



# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 27 NOVEMBER 2005

**“And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”**

(Today's Readings: Isaiah 63:16-17; 64: 1, 3-8; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13: 31-37)

## Announced mass intentions...

- Sat., Nov. 26 5:00PM Mass – Claire Stanford+
- Sun., Nov. 27 **First Sunday of Advent**  
 8:00AM Mass – Leopold Vutolen+  
 Raymond D. Moore and Family (lvg)  
 9:30AM Mass – Bernice McNamara+  
 11:15AM Mass  
 7:30PM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
- Mon., Nov. 28 12:15PM **NO** Mass
- Tues., Nov. 29 12:15PM Mass – Matthew Joseph+
- Wed., Nov. 30 12:15PM Mass
- Thurs., Dec. 01 12:15PM Mass
- Fri., Dec. 02 11:00AM Adoration until 12 noon  
 12:15PM Mass
- Sat., Dec. 03 5:00PM Mass – Gerta Patry+
- Sun., Dec. 04 **Second Sunday of Advent**  
 8:00AM Mass – Ted Jackson+  
 9:30AM Mass – Georgette Danis+  
 11:15AM Mass  
 7:30PM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners

Charbonneau, Emile Chartrand, Clare Desjardins (husband of Alicia), Suzanne Desjardins (daughter of Leo), Ron Dexter (husband of Diane), Margaret FitzGerald, Marie Claire Grandbois, Gertrude Kennedy, Sr. Anne Leonard gsic, Reg MacDonald (husband of Joan), Yolanda Miron (mother of Mina), Mary O'Connor (wife of Al), Grace & Bill Reid, Barbara Riggins, Margaret Ross, Ray Valin (husband of Betty), John Whelly

**-relatives-** Andy Besserer (son of Colin & Eileen Besserer), Barbara Burke (mother of Margie Kennedy), Richard Calagoure (brother-in-law of Barbara Riggins), Patricia Esmond (mother of Liz), Guy Gosselin (brother-in-law of Theresa Sarcevich), Anastasia Gorecki (sister of Theresa Sarcevich), Betty Holmes (sister of Edwina Laturnus), Vivian Hunt (brother of Beryl Budzinski), Cathy Jirsch (sister of Aileen Halls), Ayin & Godwin Lee (parents of Robert), Jerry Lorbetskie (brother of Dorothy Daub), Oswald Luke (father-in-law of Robert Lee), Louise MacAdam (daughter-in-law of Helen Castle), Jonathan Seepersad (nephew of Robert Lee), Eleanor Spafford (mother of Barb Goski), Paul Sowinski (brother of Theresa Sarcevich)

## Events Calendar

- Sat., Nov. 26 9:30AM **Workshop** – “In Support of Life Comfort and Hope for the Dying” – Hall  
 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A  
 4:30PM Rosary – Church
- Sun., Nov. 27 9:30AM Children's Liturgy  
 10:30AM Children's Choir practice – Rm. A  
 1:00PM Ottawa Foyers Partage – AGM
- Calendars sold by Companions of the Cross at all Masses
- Mon., Nov. 28 6:30PM Alpha program – Hall
- Tues., Nov. 29 7:00PM RCIA – Rm. A  
 7:30PM Rosary – Church  
 8:00PM A.A. – Hall
- Wed., Nov. 30 7:00PM Bereavement Support Group – held in meeting room A/C  
 7:30PM Choir (7:30) practice – Church
- Thurs., Dec. 01 6:30PM Christian Meditation – Rm. A  
 7:30PM Choir (11:15) practice – Church
- Fri., Dec. 02 1:00PM African Angels – Rm. A
- Sat., Dec. 03 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A  
 10:00AM Choir Practice – Church  
 4:30PM Rosary – Church
- Sun., Dec. 04 9:30AM Children's Liturgy  
 10:30AM Children's Choir practice – Rm. A

Christmas Craft/Bake Sale after all morning Masses – Hall

## We remember in our prayers the sick...

**-our parishioners-** Laurette Allen, Morris Anderson (husband of Joyce), Allan Brooks (husband of Gloria), Helen

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## COLLECTION REPORT

~ A Summary of Your Generosity ~

November 20 – \$5,438.39 (env.) / \$ 629.63 (loose)

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## Pastor's column...

### ADVENT PREPARATION

It is the beginning of the Advent Season—a preparation time to be close to Jesus who took our own human nature to be with us. Look at the nature...there is preparation for the winter. The trees already shed their leaves, the birds disappeared, the squirrels found warm places...For advent I suggest that we make a family preparation with the kids through simple activities. Gather around the Christmas wreath and make a prayer everyday, encourage them to make a simple sacrifice for the week, etc. Here is a simple family prayer format. The Wise men from the East planned their journey in advance and watched for the signs to commence it. Have a blessed advent preparation.

### THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT (Light the first purple candle)

#### Blessing for an Advent Wreath

Dear God, by your Word you created light from darkness, and breathed life into all your creatures, bless this wreath and all those who use it.

May its light remind us of your presence in our lives.

May its green branches and circular shape remind us of your faithfulness that never ends.

Help us look forward to the celebration of Jesus' birth.

Help us to see the light of your love in our lives every day.

