



† This symbol signifies repose of the soul.

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.

Tuesday, December 9

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 a.m. †Patricia MacNamara.

Wednesday, December 10

9:00 a.m.

†For the souls in purgatory.

Thursday, December 11

9:00 a.m.

†Dorothy Ellacott, as requested by nephew Dave.

For members of Ora Pro Nobis Fellowship and their Families.

Friday, December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

9:00 a.m.

Saturday, December 13

St. Lucy

4:30 p.m.

For the protection of Canada & for the well-being of all its citizens, by a parishioner.

†Wayne Quan, by Martha Quan & family.

Sunday, December 14

Third 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.*

†Deceased members of the Benson family, by Serafina Sebestyan.

Geri Lynch, by Kathleen Lynch.

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.

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

First Reading: Isaiah 11.1-10

Second Reading: Romans 15.4-9

Gospel: Matthew 3.1-12



Lectors & Commentators

Saturday, December 13

4:30 p.m. Marie Comisso

Sunday, December 14

9:00 a.m. Michelle Corbett

10:30 a.m. Michael Planas

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, December 13

4:30 p.m. Marisa Fusaro - C & EM

Sunday, December 14

9:00 a.m. ---

10:30 a.m. Miguel Planas - Choir

Vocation Prayer:

- For an increase in those called to "fish" for God's people, and for a deeper gratitude for the priests and bishops serving our diocese, we pray to the Lord.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS MASSES

Our holiday Mass schedule will be as follows:

Wednesday, December 24th: 4:30pm (children's liturgy), 7:00pm (Solemn Christmas Mass)

Thursday, December 25th: 10:30am

Wednesday, December 31st: 4:30pm

Thursday, January 1st: 10:30am

ANNUAL BAKE SALE

Don't count calories, count cookies -- don't forget the St Theresa Bake Sale, Sunday December 14 after the Sunday Masses! Cakes, egg rolls, pies, cookies and more.

Proceeds for Social Outreach Committee Projects. Cash or e-transfer available. M-M-M good!

DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

We will be accepting donations for our parish's Christmas flowers, at the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity once again this year!

WINTER CLOTHING

Please consider donating gently used winter clothing to those in need. Leave your donations at the front of the church and they will be delivered to different charity organizations in the city.

CHRISTMAS BASKET

Make sure to get your tickets for the lovely Christmas basket filled with goodies! The proceeds go towards the Knights' "Coats for Kids" fund. Tickets are \$2 for one ticket and \$5 for three tickets.

Travel, faith, and friendship — a journey to treasure forever. 🍀

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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

SAINT OF THE DAY:

**Charles de Foucauld
(December 1st)**

Born into an aristocratic family in Strasbourg, France, Charles de Foucauld was orphaned at the age of 6, raised by his devout grandfather, rejected the Catholic faith as a teenager, and joined the French army. Inheriting a great deal of money from his grandfather, Charles went to Algeria with his regiment, but not without his mistress, Mimi.

When he declined to give her up, he was dismissed from the army. Still in Algeria when he left Mimi, Charles de Foucauld reenlisted in the army. Refused permission to make a scientific exploration of nearby Morocco, he resigned from the service. With the help of a Jewish rabbi, Charles disguised himself as a Jew and in 1883, began a one-year exploration that he recorded in a book that was well received.

Inspired by the Jews and Muslims whom he met, Charles de Foucauld resumed the practice of his Catholic faith when he returned to France in 1886. He joined a Trappist monastery in Ardeche, France, and later transferred to one in Akbes, Syria. Leaving the monastery in 1897, Charles worked as gardener and sacristan for the Poor Clare nuns in Nazareth and later in Jerusalem. In 1901, he returned to France and was ordained a priest. Later that year Charles de Foucauld journeyed to Beni-Abbes, Morocco, intending to found a monastic religious community in North Africa that offered hospitality to Christians, Muslims, Jews, or people with no religion. He lived a peaceful, hidden life but attracted no companions.

A former army comrade invited him to live among the Tuareg people in Algeria. Charles de Foucauld learned their language enough to write a Tuareg-French and French-Tuareg dictionary, and to translate the Gospels into Tuareg. In 1905, he came to Tamanrasset, where he lived the rest of his life. A two-volume collection of Charles' Tuareg poetry was published after his death.

In early 1909, he visited France and established an association of laypeople who pledged to live by the Gospels. His return to Tamanrasset was welcomed by the Tuareg. In 1915, Charles wrote to Louis Massignon: "The love of God, the love for one's neighbor...All religion is found there...How to get to that point? Not in a day since it is perfection itself: it is the goal we must always aim for, which we must unceasingly try to reach and that we will only attain in heaven."

The outbreak of World War I led to attacks on the French in Algeria. Seized in a raid by another tribe, Charles and two French soldiers coming to visit him were shot to death on December 1, 1916. Five religious congregations, associations, and spiritual institutes—Little Brothers of Jesus, Little Sisters of the Sacred Heart, Little Sisters of Jesus, Little Brothers of the Gospel, and Little Sisters of the Gospel—draw inspiration from the peaceful, largely hidden, yet hospitable life that characterized Charles. He was beatified in 2005 and canonized in 2022.