



## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 17 DECEMBER 2006

**“I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming...  
He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”**

(Today's Readings: Zephaniah 3:14-18; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18)

### *Announced mass intentions...*

Sat., Dec. 16 5:00PM Mass – Adam Podgorecki+  
Adam Krystyna Los+

Sun., Dec. 17 **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners  
9:30AM Mass – Ray Moore+  
Emile Boudreau+  
Margaret Hoddinott+  
11:15AM Mass – Marcel Ledoux+  
7:30PM Mass – Bill Mumley+  
Barbara Scullion+

Mon., Dec. 18 12:15PM **NO** Mass

Tues., Dec. 19 9:00AM Mass at Holy Family School  
12:15PM Mass – Ivy Guitard+  
Mrs. Matilda Savoie+

Wed., Dec. 20 12:15PM Mass

Thurs., Dec. 21 9:00AM Mass at Billings Lodge  
12:15PM Mass – Pro Life

Fri., Dec. 22 12:15PM Mass – Rosa Maria Miquez de Renart+

Sat., Dec. 23 5:00PM Mass – Patrick Chatelain+  
Gerta Patry+

Sun., Dec. 24 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
8:00AM **NO MASS**  
9:30AM Mass – Ray Moore+  
11:15AM Mass – Madeline Ledoux+

Dec., 24 / 25 **CHRISTMAS – SEE SCHEDULE**

### *Events Calendar*

Sat., Dec. 16 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A  
10:00AM Choir Practice – Church  
4:30PM Rosary – Church

Sun., Dec. 17 9:30AM Children's Liturgy  
10:30AM Children's choir practice – Rm. A  
K of C – Sale of Raffle tickets after all the Masses  
12:15PM Baptism

Tues., Dec. 19 7:00PM **Parish Reconciliation Service**

Tues., Dec. 19 7:30PM RCIA – Rm. A  
8:00PM A.A. – Hall

Wed., Dec. 20 7:00PM K of C general meeting – Hall  
7:30PM Choir (7:30) practice – Church

Thurs., Dec. 21 7:30PM Choir (11:15) practice – Church

Sat., Dec. 23 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A  
10:00AM Choir Practice – Church  
4:30PM Rosary – Church

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

**-our parishioners-** Laurette Allen, Helen Charbonneau, Clare Desjardins (husband of Alicia), Ron Dexter (husband of Diane), Joan Dumbrell (wife of Bob Irvine), Marie Claire Grandbois, Gertrude Kennedy, Jesse Kennedy, Alice

Haughton (wife of Bob), Audrey Hester, Helen Lenthall, Eveline Lavoie, Reg MacDonald (husband of Joan), Odette MacKinnon, Deacon Bruce McLeod, Yolanda Miron (mother of Mina), Mary O'Connor (wife of Al), Barbara Riggins, Margaret Ross, Ray Valin (husband of Betty), Sherri Vallee (daughter of Betty)

**-relatives-** Tillie Andruchow (mother of Jean Ryan), Cathy Becker (sister of Maureen Monaghan), Helen Chynces (sister of Theresa Sarceвич), Barbara Cooper (sister of Imelda Marrast), Patricia Esmond (mother of Liz), Lucy Gardner, Guy Gosselin (brother-in-law of Theresa Sarceвич), Vivian Hunt (brother of Beryl Budzinski), Cathy Jirsch (sister of Aileen Halls), Theresa Lassaline (sister of Mary Simms), Ayin & Godwin Lee (parents of Robert), Jerry Lorbetskie (brother of Dorothy Daub), Oswald Luke (father-in-law of Robert Lee), Marie Miele (mother of Christine), Dominci O'Hara (brother of Monica Ryan), Donald Pajot (brother of Marc), Sonia Pereira (cousin of Marlene Braganza), Jonathan Seepersad (nephew of Robert Lee), Eleanor Spafford (mother of Barb Goski)

**-the deceased-** Leo MacKinnon+ (husband of Odette MacKinnon)

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### COLLECTION REPORT

~ A Summary of Your Generosity ~

December 10 – \$5,236.37 (env.) / \$ 765.49 (loose)

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### *Pastor's Column...*

#### WHAT OUGHT WE TO DO?

You and I are standing today where John's audience stood centuries ago. It is the Third Sunday of Advent. The coming of Christ is imminent. How should we respond to that? “What ought we to do?” If John were here today, his message to us would be essentially the same as it was back then. He would, no doubt, talk to us about our jobs, the things that we do every day. He would ask us to consider mending relationships within the family. He would tell each of us to think of it as a sacred responsibility and to practice it with honesty and fairness. Any useful vocation, done earnestly as well, is in a very real sense, a sacrament. To approach these everyday duties with a sense of divine mission is our best opportunity for the immediate preparation of Christmas. Rejoice the Lord is near.

### *Parish News and Community Life...*

**BIBLES FOR YOUR USE:** 20 new Bibles have been placed in the pews throughout the Church for your reading and reflection. Please treat these Holy Bibles with care and respect and remember to leave them in the pews for others to read. We sincerely thank Peter Attia, who generously donated these Bibles.

