

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## MASSES OF THE WEEK

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

### Sunday, November 29

10:30 a.m. † Leona Laporte, Eileen Beh and Regina Kenny by Donna Slaney.  
For the intentions of Richard Lafleur by Irene and Allen Roberts.  
For the intentions of Richard Robinson by Irene and Allen Roberts.  
† Maria Zelda Miramon San Jose by Molly Miramon.

### Monday, November 30

*Feast of St. Andrew*  
(Private Mass) For the intentions of Medina Tapp by Epe Roca.

### Tuesday, December 1

9:00 a.m. † Maurice Chevalier by his daughter Marthe.

### Wednesday, December 2

(Private Mass) † Souls in Purgatory.

### Thursday, December 3

*Feast of St. Francis Xavier*  
9:00 a.m. For the intentions of Jackie Dumais and her family by the Julian family.

### Friday, December 4

(Private Mass) † For the intentions of Epe Roca.

### Saturday, December 5

4:30 p.m. † William Blampied by his wife Helen.  
† Margaret Mary (Pug) Vice by Peter & Brenda.

## PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Steve Samsom, 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, November 29

**First Reading:** Isaiah 63.16b-17; 64.1, 3-8  
*O that you would tear open the heavens and come down.*  
**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1.3-9  
*We wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ.*  
**Gospel:** Mark 13.33-37  
*Keep alert, for you do not know when the master of the house will come.*

### Tuesday, December 1

**First Reading:** Isaiah 11.1-10  
*The Spirit of the Lord will come and rest on him.*  
**Gospel:** Luke 10.21-24  
*Jesus exults in the Holy Spirit.*

### Thursday, December 3

**First Reading:** Isaiah 26.1-6  
*The righteous nation that keeps faith may enter in.*  
**Gospel:** Matthew 7.21, 24-27  
*Everyone who fulfills the will of the Father will enter the kingdom of heaven.*

### Saturday, December 5

(Second Sunday of Advent)  
**First Reading:** Isaiah 40.1-5, 9-11  
*Prepare the way of the Lord.*  
**Second Reading:** 2 Peter 3.8-14  
*We wait for new heavens and a new earth.*  
**Gospel:** Mark 1.1-8  
*Make straight the paths of the Lord.*



## Christmas & Holy Family Feast Mass Schedule

Thursday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)	4:30 p.m.
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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.

## Notes:

- <sup>1</sup> This schedule is dependent on having sufficient number of volunteers and participants for each Mass.
- <sup>2</sup> The Saturday 4:30 p.m. Mass and the Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass remain intact.
- <sup>3</sup> See next page for Christmas Mass Registration.



St. Theresa Parish welcomes Tyler Michael Duford baptized into our Christian community this Sunday.

### 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/](http://www.sttheresaottawa.com/); or
- 2) Send an e-mail ([sttheresa@rogers.com](mailto:sttheresa@rogers.com)); or
- 3) Call the office (613-235-5119).

You must provide the names and telephone numbers of all the people you are registering and whether they are parishioners, family members or visitors.

### VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for the Christmas Masses. To volunteer, please contact Ron Sorobey (613-238-7495; [rsorobey@rogers.com](mailto:rsorobey@rogers.com)).

### CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Donations towards the Christmas flower fund should be placed in an envelope marked "Christmas Flowers" and put in the collection basket. For income tax purposes, mark your name, address & envelope # on the envelope.

### THANK YOU FOR THE TOURTIÈRES

The tourtières are all sold out!! There are no more available this year. Many thanks to Roger Richard, the Knights of Columbus and everyone who supported this initiative. Just under \$800 was raised for the parish!

### 2021 PARISH ENVELOPES

2021 parish envelopes will be available at the back of the Church in a couple of weeks.

*"Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving others with God's own love and concern."*

St. Teresa of Calcutta

### FLOURISHING CONGREGATIONS SURVEY RESULTS: 17

This week we review the category **Outward: Evangelism** which considers the question: "How important do those in your parish believe evangelism is, do they evangelize (& in what form), & what do they see as the effective pathways or the barriers to evangelism?"

**"How frequently do you share your faith with others?":**

- 19.6% Daily;
- 28.0% Weekly;
- 28.0% Monthly;
- 9.3% Annually;
- 15.0% Never.

**"How frequently do you show your faith to others through your actions?":**

- 47.6% Daily;
- 37.1% Weekly;
- 14.3% Monthly;
- 0.0% Annually;
- 1.0% Never.

**"How frequently do you invite people who you do not believe are Christian to your parish":**

- 2.8% Daily;
- 3.8% Weekly;
- 8.5% Monthly;
- 20.8% Annually;
- 64.2% Never.

**Respondents were asked to identify the three most effective strategies for evangelism used in their parish. The six most cited responses are provided. The following percentages capture people who included those responses within their "top three."**

- 39.7% Alpha;
- 18.1% Children's Liturgy;
- 15.1% Special Occasions;
- 10.1% Men's ministries;
- 9.5% Not aware of any effective strategies in use;
- 7.5% Small groups.

**Respondents were asked to identify the three biggest challenges in evangelism for you personally. The six most cited responses are provided. The following percentages capture people who included those responses within their "top three."**

- 27.6% Increasing antagonism / resistance to Catholic values and the Catholic Church;
- 20.1% Lack of confidence;
- 15.5% Lack of training;
- 14.4% Few non-believers as friends;
- 12.1% Too busy;
- 10.3% Apathy.

Previous weeks' Survey Results can be found on our parish website: [www.sttheresaottawa.com](http://www.sttheresaottawa.com) under Bulletins.