

FOURTH SUNDAY ADVENT



MASSES OF THE WEEK

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

Sunday, December 18

9:00 a.m. For the parishioners of St. Theresa Parish.
 10:30 a.m. † Leo Desmarteau by his family.
 † Lucie Ellen Green by Thomas Dole.
 † Phyllis Moore by Anne and Keith Bell.

Tuesday, December 20

9:00 a.m. For the health, safety and welfare of John Jr.
 by Marika.

Wednesday, December 21

9:00 a.m. † Bernadette McVean by her daughter.

Thursday, December 22

9:00 a.m. For the living and deceased members of the
 Chevalier family.

Friday, December 23

9 a.m. In gratitude to Elisabeth Bruyère for blessings
 received by Jeanette de Nazareth.

Saturday, December 24

4:30 p.m. † Eleanor Thomas by the family.
 † For Gordon Hilchie by the family.

Sunday, December 25

9:00 a.m. -----
 10:30 a.m. † Veronica, Leo & Louise Slaney by
 Donna Slaney.
 † Michael Valiquette by a friend.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Joan Marie (Ryan) Potvin, Michelle Boyer, Ann Taillon, Baby Ivy Murray, Nickie Shaw, Eugene Vargas, Marie-Andrée Boyer, Patricia McNamara, Raechael McIntyre, Moli Coletti, Zygmunt Wysocki.



Lectors & Commentators

Saturday, December 24

4:30 p.m. Children
 7:00 p.m. Darrell Herauf

Sunday, December 25

9:00 a.m. Paulette Michel
 10:30 a.m. Miguel Planas

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION

For volunteer not-for-profit organizations ~ We pray for volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development; may they find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year A)

First Reading: Isaiah 7.10-14
Look, the virgin is with child..

Second Reading: Romans 1.1-7
Jesus Christ, descended from David, was declared to be the Son of God.

Gospel: Matthew 1.18-24
Jesus was born of Mary, who was engaged to Joseph, son of David.

Prayer for Vocations: Fourth Sunday of Advent – December 18. That many will answer the call to serve Christ as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, just as Joseph did as the Angel commanded, we pray to the Lord.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Dec. 24	4:30 p.m.	Mass
	6:45 p.m.	Christmas Carols
	7:00 p.m.	Solemn High Mass
Sunday, Dec. 25	9:00 a.m.	Mass
	10:30 a.m.	Mass
Saturday, Dec. 31	4:30 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, Jan. 1	9:00 a.m.	Mass
	10:30 a.m.	Solemn High Mass

THANK YOU

Many thanks to the Knights of Columbus for hosting the Social with Santa last Sunday. The tortières were delicious and a great time was had all!

2023 PARISH ENVELOPES

2023 parish envelopes are available at the back of the Church. If you used envelopes in 2022, the envelopes boxes are labeled with your name. Unlabeled boxes are also available should you wish to start using envelopes in 2023. Kindly include your name, address and phone number on the first few envelopes.

2023 parish envelopes will not be available at the back of the church over Christmas, however, they can be picked-up at the office, during office hours.

Your regular contributions allow us to continue the important pastoral and temporal projects throughout the year that keep our parish strong and thriving. In addition to *church envelopes*, the parish encourages everyone to use **Pre-authorized Debit and Credit, and Interact e-Transfer. Interact-e-Transfer** donations are sent to the church's e-mail address (sttheresa@rogers.com) without sharing any personal financial information.

Forms to sign up for pre-authorized donations can be found on our website (sttheresa@rogers.com).

Thank you for your continued support.

2023 PARISH CALENDARS

Our parish 2023 calendars will be handed out at the entrances to the church after Mass this weekend.

MASKING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

We are experiencing an increase of respiratory illness in our communities (COVID-19, Influenza and Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)). Although there is no obligation to wear a mask, everyone is encouraged to wear one in the church and other public areas.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR REFUGEE CHILDREN

Thanks to your generosity, donations totaling \$1,681 were collected to purchase gifts for refugee children. Ten families with 26 children will receive gifts on Christmas morning. We are most grateful to Tag Along Toys, a local business, which supported us with a private shopping time, assistance recommending suitable gifts and offering a 20% discount on all the purchases. The two teenage children will receive gift cards to Old Navy. In addition to the gifts, we are able to provide each family with a \$65 gift card to Loblaws to buy a special treat for Christmas and help with their food budget. Thank you, and a Blessed and Joyous Christmas to all.

HOMELANDS MASS – Cancellation

Please note that the Homelands Mass scheduled for January 15, 2023 has been cancelled indefinitely. Thank you all who have participated in this special Mass in the past years.

OTTAWA SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY/SPIRITUALITY

Winter Semester 2023: Moved to online format for winter 2023. Two 5-week sessions will run Jan.9- Feb. 6, and Feb. 13 – Mar. 20. Special offer: register a friend for free (restrictions apply). Please check the website for course descriptions: www.osts.ca.

Never be in a hurry; do everything quietly and in a calm spirit. Do not lose your inner peace for anything whatsoever, even if your whole world seems upset.

Saint Francis de Sales