



MASSES OF THE WEEK

† This symbol signifies repose of the soul.

**Sunday, December 8**

*Second Sunday of Advent*

9:00 a.m. For the parishioners of St. Theresa Parish.  
10:30 a.m. For the healing of my husband Eric by Jeanette of Nazareth.  
For the healing of Patricia Marsden-Dole, by members of St. Theresa Parish.  
For Florentina, Tolomeo, Sotero, Eli, and Margareta Bagabuyo.  
For the intentions of the Handmaids of the Lord.

**Tuesday, December 10**

9:00 a.m. Dorothy Ellacott, by Nephew Dave.

**Wednesday, December 11**

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

**Thursday, December 12**

*Our Lady of Guadalupe*

9:00 a.m.

**Friday, December 13**

*St. Lucy*

9:00 a.m. †Bernice Doonan, by her son Gord.

**Saturday, December 14**

*St. John of the Cross*

4:30 p.m.

**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 Sebastian.  
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.

**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 those the Lord is calling to be a priest, deacon, or consecrated brother or sister will listen to Him, and proclaim His name, 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.

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

**First Reading:** Baruch 5.1-9  
**Second Reading:** Philippians 1.3-6, 8-11  
**Gospel:** Luke 3.1-6



Lectors & Commentators

**Saturday, December 14**

4:30 p.m. Lynn Lavictoire

**Sunday, December 15**

9:00 a.m. Darrell Herauf  
10:30 a.m. Miguel Planas

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**Saturday, December 14**

4:30 p.m. -

**Sunday, December 15**

9:00 a.m. Darrell Herauf  
10:30 a.m. Miguel Planas, Peter Landry - 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

### 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.

The mission of the Knights of Columbus: Together, we're empowering Catholic men to live their faith at home, in their parish, at work and in their community. If you have any family members, friends or men that you know would be a great candidate please don't hesitate to let them know or bring them with you during the weekend. There will be Knights available to answer questions and provide additional information.

### 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.

### CHRISTMAS CAROL SING-A-LONG

First Baptist Church is holding a Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long with guest artists Aella Choir on Sunday, December 8th at 1:30pm. Admission is by donation, and all are encouraged to lend their voices as we join in some favourite carols of the season.

### SEEKING ROOM RENTAL IN CENTRETOWN

Mature/clean/quiet 46 years old woman/student/parishioner looking for an affordable/clean/safe home to rent a room in the neighborhood. **If you have a room available, please contact Mary at: 613 408 0937 / [marykaribvan31@gmail.com](mailto:marykaribvan31@gmail.com)**

### 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](mailto:vocations@ottawacornwall.ca).

### 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.**

### BLESSED RAFAL CHYLINSKI DECEMBER 2

Born near Buk in the Poznan region of Poland, Melchior Chylinski showed early signs of religious devotion; family members nicknamed him "the little monk." After completing his studies at the Jesuit college in Poznan, Melchior joined the cavalry and was promoted to officer rank within three years. In 1715, against the urgings of his comrades, Melchior joined the Conventual Franciscans in Krakow. Receiving the name Rafal, he was ordained two years later. After pastoral assignments in nine cities, he came to Lagiewniki, where he spent the last 13 years of his life, except for 20 months ministering to flood and epidemic victims in Warsaw. In all these places, Rafal was known for his simple and candid sermons, for his generosity, as well as for his ministry in the confessional. People of all levels of society were drawn to the self-sacrificing way he lived out his religious profession and priestly ministry.

Rafal played the harp, lute, and mandolin to accompany liturgical hymns. In Lagiewniki he distributed food, supplies, and clothing to the poor. After his death, the Conventual church in that city became a place of pilgrimage for people throughout Poland. He was beatified in Warsaw in 1991.

#### Reflection

The sermons preached by Rafal were powerfully reinforced by the living sermon of his life. The Sacrament of Reconciliation can help us bring our daily choices into harmony with our words about Jesus' influence in our lives.

### BACKPACKS FOR THE HOMELESS

A big THANK YOU to everyone who has generously filled up backpacks with supplies for homeless people in Ottawa this Christmas. The parishioners of St. Theresa have been extremely generous in their contributions with over one hundred backpacks returned and more still coming in! If you still have backpacks (filled or unfilled), please bring them into the parish by Sunday, December 15.