



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

Sunday, December 24

Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:30 a.m. For the parishioners of St. Theresa Parish.
For the intentions of the Handmaids of the Lord.
4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass - Children's Mass.
7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass - Solemn High Mass
(with carols).

Monday, December 25

Christmas, the Nativity of the Lord

10:30 a.m. Michael and Veronica Slaney by Donna Slaney.

Tuesday, December 26

Feast of Saint Stephen

9:00 a.m. †Helene Talbot by Diane Elyea.

Wednesday, December 27

Feast of Saint John

9:00 a.m. † For the living and deceased members of the Chevalier family.

Thursday, December 28

Feast of the Holy Innocents

9:00 a.m. † Venanzio Marinelli by the Marinelli family.

Friday, December 29

Fifth Day Within the Octave of the Nativity

9:00 a.m. For Father Vincent's intentions.

Saturday, December 30

Sixth Day Within the Octave of the Nativity

4:30 p.m. † For the souls in purgatory.

Sunday, December 31

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

10:30 a.m. -----
4:30 p.m. -----

Please remember the sick in your prayers:

Michelle Boyer, Baby Ivy Murray, Nickie Shaw, Marie-Andrée Boyer, Patricia McNamara, Raechael McIntyre, Moli Coletti, Zygmunt Wysocki, Linda MacNay, Theresa Tam-Sue, Alice Hilchie.

Fourth Sunday of Advent -- December 24, 2023

For men called by the Lord to be priests, and for all called to become consecrated religious, that the peace of Christ will guide their hearts and minds as they proclaim the good news of salvation to His people, we pray to the Lord.

Christmas -- December 25, 2023

That, as Joseph and Mary welcomed the gift of the Child Jesus, all mothers and fathers will prayerfully nurture their children's vocations in Christ, we pray to the Lord.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION

For persons with disabilities ~ We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
(Year B)**

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7.1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
Second Reading: Romans 16.25-27
Gospel: Luke 1.26-38



Lectors & Commentators

Saturday, December 30

4:30 p.m. Lyn Fong

Sunday, December 31

10:30 a.m. Children
4:30 p.m. Darrell Herauf

Monday, January 1

10:30 a.m. Edward Salazar

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sunday, December 31

10:30 a.m. Miguel Planas

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

December 24, Sunday only one Mass at 10:30 am.

December 24, Christmas Eve: two Masses at 4:30 pm children and & 7:00 pm solemn high Mass.

December 25, Christmas Day: one Mass at 10:30 am.

December 31, Sunday only one Mass at 10:30 am.

December 31, New Year Eve: only one Mass at 4:30 pm.

January 1, New Year Day: only one Mass at 10:30 am.

TIPTAP DONATIONS

Commencing January 1st 2024, St Theresa will have available a "Tap-to-Donate" capability at the church.

You will see a stand available in the church where parishioners and visitors can "tap" to donate using a credit or interact card. The system is provided through the Tiptap company that supports charitable organizations through providing simple tap-and-donate devices to gather contributions' Theresa will have one stand available with two donation "buttons", one for \$10 and another for \$20. Please contact Acton Kilby for details.

PARISH WEBSITE UPDATE

The parish website has a new look. Please take the time to explore the website and let our office know how we might improve it. Technical or aesthetic advice is appreciated. We thank you for your support in this.

~ Parish Secretary

Website: <https://www.sttheresaottawa.com/>

MESSAGE FROM FATHER VINCENT

Dear faithful parishioners,
we are here at the feast of Christmas, the most wonderful season of the year. God the Father, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, Mary and Joseph; the shepherds, and of course, Santa Clause the legendary gift giver are here with us. Jesus, who was born in Bethlehem, which means "house of bread", has become the bread of life for us. Jesus is born for us, and lives within our neighborhood. Let us be generous to one another in greeting profusely as people of good will. Thank you for your prayers, greetings and gifts. Merry Christmas!

~Fr. Vincent P.

CCO – RISE UP

CCO's Rise Up Conference is one of Canada's largest gatherings of young adults. Join us for 5 days of fun, worship, dynamic talks, and practical workshops. Rise Up is a conference for young adults hosted by Catholic Christian Outreach, a Canadian university student movement. But Rise Up is more than a conference; it exists to inspire and build leaders for the renewal of the world.

December 28

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INDIGENOUS VOICES

Increase your understanding of Indigenous history and culture through Canadian Martyrs Church's Listening to Indigenous Voices Zoom study group. Now in its third season, this study group uses the Jesuit Forum guidebook "Listening to Indigenous Voices – A Dialogue Guide on Justice and Right Relationships", compiled by many authors, most of whom are Indigenous, to deepen our understanding of our settler relationship with Indigenous peoples and to explore Indigenous cultures and histories. The study group will meet on Zoom every second Wednesday from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. starting on October 4 and ending on February 28. (No session on December 27). The guidebook can be purchased online from Novalis.ca or the JesuitForum.ca.

The parish also has limited copies for purchase at the parish office for \$25. The facilitators from Canadian Martyrs parish are settlers engaging in efforts for truth and reconciliation. To register, please email maureen.cerroni@gmail.com.

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS

"Behold, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."

~Saint Stephen, the First Martyr

While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed

"Lord Jesus, receive my spirit... Lord, do not hold this sin against them."

When he had said this, he died.

Acts of the Apostles 7:59-60