

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## Sunday, November 29

9:00 a.m. For the parishioners of St. Theresa Parish.  
 10:30 a.m. For Leona Laporte, Eileen Beh and Regina Kenny by Donna Slaney.  
 For Teresa Johnston by Kathy McVean.  
 For the deceased Pastors of St. Theresa Church by Gloria Pereira.

## Monday, November 30

*Feast of St. Andrew*

9:00 a.m. For the deceased members of the D'Abreo family by Gloria Pereira.

## Tuesday, December 1

9:00 a.m. For the repose of the soul of Paul Dole.

## Wednesday, December 2

9:00 a.m. For the souls in purgatory.

## Thursday, December 3

*Feast of St. Francis Xavier*

9:00 a.m. For Ovide, Anita David & Gustave Prévost and Peter Cortopassi by David Prévost.

## Friday, December 4

9:00 a.m. For the souls of my family members by Maria.

## Saturday, December 5

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. For the late John Howard Hunter by the Hunter family.

## Sunday, December 6

*Second Sunday of Advent*

9:00 a.m. For the parishioners of St. Theresa Parish.  
 10:30 a.m. In memory of Denis by the family.  
 For Marie Isabelle Morissette by her family.



## Saturday, December 5

4:30 p.m. Cathy Major

## Sunday, December 6

9:00 a.m. Denise Corbett  
 10:30 a.m. Marie Comisso  
*Commentator: Maria Gillis*



## Saturday, December 5

4:30 p.m. Angela Bowen



## Sunday, December 6

9:00 a.m. Adrian Manlagnit  
 10:30 a.m. Alice Hilchie and Kathy McVean

## HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

**Universal:** That all may experience the memory of God, who never tires of forgiving.

**For Evangelization:** That families, especially those who suffer, may find in the birth of Jesus a sign of certain hope.



## CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Thurs., Dec. 24 <sup>th</sup>	4:30 p.m.	Mass
	6:30 p.m.	Christmas Carols
	7:00 p.m.	Solemn High Mass
Friday, Dec. 25 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 a.m.	Mass
Thurs., Dec. 31 <sup>st</sup>	4:30 p.m.	Mass
Friday, Jan. 1 <sup>st</sup>	9:00 a.m.	Mass
	10:30 a.m.	Solemn High Mass

## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Donations towards our Christmas flowers will be accepted at the back of the church **after each Mass this week-end and next week-end.** Your generosity is very much appreciated.

## SENIORS SOCIAL

Many thanks to all who helped to make our last Seniors Social of 2015 so successful and enjoyable for everyone. The next social will take place in the spring after the hall kitchen renovation project is finished. Please watch the bulletin for details.



### SOCIAL SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6<sup>th</sup>

The Parish Pastoral Council invites you to join us for refreshments and conversation in the church hall **after the 10:30 a.m. Mass next Sunday.**

### MINISTRIES GET TOGETHER

All those who have recently given their names to join a ministry, and all those involved in the ministries, are invited to a get together on **Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>** immediately **following the 10:30 a.m. Mass** in the parish hall.

### 2016 PARISH ENVELOPES

2016 parish envelopes will be available at the back of the Church **next weekend**. If you used envelopes in 2015, the envelopes will be labeled with your name & address; you have been assigned the same number in 2016. Please advise the office of any corrections or changes. We also have a number of unlabeled boxes should you wish to start using envelopes in 2016. To keep the parish records up-to-date, kindly include your name, address and phone number on the first few envelopes.



### PARISH SUPPORT

Sunday Collection November 22: \$ 3,357.  
Kitchen Renovation Fund: \$ 14,540.

*We sincerely thank you for your generosity and continued support.*

### PARISH BASED SENIORS MINISTRY

*Community Resources for Caregivers*, the last in a series of 4 sessions to learn more about the key pillars of a parish seniors ministry, will take place on **Monday, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. - noon** at Holy Cross Parish. The Ottawa Public Health department will present a range of public and private services along with sources of information to help caregivers. For information contact Patricia Marsden-Dole ([pmarsdendole@archottawa.ca](mailto:pmarsdendole@archottawa.ca)); or Fran Hadley ([fran.hadley@gmail.com](mailto:fran.hadley@gmail.com)).

### REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP UPDATE

Many thanks to Natasha, Hannah, Carol and the whole Refugee Sponsorship Committee for their very informative update at all the Masses last weekend. The Committee is kindly asking for your assistance with the following items:

- o If you have space to welcome our family for several weeks or if you have an apartment our family could rent, please contact Carol Michon ([carolmichon@rogers.com](mailto:carolmichon@rogers.com) or 613-565-0824).
- o Gently used household items are needed to furnish an apartment for our refugee family. Please refer to the donation list at the Church entrance to see how you can contribute. Contact Carol Michon for more information.
- o Volunteers are needed to assist task leaders on the committee. If you are interested, please contact Kevin Herman ([kevin.herman81@outlook.com](mailto:kevin.herman81@outlook.com); 613-410-3261).

The Refugee Sponsorship Committee will keep us apprised of developments and the arrival date of our refugee family.

### LAUNCH OF THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

On December 8<sup>th</sup>, Pope Francis will officially proclaim the opening of the "Year of Mercy." All are welcome to attend Mass at Notre Dame Cathedral on **Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m.** to celebrate the beginning of the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

### ALTA VISTA CHRISTMAS CONCERT

At Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish on **Sunday, Dec 6<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 p.m.** Featuring 3 choirs accompanied by Ottawa Wind Ensemble and joined by soloists Dr. Fraser Reubens and Zachary Reubens. Free will offering to Heron Emergency Food Centre. Info: (613-733-9636).

### "THE TIME OF MERCY" CONFERENCE

Hosted by The John Paul II Centre for Divine Mercy at Annunciation of the Lord Parish, **Sat., Dec 12<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Cost: \$20 per person; \$50 per family. Lunch provided by The Queenship of Mary Community. Info: Peggy Doucette (613-325-5447); ([www.jp2centre.com](http://www.jp2centre.com)).

*Whoever surrenders unconditionally to the Lord will be chosen by him as an instrument for building his kingdom.* - Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)