Tuesday, December 22

First Reading: 1 Samuel 1.24-28

Hannah gave thanks for the birth of her son, Samuel.

Gospel: Luke 1.46-56

The Mighty One has done great things for me.

Thursday, December 24

(Christmas – The Nativity of the Lord)

First Reading: Isaiah 62.1-5

The Lord's delight is in Zion.

Second Reading: Acts 13.16-17, 22-25

Paul spoke of Jesus Christ, the descendant of David.

Gospel: Matthew 1.1-25

An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David.

Friday, December 25

(Christmas – The Nativity of the Lord)

First Reading: Isaiah 52.7-10

All the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Second Reading: Hebrews 1.1-6

In these last days God has spoken to us by the Son.

Gospel: John 1.1-18

The Word became flesh and lived among us.

Saturday, December 26

(Feast of the Holy Family)

First Reading: Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14

Those who respect the Lord honour their parents.

Second Reading: Colossians 3.12-21

Family life in the Lord.

Gospel: Luke 2.22-40

The child grew, filled with wisdom.

Christmas & Holy Family Feast Mass Schedule

Thursday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)	4:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)	7:00 p.m.
Friday, December 25 (Christmas Day)	10:30 a.m.
Saturday, December 26 (Holy Family Feast)	4:30 p.m.
Sunday, December 27 (Holy Family Feast)	10:30 a.m.

New Year's & Epiphany of the Lord Mass Schedule

Thursday, December 31 (New Year's Eve)	4:30 p.m.
Friday, January 1 (New Year's Day)	10:30 a.m.
Saturday, January 2 (Epiphany of the Lord)	4:30 p.m.
Sunday, January 3 (Epiphany of the Lord)	10:30 a.m.

¹ **The Saturday 4:30 p.m. Mass and the Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass remain intact.**

² **See next page for Christmas Mass Registration.**

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

Last week, Pope Francis proclaimed a Year of St. Joseph in honor of the 150th anniversary of the saint's proclamation as patron of the universal Church.

The year began on Dec. 8, 2020, and concludes on Dec. 8, 2021, according to a decree authorized by the pope. The decree said that Pope Francis had established a Year of St. Joseph so that "every member of the faithful, following his example, may strengthen their life of faith daily in the complete fulfillment of God's will." To read more: <https://www.ncregister.com/news/pope-francis-proclaims-year-of-st-joseph>

REGISTRATION FOR CHRISTMAS MASS

Registration for our Christmas Masses is mandatory. There are 3 ways to register:

- 1) Complete our on-line registration form on our website, www.sttheresaottawa.com/; or
- 2) Send an e-mail (sttheresa@rogers.com); or
- 3) Call the office (613-235-5119).

MISSALETTES

Monthly Living with Christ Missalettes are available at a cost of \$5. If you would like a copy, please contact the office to make arrangements to pick one up.

PARISH ENVELOPES

will not be available at the back of the church over Christmas, however, they can be picked up at the office, during office hours.

Your regular contributions allow us to continue the important pastoral and temporal projects throughout the year that keep our parish strong and thriving.

We sincerely thank you for your donations.

YOUTH CHOIR

Free Youth Choir Ages 8-15 on Zoom. Fun and Song with Friends twice a month on Saturdays from 1pm-2pm, beginning on January 9, 2021 and January 23, 2021. Info: contact Miriam Westen: westenmiriam@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

My dear People of God:

This year the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus is altogether different, something that we have never experienced before 2020 and we know the reasons why. However, we are fortunate to have the spiritual Christmas celebrations in our churches unlike a few other places. It's a blessing that even in difficult times we rise to exchange greetings and gifts amongst each other making the Christmas event alive and jovial. It is truly the most wonderful season of all because of God becoming one of us and dwelling among us. So our joy brims over with happiness and our light is brighter during the Christmas Season and ensuing festivities.

May God's Abundant Blessings Be Upon Us.

*Your beloved Pastor,
Fr. Vincent Pereira, JCD, JV*

Deacon Guy and the parish staff wish all of you and your families the blessings of peace, joy and good health during this Christmas Season!

The office will be **closed on Monday, December 28th**.

