



MASSSES OF THE WEEK

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

**Sunday, December 10**

*Second Sunday of Advent*

9:00 a.m. For the parishioners of St. Theresa Parish.  
10:30 a.m. †Leo Desmarteau.  
For the intentions of the Handmaids of the Lord.

**Tuesday, December 12**

*Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe*

9:00 a.m. Intentions of Concetta Marinelli by the Marinelli family.

**Wednesday, December 13**

*Feast of Saint Lucy*

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

**Thursday, December 14**

*Feast of Saint John of the Cross*

9:00 a.m. † George Szilvasi by the Marinelli family.

**Friday, December 15**

9:00 a.m. † For the living & deceased members of the Chevalier family by Marthe Chevalier.

**Saturday, December 16**

4:30 p.m. †For the departed souls of the Kamana, Partin, and Munganyinka families by Alice Kamana.  
†Dr Pierre & Mrs. Antoinette Prud'Homme by their children.  
†Gerri Lynch by the family.

**Sunday, December 17**

*Third Sunday of Advent*

9:00 a.m. For the parishioners of St. Theresa Parish.  
10:30 a.m. †Deceased members of Benson Family by Serafina Sebastyan.  
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, Raechael McIntyre, Moli Coletti, Zygmunt Wysocki, Linda MacNay, Theresa Tam-Sue, Alice Hilchie.

***The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary***  
—December 8, 2023

That men and women will accept how God is calling them to serve as Mary responded to the angel Gabriel, we pray to the Lord.

***Second Sunday of Advent***

-- December 10, 2023

That those chosen by Christ to "prepare the way of the Lord" as priests or religious brothers or sisters will answer His call, 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.*

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

**First Reading:** Isaiah 40.1-5, 9-11  
**Responsorial Psalm:** 2 Peter 3.8-14  
**Gospel:** Mark 1.1-8



Lectors & Commentators

**Saturday, December 16**

4:30 p.m. Lyn Fong

**Sunday, December 17**

9:00 a.m. Paulette Michel  
10:30 a.m. Paul O 'Leary

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**Sunday, December 17**

10:30 a.m. -----

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**613 235 5119**

**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.

### CHRISTMAS FLOWER SUPPORT

It has been our custom at Saint Theresa parish for many years that parishioners contribute to Christmas flowers. Soon our volunteers will be at the back of the parish to collect for this purpose. On December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, it begins. Thank you.

### FOODBANK FUNDRAISER – RECEIPTS

This notice is to inform parishioners that their receipts for the October 2 fundraiser for the local food bank are available at the back of the church following all Sunday Masses Sunday, Dec 3.

### ROSARY MAKERS

You can learn how to make one for yourself and for others. Everyone is welcome to come out to our Parish's Rosary Making group on **December 12<sup>th</sup>**. It's easy to learn and rewarding to contribute to the ministry! We meet from **9:30am to noon in the basement board room**. Come, try it out! 😊

### 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. These systems will be available in the church and the device will provide instructions so that people who donate and want a receipt can register themselves and it will enable the Parish to track donations and provide receipts to individuals. The same devices are in use at parishes in Ottawa, and the Diocese of Toronto is using them at several parishes throughout Toronto. All user's express satisfaction with the service and the benefits it has provided to collections for their church. Additional information will be available in the coming weeks as we plan to commence use as of 1 January 2024. If there are any questions, please contact Acton Kilby for details.

### EMPTY YOUR POCKETS

In our November collection for the Centretown Emergency Food Centre, we received many food and toiletry items as well as cash donations of \$297.15. Thank you so much for your generosity and support for our community. Our next collection will be the last weekend in January.

### COME AND SEE – EXPLORATION OF THE CREED

What does the "Creed" mean? How does it impact my life as a Christian today? Come and join us to discover, share, and reflect upon some of the implications of this important aspect of our faith! The interactive sessions will be based on the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed (A.D. 381) accompanied by audio-visual materials.

When: Every third Wednesday of the month from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. \*First session will be on October 18th.

Where: Saint Joseph's Parish Library, 151 Laurier Ave. East, Ottawa.

Contact: Paul Dansereau at [pdansereau@st-josephs.ca](mailto:pdansereau@st-josephs.ca) for more info.

### SHEPHERDS OF GOOD HOPE

Please consider donating the following toiletry items for those in need this Christmas season.

- Toothbrushes
- Disposable Razors
- Shaving Cream
- Deodorant (roll-on and stick)
- Body Wash
- Shampoo
- Underwear (any gender, adult sizes, including long/thermal, briefs, boxers, etc.)
- Socks
- Gloves & Mitts

Bring your donation to any of our convenient locations from 9AM to 4PM throughout December. For financial contributions to Shepherds of Good Hope please visit [Sghottawa.com/Kelly](http://Sghottawa.com/Kelly). Thank you all for your support.