**DONATIONS FOR CLARETIAN MISSIONS IN INDIA**—As part of Fr. James family visit to India, he will be spending a few days in the Leprosy Center where he worked for 6 years and also the Center for the Blind Children. Fr. James would graciously accept any donations from the Parishioners to these Mission Centers. This may be a wonderful opportunity to do some genuine charity during this Holy Season. Please make **cheques payable to “Holy Cross Parish”** for tax purposes. You will find envelopes in the Church for your donations.

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus are reminded of the regular general meeting on Wednesday, December 20. **Please note** that the meeting will start at **7:00 p.m.** After the meeting at 8 p.m., in the parish hall, **PARISHIONERS** are invited to hear guest speaker, Fr. Maxime Allard, Vice President of the Dominican University speak on *“Has Today’s Society lost a sense of sin? Is mortal and venial sin still with us? Confession?”*

#### PASTORAL CARE

**MEMBERS** may pick up their minutes from the Pastoral Care box in the music room.

**OUR PASTORAL CARE TEAM** and our Priests and Deacon are available to visit the sick in hospital or housebound. Please let us know if you would like a visit and/or Holy Communion by calling Alex Howard at 613-523-4694.

#### *Social Action...*

#### MISSION, PEACE, AND DEVELOPMENT

Last Sunday members of MPD sold African AIDS Angels, used books and Fair Trade Products at the Annual Christmas Craft and Bake Sale organized by the Hospitality Committee. We appreciate the efforts of those who donate materials to make the African AIDS Angels, those who make the Angels, and those who sell the Angels, ensuring that the funds reach those in great need. 100% of money raised goes to the African Projects that provide support to those deeply affected by the AIDS pandemic. On special occasions MPD sells Fair Trade Products. The goal is to help our parishioners become increasingly aware of the moral imperative to ensure that farmers and workers in developing countries receive honest wages for their work, to support organic farming as a matter of health, and to ensure that farming methods respect and protect the environment. As stated by Pope Paul VI in his encyclical On the Development of Peoples, “Freedom of trade is fair only if it is subject to the demands of social justice.” Two months ago Archbishop Celistino Migliore representing the Holy See addressed the General Assembly of the United Nations. In making reference to Pope Paul’s encyclical, Archbishop Migliore stated that the establishment of international fair trade practices is a key element in building global security and development of all peoples, especially the poor.

#### *Other items of interest...*

**STRESS IN YOUR MARRIAGE?** **RETROUVAILLE** is a program for married couples who feel frustrated, bored, disillusioned, or angry in their marriage. It is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. For confidential information and/or to register for January 19 - 21 please call 613-845-9978 or email [RetrouvailleOttawa@rogers.com](mailto:RetrouvailleOttawa@rogers.com) or go to the website at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

#### **SERIES ABOUT EASTERN CATHOLIC CHURCHES**

#### 15. **Krizevci Catholic Church of Croatia and Yugoslavia**

This Eastern Catholic Church in Croatia was organized by Christians who had fled their homes from Bosnia, Dalmatia and Slovenia during the Turkish invasions. It spans the former Yugoslav republics of Croatia, Macedonia and Bosnia. Pope Pius VI gave the Balken Christians their own diocesan Bishop on June 17, 1777, with the seat in Krizevci, Croatia. The diocese of Krizevci still officially includes all the Eastern Catholics in the former republics of Yugoslavia. This arrangement has continued after the break-up of the country in the several independent nations.

Location: The Republics of former Yugoslavia

Head: Bishop Slavomir Miklovs

Title: Bishop Krizevci

Residence: Zagreb, Croatia

Membership: 49,000

Next week: The Romanian Byzantine Catholic Church

#### **CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

#### **Parish Reconciliation Service – Tuesday, December 19**

7:00 p.m.

#### **Fourth Sunday of Advent – Sunday, December 24**

5:00 p.m. Mass (Saturday, December 23)

8:00 a.m. **NO MASS**

9:30 a.m. Mass

11:15 a.m. Mass

#### **Christmas Eve – Sunday, December 24**

4:00 p.m. Mass

6:00 p.m. Mass

8:00 p.m. Mass

11:00 p.m. Mass

#### **Christmas Day – Monday, December 25**

11:15 a.m. Mass

#### **Saturday, December 30**

5:00 p.m. Mass

#### **Sunday, December 31**

8:00 a.m. Mass

9:30 a.m. Mass

11:15 a.m. Mass

#### **New Year’s Eve – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

#### **Sunday, December 31**

7:00 p.m. Silent Adoration

7:30 p.m. Mass

#### **New Year’s Day – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

#### **Monday, January 01**

9:30 a.m. Mass

11:15 a.m. Mass

**PLEASE NOTE:** There will be **NO** 12:15 noon Mass on Tuesday, December 26, Monday, January 01 and Tuesday, January 02 and the **OFFICE** will also be **CLOSED** on those days.

**PLEASE NOTE** that our next bulletin will cover December 24 to January 07. Our regular weekly bulletin will resume on **January 07** and deadline for submissions are on **Wednesday, January 03 by 12 noon**. Thank you.