



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 11 DECEMBER 2005

*“I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness,
‘Make straight the way of the Lord.’”*

(Today's Readings: Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28)

Announced mass intentions...

Sat., Dec. 10 5:00PM Mass – Thérèse Boucher+

Sun., Dec. 11 **Third Sunday of Advent**
8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
9:30AM Mass – Rita & Richard Lemieux+
Rigden & Frenette Families+
Pauline Forgues+
11:15AM Mass – Lucille Cayer+
7:30PM Mass – Thérèse May Chartrand+

Mon., Dec. 12 12:15PM **NO** Mass

Tues., Dec. 13 9:00AM Reconciliation Service for Holy
Family School (grades 3 – 6) – held in gym
12:15PM Mass

Wed., Dec. 14 12:15PM Mass – Simone Rouleau+

Thurs., Dec. 15 9:40AM Advent Mass for Holy Cross
School held in the Church
10:00AM Mass at Billingswood Manor –
1370 Bank Street
12:15PM Mass – Pro Life

Fri., Dec. 16 12:15PM Mass – Adam Podgorecki+
Adam & Krystyna Los+

Sat., Dec. 17 5:00PM Mass

Sun., Dec. 18 **Fourth Sunday of Advent**
8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
9:30AM Mass – Bernice McNamara+
Jan-Karl Stunt+
Thérèse Boucher+
11:15AM Mass – Irene Radanovics+
7:30PM Mass - Thérèse May Chartrand+

Events Calendar

Sat., Dec. 10 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A
10:00AM Choir Practice – Church
4:30PM Rosary – Church

Sun., Dec. 11 9:30AM Children's Liturgy
10:30AM Children's Choir practice – Rm. A
K of C will be selling Car Raffle tickets at all the Masses

Mon., Dec. 12 6:30PM Alpha program – Hall

Tues., Dec. 13 7:00PM RCIA – Rm. A
7:30PM Rosary – Church
8:00PM A.A. – Hall

Wed., Dec. 14 7:30PM Choir (7:30) practice – Church

Thurs., Dec. 15 6:30PM Christian Meditation – Rm. A
7:00PM Parish Reconciliation Service

Sat., Dec. 17 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A
10:00AM Choir Practice – Church
4:30PM Rosary – Church
Knights of Columbus will be speaking at all the Masses

Sun., Dec. 18 9:30AM Children's Liturgy
10:30AM Children's Choir practice – Rm. A
3:00PM Parish Christmas Concert – held
in the Church

We remember in our prayers the sick...

-our parishioners- Laurette Allen, Morris Anderson (husband of Joyce), Allan Brooks (husband of Gloria), Helen 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, Alice Haughton (wife of Bob), Frank Laturus (husband of Edwina), 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 Laturus), 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)

-the deceased- Elizabeth Shoobert

COLLECTION REPORT

~ A Summary of Your Generosity ~

December 04 – \$6,073.65 (env.) / \$ 605.35 (loose)

Pastor's column...

In today's first reading, St. Paul tells the Thessalonians to "REJOICE ALWAYS".

There is a story of an Irishman who died suddenly and went up for divine judgement, feeling extremely uneasy. He didn't think he had done much good on earth! There was a queue ahead of him, so he settled down to look and listen. After consulting his big book, Christ said to the first man in the queue: 'I see here that I was hungry and you gave me to eat. Good man! Go on into Heaven.' To the second he said: 'I was thirsty and you gave me to drink,' and to the third: 'I was in prison and you visited me.' And so it went on. As each man ahead of him was sent to heaven the Irishman examined his conscience and felt he had a great deal to fear. He'd never given anyone food or drink, he hadn't visited prisoners or the sick. Then his turn came. Trembling he watched Christ examining the book. Then Christ looked up and said: 'Well, there's not much written here, but you did do something: I was sad and discouraged and depressed; you came and told me funny stories, made me laugh and cheered

me up. Get along to heaven!

That joke makes the point that no form of charity should be neglected or undervalued.

"Happiness is as a butterfly, which when pursued, is always beyond our grasp, but which, if you will sit down quietly may alight upon you." (Nathaniel Hawthorne)

HIP, HIP, HURRAH to our Choir members under the direction of Jackie Baumberg and Michael O'Sullivan, who participated in the 14th Annual Ecumenical Concert and Carol singing on December 04 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. It brought to light the spirit of Christmas in an Ecumenical atmosphere and my heartfelt appreciation to all of you for spending your time and talents to bring Jesus closer to the hearts of the faithful. You made us proud dear friends.

