

## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### MASSES OF THE WEEK

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

#### Sunday, February 23

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

10:30 a.m. † Claude Levesque by his wife Claire.  
† Maeve Collins on the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her death by Tara, Paul, Nathaniel, Nicholas and Patrick.  
For the intentions of the Handmaids of the Lord.

#### Monday, February 24

9:00 a.m. For peace on earth by Jeanette and Geraldine.

#### Tuesday, February 25

9:00 a.m. † Souls in Purgatory.

#### Wednesday, February 26

*Ash Wednesday*

9:00 a.m. † Orlando Torres by his family.

#### Thursday, February 27

9:00 a.m. † John Toth Sr. by his family.

#### Friday, February 28

9:00 a.m. † Claudette Guertin Jeanette.

#### Saturday, February 29

9:00 a.m. For Nicholas' health, safety and well-being by his mother.

4:30 p.m. † Dr. Pierre and Mrs. Antoinette Prud'homme by their children.

### PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Norbert Dacquay, Baby Raechal McIntyre, Richard Robinson, Michelle Boyer, Alice Hilchie, Gordon F. Hilchie, Catherine Bedard, Lisa Rey, Christina Addison, Monique Beaudry, Erin Burnett, Sara Arias Hernandez, Marcelo Pimentel, Franco Azua Arias, Moli Coletti, Zygmunt Wysocki.

## EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

#### Saturday, February 29

4:30 p.m. Sheila McGlynn

#### Sunday, March 1

9:00 a.m. Michelle Corbett

10:30 a.m. Darrell Herauf  
*Chalice: Megan O'Keefe Major & Joan Texeira*

### HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION

**Evangelization:** *Listen to the Migrants' Cries* ~ We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

### SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

**First Reading:** Leviticus 19.1-2, 17-18  
*You shall love your neighbour as yourself.*

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 3.16-23  
*All things belong to you, and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.*

**Gospel:** Matthew 5.38-48  
*Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.*

## PARISH NEWS

### ASH WEDNESDAY, February 26

Ash Wednesday, ashes will be distributed immediately after the **9:00 a.m.** Eucharistic Celebration.

### SPAGHETTI & KARAOKE FUNDRAISER DINNER

The Knights of Columbus are hosting this very popular event in the parish hall on **Sat., Feb. 29, 2020, 5 p.m. – 10 p.m.** Info & tickets: Roger Richard (613-277-5423).



### Lectors & Commentators

#### Saturday, February 29

4:30 p.m. Lyn Fong  
*Commentator: Vanessa Hooper*

#### Sunday, March 1

9:00 a.m. Paulette Michel

10:30 a.m. Darrell Herauf  
*Commentator: Paul O'Leary*

### LENTEN DISCIPLINES

Lent calls us to three actions: fasting, praying and almsgiving:

**Fasting & Abstinence:** **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday** are days of abstinence from meat for Catholics aged 14 and older. In addition, Catholics from age 18-59 should fast limiting themselves to one full meal and two smaller meals each day.

**Fridays during Lent** are days of abstinence from meat in the Archdiocese of Ottawa, unless prevented by poor health.

We fast from things we enjoy. When we do this, we create space for God.

**Prayer:** We pray to grow close to God - the source of our strength and the inspiration for how we live in the world.

**Almsgiving:** We give alms because we are inspired by God's love for every part of His creation. We respond with charity—helping others in their need—and with justice—being transformed ourselves, in order to bring about the kingdom of God.



### SOCIAL SUNDAY, MARCH 1

The Handmaids of the Lord invite everyone to come for refreshments and conversation in the church hall **after the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, March 1, 2020.**

### FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR

First Friday Holy Hour will take place after the 9 a.m. Mass next **Friday, March 6, 2020.** All are welcome.

### MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

on **Friday evening, March 13, 2020** and **all day Saturday, March 14, 2020.** Info: (613-235-5119).

### 2019 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Income Tax receipts can be obtained by placing a stamped, self-addressed envelope in the collection basket. Please write your 2019 envelope # on the envelope.

### FLOURISHING CONGREGATIONS SURVEY RESULTS: 2

Beginning last week until late June, a portion of the survey results will be published in the bulletin every week. Previous weeks' Survey Results can be found on our parish website: [www.sttheresaottawa.com](http://www.sttheresaottawa.com) under Bulletins. Any comments or questions should be directed to Deacon Guy at [guydacquay@gmail.com](mailto:guydacquay@gmail.com).

This week, we conclude reporting base statistics about the survey respondents:

**Number of participants:** 110 (59% female, 41% male);

#### Background of respondents:

- 49.0% came to this parish from another in Ottawa;
- 37.8% came to this parish after relocating to Ottawa;
- 9.2% used to attend a parish regularly, stopped for a period of time, & have since returned to regular Mass attendance;
- 2.0% raised in this parish;
- 2.0% this is the first parish ever attended.

#### Generally, is your parish flourishing?:

- 11.9% strongly agree;
- 33.9% agree;
- 23.8% neutral;
- 23.9% disagree;
- 5.5% unsure.

#### Are there particular areas of ministry in your parish that are flourishing?:

- 11.2% strongly agree;
- 53.3% agree;
- 21.5% neutral;
- 5.6% disagree;
- 0.9% strongly disagree;
- 7.5% unsure.

#### Areas you value most in your parish?:

- 28.7%: Preaching/Teaching/Homily;
- 21.5%: Personality of the leaders;
- 14.9%: Eucharist/Holy Communion;
- 13.3%: Music and Worship;
- 12.2%: Community with others;
- 9.4%: Location.

*"(Lent) is a period of spiritual 'combat' which we must experience alongside Jesus, not with pride and presumption, but using the arms of faith: prayer, listening to the word of God and penance. In this way we will be able to celebrate Easter in truth, ready to renew the promises of our Baptism."*

Pope Benedict Emeritus XVI