



MASSES OF THE WEEK

† This symbol signifies repose of the soul.

Sunday, January 26

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. For the parishioners of St. Theresa Parish
Birthday wishes for Judette, for the gift of the Holy Spirit, Godly restoration, Grace, Hope, & Unity, by her mother Marie, Cy, Elza, & Jude.

10:30 a.m. For the intentions of the Handmaids of the Lord.

- †Beniamino Battistella, by his family.
- †Helen Noah, by her cousin Geraldine.
- †Chris Mooney, by Dave & Lynn Webb.
- †For the souls in purgatory.
- Howard and Bernadette McVean, by Kathy.

Tuesday, January 28

Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas

9:00 a.m. †Chris Mooney, by Dave & Lynn Webb.

Wednesday, January 29

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

Thursday, January 30

9:00 a.m. For protection, discernment, guidance, & for St. Michael to guard over Judette Elliston & all attendants of Erzulie Club, by her mother & Cy.

Friday, January 31

Memorial of St. John Bosco

9:00 a.m. †In memory of Robert Soulard.

Saturday, February 1

4:30 p.m. Special thanksgiving to Jesus, Mary & Joseph, to fulfill my call & mission, & for my special intentions, by Michaela.
†In memory of Robert Soulard.

Sunday, February 2

The Presentation of the Lord

9:00 a.m. For the parishioners of St. Theresa Parish

10:30 a.m. For the intentions of the Handmaids of the Lord.

- †Leo Desmarreau, by the family.
- †Sean Fitzgerald, by Emer & Barry Cronin.
- †Bill O'Brien, by Emer & Barry Cronin.

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:

- For an increase in those called to “fish” for God’s people, and for a deeper gratitude for the priests and bishops serving our diocese, we pray to the Lord.

HOLY FATHER’S PRAYER INTENTION

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life ~ Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ’s mission in the priesthood and religious life.

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(Year B)**

First Reading: Nehemiah 8.2-4a, 5-6, 8-10++

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12.12-30

Gospel: Luke 1.1-4; 4.14-21



Lectors & Commentators

Saturday, February 1

4:30 p.m. Lyn Fong

Sunday, February 2

9:00 a.m. Darrell Herauf

10:30 a.m. Sebastien Saber

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, February 1

4:30 p.m. -

Sunday, February 2

9:00 a.m. Michelle Corbett

10:30 a.m. Miguel Planas, Sebastien Saber - Choir

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.

KNOW YOUR SAINTS

André Bessette Saint Day January 6

Brother André expressed a saint's faith by a lifelong devotion to Saint Joseph. Sickness and weakness dogged André from birth. He was the eighth of 12 children born to a French-Canadian couple near Montreal. Adopted at 12, when both parents had died, he became a farmhand. Various trades followed: shoemaker, baker, blacksmith—all failures. He was a factory worker in the United States during the boom times of the Civil War. At 25, André applied for entrance into the Congregation of Holy Cross. After a year's novitiate, he was not admitted because of his weak health. But with an extension and the urging of Bishop Bourget, he was finally received. He was given the humble job of doorkeeper at Notre Dame College in Montreal, with additional duties as sacristan, laundry worker and messenger. "When I joined this community, the superiors showed me the door, and I remained 40 years," he said. In his little room near the door, he spent much of the night on his knees. On his windowsill, facing Mount Royal, was a small statue of Saint Joseph, to whom he had been devoted since childhood. When asked about it he said, "Some day, Saint Joseph is going to be honored in a very special way on Mount Royal!" When he heard someone was ill, he visited to bring cheer and to pray with the sick person. He would rub the sick person lightly with oil taken from a lamp burning in the college chapel. Word of healing powers began to spread. When an epidemic broke out at a nearby college, André volunteered to nurse. Not one person died. The trickle of sick people to his door became a flood. His superiors were uneasy; diocesan authorities were suspicious; doctors called him a quack. "I do not cure," he said again and again. "Saint Joseph cures." In the end he needed four secretaries to handle the 80,000 letters he received each year. For many years the Holy Cross authorities had tried to buy land on Mount Royal. Brother André and others climbed the steep hill and planted medals of Saint Joseph. Suddenly, the owners yielded. André collected \$200 to build a small chapel and began receiving visitors there—smiling through long hours of listening, applying Saint Joseph's oil. Some were cured, some not. The pile of crutches, canes and braces grew. The chapel also grew. By 1931, there were gleaming walls, but money ran out. "Put a statue of Saint Joseph in the middle. If he wants a roof over his head, he'll get it." The magnificent Oratory on Mount Royal took 50 years to build. The sickly boy who could not hold a job died at 92. He is buried at the Oratory. He was beatified in 1982 and canonized in 2010. At his canonization in October 2010, Pope Benedict XVI said that Saint Andre "lived the beatitude of the pure of heart." Brother André's oil and medals were authentic sacramentals of a simple, total faith in the Father who lets his saints help him bless his children.

MARDI GRAS

Don't forget to celebrate with friends, get your Mardi Gras tickets early. Some of the church's great bakers are busy getting their dessert recipes in order, YUM! Tickets may be purchased after each mass. If you don't always carry cash with you then consider ordering the tickets through Roger Richard. Sending Roger an e-transfer will guarantee your tickets for March 1. Contact Roger at roger-richard@rogers.com. Parking for Mardi Gras is free for the evening in the parish parking lot.

WARM CLOTHING WANTED

Did you get a new wardrobe for Christmas and now you are not sure what to do with your old clothes? Gently used clothing can be brought to church and the Social Outreach Committee will deliver them to The Shepherds of Good Hope, The Ottawa Mission, Matthew's Refuge Homes and women's shelters. Warm clothing is desperately needed in Ottawa. Please help if you can.

QUO VADIS

Is the Lord calling you to serve him as a priest? Join other men discerning the priesthood for monthly formation, fellowship, and Eucharistic Adoration. Each night will be held at the new Café des Tours, located in the basement of Notre Dame Cathedral in Ottawa.

To join the Quo Vadis email list or for more information, contact Fr. Connor O'Hara, the Vocations Director for the diocese, at vocations@ottawacornwall.ca / 613-738-5025

25 JUBILEE FACTS

1. Biblical and Historical Origins of Jubilee Years
The Jubilee Year has its origins in the Old Testament (*see* Leviticus 25), where every fiftieth year was a time of forgiveness and renewal for the Israelites. The Catholic Church adapted this tradition, with Pope Boniface VIII instituting the first Christian Jubilee in 1300. Originally celebrated every hundred years, the frequency was later adjusted to every twenty-five years.

144TH OTTAWA MEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND

The Ottawa Cursillo movement will be having our upcoming men's weekend at Centre de L'Amour in Plantagenet. The weekend cost is \$280 and includes accommodations, 3 meals a day, daily mass and prayer time, and inspiring talks and group discussion. The Cursillo Movement is a powerful instrument of renewal in the Catholic Church and is meant for anybody. This weekend could be for you. **Jan 30 2025 - Feb 02 2025 7:00 pm - 5:00 pm Centre de l'Amour 220 Rte 21**

THE SACRED UNIVERSE: ECOTHEOLOGY AND CREATION SPIRITUALITY

Please join us for a *Lunch and Learn* talk with Prof. Heather Eaton from St. Paul's University, School of Leadership, Ecology and Equity. The *Lunch and Learn* will take place at St. Basil's parish in the church hall. [+16137295149](tel:+16137295149) / Sunday 2nd February 2025 11:30am ~ St. Basil's Church, Parish Hall.