

# † This symbol signifies repose of the soul.

## Sunday, December 21

Fourth 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 Ryan and Potvin

families, by Eleanor Ryan.

## Tuesday, December 23

9:00 a.m.

†Patricia MacNamara.

## Wednesday, December 24

Christmas Eve 4:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m. †Deceased members of the Morrison, Lawless

& Morisette families, by Margot Morisette.

## Thursday, December 25

Christmas – The Nativity of the Lord

10:30 a.m.

†For the souls in purgatory.

# Friday, December 26

9:00 a.m.

# Saturday, December 27

St. John the Evangelist

4:30 p.m.

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

#### Sunday, December 28

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

9:00 a.m.

For the parishioners of St. Theresa Parish

10:30 a.m.

For the intentions of the Handmaids of the

Lord.

# 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.

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year A)

First Reading: Isaiah 7.10-14 Second Reading: Romans 1.1-7 Gospel: Matthew 1.18-24



# Wednesday, December 24

4:30 p.m. Children 7:00 p.m. Darrell Herauf

# Thursday, December 25

10:30 a.m. Peter Landry

# Saturday, December 27

4:30 p.m. Lyn Fong

# Sunday, December 28

9:00 a.m. Paulette Michel 10:30 a.m. Barbara Rawdan

#### **EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

## Wednesday, December 24

4:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m. Darrell Herauf - Choir

# Thursday, December 25

10:30 a.m. Peter Landry – Choir

## Saturday, December 27

4:30 p.m. ---

## Sunday, December 28

9:00 a.m. --

10:30 a.m. Peter Landry - Choir

#### **Vocation Prayer:**

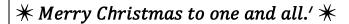
• That mothers and fathers will help their children grow strong in their faith, filled with the wisdom of God, and encourage openness to vocations, we pray to the Lord.

#### FATHER VINCENT'S CHRSITMAS MESSAGE

Despite our world's bleak situation – health anxieties, uncertainty of employments, internet frauds, inimical nations, faith crises and many more – Christmas is here. We, Catholic Christians will celebrate it with full of Joy because the Christmas is our Redeemer, Jesus Christ's birthday and have full of Hope to meet Him.

It is our innate nature to share our Christian Joy and Hope with everybody in whatever way we can express, especially people with sadness and sorrow. I am immensely joyful for my immediate family and you the friends of St. Theresa of Little Flower.

Of course, after Christmas, Year 2026 is dawning and we are looking forward to New Year with New Things. I hope the New Year will be better than the last year.



Fr. Vincent

#### CHRISTMAS MASS REMINDER

Please keep in mind that there will be NO 9:00 a.m. Mass on Wednesday, December 24th.

There will only be the 4:30pm children's Mass and 7:00pm Solemn High Mass.

Similarly, there is NO 9:00 a.m. Mass on the 25<sup>th</sup>, as Mass that morning will be at 10:30 instead. Thank you!

### **NEW YEARS MASSES**

Wednesday, December 31st: 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 1st: 10:30 a.m.

## WINTER CLOTHING

Please continue to donate your gently used winter clothing to those in need.

Many organizations are in need of coats, hats, mitts, boots, sweaters, scarves etc. for the homeless, new refugees and the less fortunate. Share the heat.

#### **ENVELOPES**

We will have 2026 envelopes at the back of the church to be collected. Please note that your number may have changed from last year!

#### SAINT OF THE DAY:

#### **Mary Francis Schervier**

(December 15<sup>th</sup>)

Mary Francis Schervier This woman who once wanted to become a Trappistine nun was instead led by God to establish a community of sisters who care for the sick and aged in the United States and throughout the world.

Born into a distinguished family in Aachen—then ruled by Prussia, but formerly Aix-la-Chapelle, France—Frances ran the household after her mother's death, and established a reputation for generosity to the poor. In 1844, she became a Secular Franciscan. The next year she and four companions established a religious community devoted to caring for the poor. In 1851, the Sisters of the Poor of St. Francis were approved by the local bishop; the community soon spread. The first U.S. foundation was made in 1858.

Mary Frances Schervier visited the United States in 1863 and helped her sisters nurse soldiers wounded in the Civil War. She visited the United States again in 1868. She encouraged Philip Hoever as he was establishing the Brothers of the Poor of St. Francis.

When Mary Frances Schervier died, there were 2,500 members of her community worldwide. They are still engaged in operating hospitals and homes for the aged. Mother Mary Frances was beatified in 1974.

#### **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

We are still welcoming monetary donations for our parish's Christmas flowers, at the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity!

#### ANNUAL BAKE SALE

Thank you to the many parishioners who supported the Christmas Bake Sale.

A special thank you to special friends of the Social Outreach Committee, Erin, Linda, Margaret, and Serafina whose goodies help us raise money for outreach projects in the new year. The funds raised through the bake sale and the basket raffle will be announced next week.