Fr. James Raphael CMF

Parish and Community Life...

CONCERT AT HOLY CROSS PARISH! Attention dear parishioners! The Holy Cross Choir together with the Resurrection Parish and Holy Family School cordially invite you to a CONCERT featuring the music of Advent and Christmas on **Sunday, December 18 at 3:00 p.m.** Come and get in to the spirit of the season with your family and friends! Admission is free; however, a free-will offering will be accepted.

ALPHA CELEBRATION DINNER: The ten week Alpha course is coming to an end on December 12 with a celebration dinner. An average of 65 people completed the course. It was a family get-together of spiritual nourishment, social interaction through meal, mutual sharing, extra jokes etc. Thanks to **Barry Gautier** and **Jo-Anne Christie** for their excellent leadership and total commitment for the program. The organization skills of Barry coupled with the supervision of his wife Jo-Anne made it a perfect example of Christian leadership in building up the Church.

We also thank our "Dinner Lady" Margaret Dunlop and all the helpers for their kitchen management. We will certainly miss those relaxed dinners!! A big thank you to all those who helped in the different capacities: the music leaders, Miriam Basten and Don Langdon, many facilitators for group discussions etc. What a nice way to prepare for the Christmas celebration.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA) WORKSHOP ON SPONSORING held at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, 153 Woodroffe Ave. on Saturday, January 14 from 9 a.m. – 12 noon. Open to all who are sponsors or who are interested in sponsoring. Cost: \$10/person or \$25 for 3 or more from a parish. To register call Annemarie at 738-5025 ext. 217 or abrown@ecclesia-ottawa.org by January 10.

PASTORAL CARE

Our trained Pastoral Care team members are available to visit with the sick, bereaved, elderly, confined or those with temporary extraordinary situations. If you would like to avail yourself of services please call Betty Dillon at 521-2887 or the Parish Office at 731 7834.

Social Action...

MISSION, PEACE, AND DEVELOPMENT

We are delighted to report that parishioners bought \$345 worth of Fair Trade products at Sunday's Christmas Mini Sale. Due to this positive response, MPD now plans to have

Fair Trade products available every month along with Hospitality Committee's scheduled coffee socials. The Fair Trade project has three main goals: to see that farmers and labourers around the world receive the honest wages they deserve for their work, to support organic farming for good health, and to ensure sustainable farming methods to protect the environment. Thanks as well to all who purchased Angels and 'bargain books' in support of our African AIDS Angels project. Our Angel team had this year's final session of December 09 and will start up again in February. The MPD committee approved grants from the Angel project to St. Mary's Hospital, South Africa (\$6000) and Thandizo Day Care, Zambia (\$2000).

Other items of interest...

HOMELANDS MASS: Archbishop Marcel Gervais is pleased to invite everyone to the annual Homelands Mass, on Sunday, January 15, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. at Notre Dame Cathedral. The Homelands Mass celebrates our cultural diversity both here in Canada and in the Church and it recognizes the many contributions of all those among us who have come here from foreign lands. Please plan to attend!

DID YOU KNOW?

MUSICAL PATRON: St. Cecilia was a third-century Roman martyr. We are left with little more than enduring legends about her life. While still a young girl, Cecilia dedicated her virginity to God. When forced by her family to marry, she converted her husband, and the two vowed celibacy. One legend tells of "pipes" played at her wedding. Although these pipes were probably the bagpipes common throughout Europe, ancient translations rendered the word "organ pipes." Consequently, St. Cecilia has often been portrayed near a pipe organ. Another legend calls her "the inventor of the organ," while another says an angel fell in love with her because of her musical skill. This heavenly visitant gave both her and her husband a crown of martyrdom, brought from heaven. With such ample fable and long-standing tradition, she is considered the patron of music and musicians.

(The Catholic Source Book)

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Parish Reconciliation Service – Thursday, December 15

7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve – Saturday, December 24

4:00 p.m. Mass

6:00 p.m. Mass

8:00 p.m. Mass

10:00 p.m. Mass

Midnight Mass

Christmas Day – Sunday, December 25

11:15 a.m. Mass

NO 7:30 p.m. Mass

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Saturday, December 31

5:00 p.m. Mass

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Sunday, January 01

9:30 a.m. Mass

11:15 a.m. Mass

NO 7:30 p.m. Mass

Note: The office will be **CLOSED** on Monday, December 26.