**Scripture:** "May the Lord make your love for one another and for all people grow more and more...In this way he will strengthen you and you will be perfect and holy...when our Lord Jesus comes". (1Thes 3:12-13)

**Prayer:** Come to us, Lord Jesus. Warm our hearts with Your love. Help us to prepare for Your coming. Help us to see the good things we can do. Help us to see the good things others do. Come, Lord Jesus! (Pause for silent prayer)

**Advent Prayers:** Our Father; 3 – Hail Mary's; Glory Be

**Response:** Divine Babe of Bethlehem, whom we love and adore; come and be born in our hearts.

**Parish and Community Life...**

**WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF MINISTERS FOR CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR'S MASSES**—Mass Coordinators, Lectors, Announcers and Eucharistic ministers **please sign your name next to the date and time that you can assist.** Sign-up sheets are on the desk by the bookrack.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS** in memory of a deceased loved one. Special donation envelopes will be available at the entrances of the Church **until December 12.** The names of the deceased will be printed on a special insert in the Christmas bulletin.

THE SUNDAY EVENING CHOIR invites anyone who sings or plays an instrument to come and join them for the 8 p.m. Christmas Eve Liturgy. There will be 3 practices; Saturday, December 03, 10 & 17 from 10:30 – noon at the church. For information call Anne Hurley at 739-1259.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION will start at a **new time; 6:30 p.m.** on Thursdays followed by Evening Prayer at 7:15. For more information call George Brown at 731-2453. All are welcome.

The 14<sup>th</sup> **Annual Alta Vista Ecumenical Choir Concert and Carol Sing**, which our Holy Cross choir participates in will be held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 1758 Alta Vista Dr., on Sunday, 04 December at 3 p.m. All are welcome.

**2006 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** are available for pick up on table at the back of the church during the month of November and the first two weeks of December.

#### BEREAVEMENT

**WHILE GRIEVING...COPING WITH THE HOLIDAYS**—when you've had a significant loss, the Holiday Season can be a difficult one, especially when you face it for the first time without your loved one. If you or someone you know is in this situation, we invite you to gather for a time of reflection, support and to learn ways to help you make this Christmas as meaningful as possible. Join us on **Wednesday, November 30 at 7 p.m. at Holy Cross Parish in meeting room C.** For more information call Hub Deveau at 523-6631.

**BEREAVED FAMILIES OF OTTAWA—REMEMBRANCE TREE SERVICE:** (Sponsored by the Carlingwood Shopping Centre) On Saturday, December 03 at 6 p.m. at Carlingwood Shopping Centre. For more information call 567-4278.

#### HOSPITALITY

**THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAKE & CRAFT SALE** will be next **Sunday, December 04** after all morning Masses in the hall. You'll be sure to find some special gifts from among the

tables – African Angels, Partage Prints, Coco's Jams and Jellies, Fair Trade Coffee, sewing and craft items. The bake table will be full of pies, cookies, loaves, etc. in addition to Pecan Rings and Chelsea Buns brought in fresh from Richmond bakery! Pick up a ham bun and sit down and relax at "Café Noël". We look forward to seeing you there!

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will be selling the gourmet Christmas fruitcakes produced by the Cistercian Monks. Cost: \$14 (2lb.) / \$22 (3lb.) round cake in a decorative metal tin. The cakes will be sold at the Christmas Mini Sale. To reserve in advance, please sign the sheet provided at the back of the church. The proceeds of the sale of these cakes go to Campaign Life Coalition and the Cistercian Monks.

#### PASTORAL CARE

**CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL SERVICE**—The Management and staff of McEvoy-Shields Funeral Homes cordially invite the Parish Community of Holy Cross to join with us for our Annual Ecumenical Christmas Memorial Service on Thursday, December 08 at 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Fatima Church, 153 Woodroffe Ave. Through prayer, readings and song we will journey together in a meaningful and celebratory tribute to loved ones who have gone before us and help those who are left to cope with their loss. A time for fellowship and refreshments will be held immediately following the service in the parish hall. Please RSVP by calling 737-7900 or 232-5337.

THE OTTAWA MEN'S DIVORCE AND SEPARATED SUPPORT CENTRE is there for you if you are experiencing separation, divorce, child custody, spousal abuse challenges. Meetings are twice a month on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays in suite E-123B at 440 Albert St. For more information call 236-3965. OUR PASTORAL CARE TEAM is waiting for your call. If you would like someone to talk to, or a visit, or Holy Communion brought to your home please call Alex Howard at 523-4694. Our Priests are also available for house calls and hospital visits.

#### Social Action...

##### MISSION, PEACE, AND DEVELOPMENT

About 750 people crowded into Carleton University's Bell Theatre last Tuesday to hear Stephen Lewis address issues ranging from globalization to poverty and disease. Speaking with his usual passion and eloquence, Mr. Lewis highlighted time and again the need for the Canadian government to set a timetable to reach the almost universally agreed upon target of 0.7% in Development Assistance. A number of countries (Denmark, The Netherlands etc.) with economic growth slower than ours are already donating 0.7% of Gross Domestic Product, still only 70 cents of every \$100, to foreign aid. Others have set a timetable to reach that goal within five to ten years. Our intransigence in this regard is diminishing the good we are doing in other areas. What can we do? Mr. Lewis urged to us to volunteer for and/or support any number of NGO's working in development. He also advised us to raise the issue of the 0.7% target at every all-candidates meeting in the coming election. MPD meets December 06 at 7:30 p.m.

#### Other items of interest...

Cusillo Grand Ultreya will be held at Our Lady of Fatima Parish on Wednesday, December 14 at 7 p.m. Guests are welcome.