



† This symbol signifies repose of the soul.

Sunday, December 15

Third Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. For the parishioners of St. Theresa Parish.
10:30 a.m. †Deceased members of the Benson family, by Serafina Sebastyan.
For Saint Lucia, on her national day of celebration, by the Saint Lucian Community.
†Geri Lynch on his birthday, and the deceased members of the Lynch family, by Kathleen Lynch.
For the intentions of the Handmaids of the Lord.

Tuesday, December 17

9:00 a.m. For Margaret Kilby and the rosary makers.

Wednesday, December 18

9:00 a.m. †For the souls in Purgatory.

Thursday, December 19

9:00 a.m. -

Friday, December 20

9:00 a.m. †Margaret Vice as requested by Peter.

Saturday, December 21

4:30 p.m. -

Sunday, December 22

Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. For the parishioners of St. Theresa Parish.
10:30 a.m. Thanksgiving to St. Therèse of the Holy Faith, the Sacred Heart, and Divine Mercy; for guidance, inspiration, and miracles: for Judette and her mother Marie, by Cy, Elza & Leo.
For all the victims of the wars, by Jeanette of Nazareth.
For Novenario & Lucy Cahoy, and for Mel Cadiz, by Marissa Bagabuyo.
For the intentions of the Handmaids of the Lord.

Please remember the sick in your prayers:

Michelle Boyer, Baby Ivy Murray, Nickie Shaw, Marie-Andrée Boyer, Patricia McNamara, Rachel McIntyre, Zygmunt Wysocki, Linda MacNay, Theresa Tam-Sue, Alice Hilchie, Lily Harmon, Debby MacAdam, Michael Budge, Robby Felteau, Lise Campbell, Elaine Taylor, Richard Lafleur, Wanda Staples.

- **Vocation Prayer:** That all in the Church will accept their vocation to holiness, we pray to the Lord.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION

For pilgrims of hope ~ Let us pray that this Jubilee strengthen us in our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

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

First Reading: Zephaniah 3.14-18a
Second Reading: Philippians 4.4-7
Gospel: Luke 3.10-18



Lectors & Commentators

Saturday, December 21

4:30 p.m. Marie Comisso

Sunday, December 22

9:00 a.m. Michelle Corbett
10:30 a.m. Eleanor Ryan

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, December 21

4:30 p.m. Cathy Major

Sunday, December 22

9:00 a.m. Darrell Herauf
10:30 a.m. -

2025 ENVELOPES FOR PICKUP

Please collect your envelope box for the year 2025. They are at the entrance of the parish. **Do not take an envelope box if you do not see your name attached to it.**

If you would like an envelope box but do not see your name, please inform the parish secretary. If you no longer wish to use envelopes for 2025, please let the secretary know.

Secretary: #613-235-5119

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 24

4:30p.m. ~ Children's Mass
7:00p.m. ~ Solemn High Mass

Wednesday, December 25

10:30a.m.

Saturday, December 28

4:30p.m.

Sunday, December 29

9:00a.m.
10:30a.m.

Tuesday, December 31

4:30p.m. ~ New Years Eve Mass

Wednesday, January 1

10 :30p.m. ~ New Years Day Mass

CCSAC WALKATHON RECEIPTS

For those who requested receipts for their donation to the CCSAC Walkathon, the receipts are available at the main entrance to the church.

ONLINE MARRIAGE PREPARATION-MARRIAGES FOR MARY

The Marriage Preparation course that we offer will prepare you for the Sacrament of Matrimony. A certificate of completion is given at the end of the course.

January 25, 2025

Phone: (709) 697-2788 or (613) 408-0383

Email: marriagesformary@gmail.com

KNOW THE SAINTS - SAINT JUAN DIEGO DECEMBER 9

Thousands of people gathered in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe July 31, 2002, for the canonization of Juan Diego, to whom the Blessed Mother appeared in the 16th century. Pope John Paul II celebrated the ceremony at which the poor Indian peasant became the Church's first saint indigenous to the Americas. The Holy Father called the new saint "a simple, humble Indian" who accepted Christianity without giving up his identity as an Indian. "In praising the Indian Juan Diego, I want to express to all of you the closeness of the Church and the pope, embracing you with love and encouraging you to overcome with hope the difficult times you are going through," John Paul said. Among the thousands present for the event were members of Mexico's 64 indigenous groups.

First called *Cuauhtlatohuac* ("The eagle who speaks"), Juan Diego's name is forever linked with Our Lady of Guadalupe because it was to him that she first appeared at Tepeyac hill on December 9, 1531. The most famous part of his story is told in connection with the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12. After the roses gathered in his tilma were transformed into the miraculous image of Our Lady, however, little more is said about Juan Diego.

In time he lived near the shrine constructed at Tepeyac, revered as a holy, unselfish, and compassionate catechist, who taught by word and especially by example.

During his 1990 pastoral visit to Mexico, Pope John Paul II confirmed the long-standing liturgical cult in honor of Juan Diego, beatifying him. Twelve years later the same pope proclaimed him a saint.

HELP WANTED

Mitcho Vanessa Nuimbing and her husband from Cameroon are coming to Ottawa in March/April 2025. They are looking for affordable housing/apartment.

If you have or know someone who can assist them in this matter, please contact them directly using their email.

mitchovannie@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

Mark the calendar. There will be a Christmas Bake Sale after the Sunday Masses on Sunday December 15 in the church hall. Proceeds will go to support a Christmas Dinner program for a few Catholic elementary schools in Ottawa. Roger's pies will be available at the bake sale. *Too Busy to bake?* Let us help with your Christmas goodies. Think big, think smart, bring along a container or two to fill at our Christmas Bake Sale. Proceeds go to church and/or community projects.

Contact Wendy Schieman (#613 230 4552) for details.

MESSAGE FROM KofC

On the weekend of December 14-15, the Knight of Columbus, St Theresa the Little Flower, Council 16005 will organize a Recruitment Drive to get some new potential members to become brother Knights.

Social with Santa - 15 December following 1030 am Mass

Following Mass we will provide food for attendees and there will be a concurrent Bake Sale organized by the Social Committee. Santa will arrive and pass some gifts to the Children.