



† This symbol signifies repose of the soul.

Sunday, November 30

First Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. *For the parishioners of St. Theresa Parish*
10:30 a.m. *For the intentions of the Handmaids of the Lord.*
†Rachelle Maurice.
†Thomas Grant, by Ursula Desmarteau.

Tuesday, December 2

9:00 a.m. †Patricia MacNamara.

Wednesday, December 3

St. Francis Xavier

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

Thursday, December 4

9:00 a.m.

Friday, December 5

9:00 a.m. †Henry (Harry) Webb, by grandson David.
†Margaret Vice, as requested by Peter.

Saturday, December 6

4:30 p.m. For the protection of Canada & for the well-being of all its citizens, by a parishioner.
William Blampied, by his wife Helen.
†Sheelagh Munton, by her family.
†Margaret Mary (Pug) Vice and Fr. James Adams, as requested by Brenda & Peter Vice.

Sunday, November 7

Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. *For the parishioners of St. Theresa Parish*
10:30 a.m. *For the intentions of the Handmaids of the Lord.*
†Leo Desmarteau, by Ursula Desmarteau.

Please remember these sick people in your prayers:

Michelle Boyer, Nickie Shaw, Marie-Andrée Boyer, Raechel McIntyre, Zygmunt Wysocki, Lily Harmon, Debby MacAdam, Michael Budge, Robby Felteau, Elaine Taylor, Wanda Staples, Judette & Marie, Marilyn & Jim Donoghue, Aline Lafleur Raymond, Paul O' Leary, Michaela Fong, Julie Robinson.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION

For the prevention of suicide ~ Let us pray that those who are tempted to commit suicide might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
(Year A)**

First Reading: Isaiah 2.1-5
Second Reading: Romans 13.11-14
Gospel: Matthew 24.37-44



Lectors & Commentators

Saturday, December 6

4:30 p.m. Lyn Fong

Sunday, December 7

9:00 a.m. Michelle Corbett
10:30 a.m. Almira Buen

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, December 6

4:30 p.m. ---

Sunday, December 7

9:00 a.m. Cherryl Calleja (C) Michelle Corbett (EM)
10:30 a.m. Sebastian Saber – C & EM

Vocation Prayer:

- That all in the Church will accept their vocation to holiness, we pray to the Lord.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Preparation for the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation will begin in the new year. Registration is necessary.

CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT

We will be starting preparations for the Christmas Eve pageant. If you have children who would be interested in joining the pageant please register now.

Registration for all children's programs is done with Wendy Schieman at 613-230-4552.

BACKPACKS FOR THE HOMELESS

Backpacks are still available for the Backpacks for the Homeless initiative. If you would like to help a homeless person, pick up an empty backpack near the entrance doors and fill it according to the included list. Filled backpacks can be returned to the same place you first picked up the empty backpack.

Please return them by **December 7th (December 14th at the very latest)** to ensure the backpacks get to their destination by Christmas. For more information, please contact Lynn Lavictoire or Deacon Will Read at: lynn.and.will@sympatico.ca or 613-833-1742.

ANNUAL BAKE SALE

Too busy to bake? Don't worry! The second annual St Theresa Bake Sale is happening on Sunday December 14th after all the Sunday Masses. Roger will have his pies ready and there will be large cookies, small cookies, cakes, pies and more. Stock up on your favourites! Cash or E-transfers accepted. Proceeds to Social Outreach Committee projects.

CHESTERTON ACADEMY GALA

The annual Chesterton Gala will be held on Saturday, February 7th, 2026. This year's event will be held at the Sala San Marco Event Centre, located at 215 Preston Street, Ottawa., and is \$150 per person.

Tickets can be purchased online:

<https://chestertonacademyofottawa.ca/event/annual-chesterton-academy-of-ottawa-gala/>

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER VESPERS

The Jesuits in Ottawa is hosting a Vespers in honour of St. Francis Xavier on Wednesday December 3 at Notre Dame Cathedral. Vespers will start at 7pm., followed by a reception in the lower level of the cathedral. There will also be an opportunity to receive a blessing with the relics of St. Francis Xavier, St. Ignatius of Loyola and three of the Canadian Martyrs.

SAINT OF THE DAY:

Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions (November 24th)

Andrew Dung-Lac, a Catholic convert ordained to the priesthood, was one of 117 people martyred in Vietnam between 1820 and 1862. Members of the companions group gave their lives for Christ in the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries, and received beatification during four different occasions between 1900 and 1951. All were canonized during the papacy of Saint John Paul II.

Christianity came to Vietnam through the Portuguese. Jesuits opened the first permanent mission at Da Nang in 1615. They ministered to Japanese Catholics who had been driven from Japan.

Severe persecutions were launched at least three times in the 19th century. During the six decades after 1820, between 100,000 and 300,000 Catholics were killed or subjected to great hardship. Foreign missionaries martyred in the first wave included priests of the Paris Mission Society, and Spanish Dominican priests and tertiaries. In 1832, Emperor Minh-Mang banned all foreign missionaries, and tried to make all Vietnamese deny their faith by trampling on a crucifix. Like the priest-holes in Ireland during English persecution, many hiding places were offered in homes of the faithful.

Persecution broke out again in 1847, when the emperor suspected foreign missionaries and Vietnamese Christians of sympathizing with a rebellion led by one of his sons. The last of the martyrs were 17 laypersons, one of them a 9-year-old, executed in 1862. That year a treaty with France guaranteed religious freedom to Catholics, but it did not stop all persecution.

By 1954, there were over a million Catholics—about seven percent of the population—in the north. Buddhists represented about 60 percent. Persistent persecution forced some 670,000 Catholics to abandon lands, homes and possessions and flee to the south. In 1964, there were still 833,000 Catholics in the north, but many were in prison. In the south, Catholics were enjoying the first decade of religious freedom in centuries, their numbers swelled by refugees.

During the Vietnamese war, Catholics again suffered in the north, and again moved to the south in great numbers. Now reunited, the entire country is under Communist rule.

WINTER CLOTHING

Brrr, it's getting cold outside. If you have any winter clothing to share please bring them to church and they will be distributed to our neighbours in need.

VIGIL FOR AFGHAN WOMEN

On Wednesday, December 10th at 5:30pm a vigil will be held for Afghan women and children at the Human Rights Monument, and at 6:00pm there will be a programme held at St. John the Evangelist Church.

SUNDAY (Liturgical will chage to current date each week)
