

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Sunday, December 20

9:00 a.m. For the parishioners of St. Theresa Parish.
 10:30 a.m. For Bernadette and Howard McVean by Kathy McVean.
 For Paul Dole by the Seniors Lunch Workers.

Monday, December 21

9:00 a.m. For Nafisa & Hibtullal Khomusi by Lena Petek.

Tuesday, December 22

9:00 a.m. For Sadie Fawcett by her son.

Wednesday, December 23

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

Thursday, December 24

9:00 a.m. -----
 4:30 p.m. For Hattie Veltri on the 1 year anniversary of her death by daughter Karen and husband Paul.
 6:30 p.m. Christmas Carols.
 7:00 p.m. For Michael and Veronica Slaney by Donna Slaney.
 For God's mercy and blessings upon our families by Maureen.

Friday, December 25

Christmas – The Nativity of the Lord
 10:00 a.m. -----

Saturday, December 26

Feast of St. Stephen
 9:00 a.m. -----
 4:30 p.m. -----

Sunday, December 27

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
 9:00 a.m. For the parishioners of St. Theresa Parish.
 10:30 a.m. -----



Thursday, December 24

4:30 p.m. Alice Hilchie
Commentator: Angela Bowen
 7:00 p.m. Eleanor Ryan
Commentator: Maria Gillis

Friday, December 25

10:00 a.m. Denise Corbett



Saturday, December 26

4:30 p.m. Cathy Major

Sunday, December 27

9:00 a.m. Angela Bowen
 10:30 a.m. Paulette Scheme
Commentator: Angela Bowen



Thursday, December 24

4:30 p.m. Sheila McGlynn
 7:00 p.m. Cathy Major

Friday, December 25

10:00 a.m. TBD

Saturday, December 26

4:30 p.m. Sheila McGlynn

Sunday, December 27

9:00 a.m. Michelle Corbett
 10:30 a.m. Alice Hilchie and Kathy McVean

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

Universal: That all may experience the memory of God, who never tires of forgiving.

For Evangelization: That families, especially those who suffer, may find in the birth of Jesus a sign of certain hope.



CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Wed., Dec. 24th	4:30 p.m.	Mass
	6:30 p.m.	Christmas Carols
	7:00 p.m.	Solemn High Mass
Thurs., Dec. 25th	10:00 a.m.	Mass
Wed., Dec. 31st	4:30 p.m.	Mass
Thurs., Jan. 1st	9:00 a.m.	Mass
	10:30 a.m.	Solemn High Mass

PARISH CALENDARS

Parish calendars for 2016 are available in the parish office. Cost: \$3.00 each or two for \$5.00.

2016 PARISH ENVELOPES

2016 parish envelopes are available at the back of the Church this weekend. Please indicate your donation amount on each envelope for income tax purposes.

REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP UPDATE

As Fr. Vincent mentioned last weekend, the refugee family's second child was born on December 9th, his name is John. They will now bring his birth certificate to the Canadian consulate to be processed and have their final medicals done.

Given that our family will be arriving soon, promised household items should be dropped off to the Church as soon as possible. Drop offs can be left behind the stage in the Church Hall as follows:

- o Saturday: either before or after the 4:30 p.m. Mass;
- o Sunday: either before or after the 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses;
- o By appointment (613-235-5119) after Christmas: Monday – Thursday from 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

If you need your item(s) picked up, please contact Carol Michon at carolmichon@rogers.com or at 613-565-0824.

TRAINING FOR LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Training for new Lectors will take place at **3:00 p.m.** on **Saturday, January 9th**, and training for new Eucharistic Ministers will take place at **3:00 p.m.** on **Saturday, January 16th**. Please meet in the parish hall. (Those who are currently involved in these ministries are also welcome to attend.) Lectors & Eucharistic ministers will be installed during the Masses on those weekends.



PARISH SUPPORT

Sunday Collection December 13: \$ 3,377.

Kitchen Renovation Fund: \$ 29,850.

We sincerely thank you for your continued support.

FR. VINCENT'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

My dear parishioners, the People of God,

Soon it will be Christmas in this year of Grace and Mercy. Mercy is "the bridge that connects God and humanity, opening our hearts to the hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness." Pope Francis wrote this in his document instituting the Year of Mercy (*Misericordiae Vultus*, The Face of Mercy), which began on the Feast of Mary's Immaculate Conception. Let us each of us take some time to do something good as a Christmas Gift – whatever suits you provided it is good in the name of Christ.

A Very Merry Christmas and a Healthy New Year!

CHRISTMAS CONCERT & RECEPTION

A Choral Celebration presented by the choirs of Notre Dame Cathedral on **Sunday, December 20th, 2:30 p.m.** Archbishop Prendergast will be present at the Reception in the Cathedral Hall following the Concert. Everyone is welcome. Info: (613-241-7496).

ANNUAL HOMELANDS MASS

The annual Homelands Mass at Notre Dame Cathedral will take place on **Sunday, January 24th at 2:30 p.m.**

WORKSHOP ON EUTHANASIA & ASSISTED SUICIDE

Euthanasia is about to be legalized in Canada. What can you do? The Catholic Organization for Life and Family (COLF) and the Ottawa Archdiocese will host a workshop for anyone seeking info and especially those who would like to host this workshop at their parish, **Wednesday, January 27th, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.** at the Diocesan Centre, 1247 Kilborn Place. Meet pro-life physician, Dr. Rene Leiva and see how this workshop can be offered at your parish. Info: Peter Murphy, COLF (613-241-9461, ext. 162).

This Christmas season we remember those who are ill, away, alone, in the military service and overseas.

The office will be **closed on Monday, December 28th**.