

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



MASSES OF THE WEEK

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

Sunday, December 6

10:30 a.m. † Jim Snow Sr. and Jim Snow Jr. by
by Donna Slaney.
In thanksgiving for all blessings received by
Marika.
† Delia Ramos by Ma. Lourdes Aguisanda.
For the intentions of the Handmaids of the Lord.

Monday, December 7

Feast of St. Ambrose
(Private Mass) Mother of Perpetual by Epe Roca.

Tuesday, December 8

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9:00 a.m. For the intentions of OC Transpo Employees
by Lena Petek.

Wednesday, December 9

(Private Mass) † Souls in Purgatory.

Thursday, December 10

9:00 a.m. † Michael Valiquette by Louise and Graham
Dewar.

Friday, December 11

(Private Mass) † Souls in Purgatory by Marika.

Saturday, December 12

The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
4:30 p.m. † Dr. Pierre and Mrs. Antoinette Prud'homme
by their children.
† In thanksgiving for all blessings received by
Marika.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Steve Samsom, Nickie Shaw, Patricia McNamara, Norbert Dacquay, Baby Raechal McIntyre, Monique Beaudry, Marcelo Pimentel, Moli Coletti, Zygmunt Wysocki and Melchisedec Candido.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION

Universal: *For a life of prayer ~ We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.*

READINGS (Year B):

Sunday, December 6

First Reading: Isaiah 40.1-5, 9-11

Prepare the way of the Lord.

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3.8-14

We wait for new heavens and a new earth.

Gospel: Mark 1.1-8

Make straight the paths of the Lord.

Tuesday, December 8

First Reading: Genesis 3.9-15, 20

I will put enmity between your offspring and the offspring of the woman.

Gospel: Luke 1.26-38

Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you.

Thursday, December 10

First Reading: Isaiah 41.13-20

I am the Holy One of Israel and your redeemer.

Gospel: Matthew 11.11-15

No one has arisen greater than John the Baptist.

Saturday, December 12

(Third Sunday of Advent)

First Reading: Isaiah 61.1-2a, 10-11

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24

May your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel: John 1.6-8, 19-28

Among you stands one whom you do not know.



Christmas & Holy Family Feast Mass Schedule

Thursday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)	4:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)	7:00 p.m.
Friday, December 25 (Christmas Day)	10:30 a.m.
Saturday, December 26 (Holy Family Feast)	4:30 p.m.
Sunday, December 27 (Holy Family Feast)	10:30 a.m.

New Year's & Epiphany of the Lord Mass Schedule

Thursday, December 31 (New Year's Eve)	4:30 p.m.
Friday, January 1 (New Year's Day)	10:30 a.m.
Saturday, January 2 (Epiphany of the Lord)	4:30 p.m.
Sunday, January 3 (Epiphany of the Lord)	10:30 a.m.

Notes:

¹ This schedule is dependent on having sufficient number of volunteers and participants for each Mass.

² The Saturday 4:30 p.m. Mass and the Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass remain intact.

³ See next page for Christmas Mass Registration.

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

The Inaugural Mass of Archbishop Marcel Damphousse will take place on Tuesday, December 8, 2020, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, at 7:00 p.m. The Mass will be live streamed on the Archdiocese's website (archoc.ca).

REGISTRATION FOR CHRISTMAS MASS

Registration for our Christmas Masses is mandatory. There are 3 ways to register:

- 1) Complete our on-line registration form on our website, www.sttheresaottawa.com/; or
- 2) Send an e-mail (sttheresa@rogers.com); or
- 3) Call the office (613-235-5119).

You must provide the names and telephone numbers of all the people you are registering and whether they are parishioners, family members or visitors.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for the Christmas Masses. To volunteer, please contact Ron Sorobey (613-238-7495; rsorobey@rogers.com).

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Donations towards the Christmas flower fund should be placed in an envelope marked "Christmas Flowers" and put in the collection basket. For income tax purposes, mark your name, address & envelope # on the envelope.

SENIORS MINISTRY

The month of family get-togethers and special social events will not happen this Christmas leaving many older people completely on their own. If you would like to volunteer to make 3-5 phone calls to isolated seniors and caregivers in our parish, please contact Joan Texeira (613-866-8592; jt2939@gmail.com).

2021 PARISH ENVELOPES

2021 parish envelopes will be available at the back of the Church next weekend.

FLOURISHING CONGREGATIONS SURVEY RESULTS: 18

This week we conclude our review of the Flourishing Congregations Survey by looking at the final category **Flourishing Congregations Construct**. Respondents were asked to convey their level of agreement/disagreement that "a flourishing parish..." possesses the following features. We have provided the "mean" or average scores among those in our parish, on a scale of 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree).

- 4.55: Is clear on its values;
- 4.64: Has effective leaders;
- 4.35: Is open to trying new things;
- 4.29: Has a clear and effective discipleship process;
- 4.49: Has members who are involved in the ministries of the parish;
- 4.64: Is hospitable to those it encounters;
- 4.52: Is comprised of people from diverse backgrounds (e.g., age, race, socio-economic status);
- 4.48: Is involved in its neighborhood and community;
- 4.11: Practices evangelism;
- 4.08: Partners with others (e.g., other parishes, denominations, religions, or social service agencies).

Previous weeks' Survey Results can be found on our parish website: www.sttheresaottawa.com under Bulletins.

DRESSEMBER

DresseMBER is a worldwide initiative where participants wear a dress or a suit and tie every single day of the month to support human trafficking survivors and victims! If you would like to donate, please do so at <https://dresseMBERijm-2020.funraise.org/team/ijm-carleton>. Every dollar raised from the DresseMBER Foundation will help rescue and restore children and women all around the world.

"Advent, this powerful liturgical season, invites us to pause in silence to understand a presence. It is an invitation to understand that the individual events of the day are hints that God is giving us, signs of the attention he has for each one of us.

– Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI