



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 06 DECEMBER 2009

**“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight...
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”**

(Readings: Baruch 5:1-9; Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11; Luke 3:1-6)

(Next weekends Readings: Zephaniah 3:14-18; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18)



Announced Mass Intentions...

- Sat., Dec. 05 5:00PM Mass – Robert Lee+
- Sun., Dec. 06 **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
8:00AM Mass – Georgette Danis+
Gail O'Brien+
Mary Baicer+
9:30AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
11:15AM Mass – Huguette Landreville+
7:30PM Mass – Crichlow Family (lvg)
Paul Marcinov+
- Mon., Dec. 07 12:15PM **NO MASS**
- Tues., Dec. 08 9:30AM Mass – Edwardson Family (lvg)
- Wed., Dec. 09 12:15PM Mass – Souls in Purgatory
- Thurs., Dec. 10 10:00AM Mass at Landmark Court
Laurent Lepage+
12:15PM Mass – Marcel Cole+
- Fri., Dec. 11 12:15PM Mass – Leo & Odette MacKinnon+
- Sat., Dec. 12 5:00PM Mass – Robert Lee+
Souls in Purgatory
- Sun., Dec. 13 **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
9:30AM Mass – Mary Vullings+
Rita & Richard Lemieux+
Ray & Brian Gibbons+
11:15AM Mass
7:30PM Mass – Gary Smith+
Crichlow Family (lvg)

Events Calendar

- Sat., Dec. 05 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A
4:30PM Rosary – Church
- Sun., Dec. 06 9:30AM Children's Liturgy
10:30AM Children pageant practice
Christmas Bake/Craft Sale after all morning Masses – Hall
- Mon., Dec. 07 7:00PM RCIA – Rm. A
7:00PM K of C Executive meeting
- Tues., Dec. 08 6:30PM **School Mass** – for Holy Cross
and Holy Family School – reception to follow in parish hall
- Wed., Dec. 09 6:30PM Finance – Rm. A
7:00PM K of C general meeting – Hall
7:30PM Music (7:30) practice – Church
- Thurs., Dec. 10 7:00PM Choir (11:15) practice – Church
- Fri., Dec. 11 6:00PM Volunteer Appreciation Gathering
held in the parish hall
- Sat., Dec. 12 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A
4:30PM Rosary – Church
- Sun., Dec. 13 9:30AM Children's Liturgy
10:30AM Children pageant practice – Hall

We remember in our prayers the sick...

-our parishioners- Laurette Allen, Elena Argumedo, Colleen Bannah, Vivian Braganza, Barbara Cullinan, Betty Hubbard, Betty Hurst, Patricia Joseph, Robert Kelly, Edwina Laturmus, Romeo Maione, Mabel McFarlane, Yolanda Miron, Margaret Ross, Lizzy Ann Spencer, Ray & Betty Valin

-relatives- Tillie Andruchow (mother of Jean Ryan), Fr. Bob Bedard, Mary Beggan (sister of Anne Cooper), Arlene Belot (sister of Jay Lukenbill), Monica Desjardin (daughter of Leo), Len Desmarias (brother-in-law of Mary Simms), John Sr. & Margaret Dorner (parents of John), Keith Esmond (father of Liz), Estelle Freed (daughter of Helen Dick), Carl Gibbons (brother of Jo Kearns & Viola Duggan), Fay Hunt (sister-in-law of Beryl Budzinski), Cathy Jirsch (sister of Aileen Halls), Jessie Kennedy, Sarah Laturmus (granddaughter of Frank & Edwina), Marie Miele (mother of Christine), Lisa Nancarrow (daughter of Janet & Robin), Albert Ozorio (father of Rui), Donald Pajot (brother of Marc), Ted Vullings (father of Gerry)

WE ALSO PRAY for our RCIA Candidates: Anthonia Bejide, Patricia Bejide, Brent Burbridge, Lee Do and Holly Nicks

COLLECTION REPORT

29 November – \$5,268.03 (envelopes) / \$997.03 (loose)

~ Thank you for your generosity and support ~

Pastor's Column...

PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD

The season of Advent calls us to conversion of mind and heart so that we might be more open to the presence of the Lord in our lives. We are encouraged to turn away from sin and to leave behind anything in our lives that is contrary to the Gospel. Then are we truly free to embrace the Lord and to put our faith into action.

We are often kept from doing what is good, honourable and holy by stumbling blocks of our own making. Habits of selfishness keep us from recognizing the needs of the poor and less fortunate. Indulging ourselves in the culture of hedonism prevents us from experiencing true love and all of the fidelity, commitment and sacrifice that it requires.

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his path straight,” John the Baptist cries. He speaks not only to the people of his day who gathered around him. He speaks to us and invites us to change our ways so that our hearts will be open to the presence of the Lord in our everyday living. (Taken from Bible diary 2009)

God bless,
Fr. James Raphael CMF
Pastor

Parish News and Community Life...

MINISTERS FOR CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR'S MASSES NEEDED—We are asking “current” Lectors and Announcers to please sign up for the Christmas/New Year's Masses. We are also in need of Mass Coordinators, over-head assistance and Eucharistic ministers. Sign-up sheets are on the desk by the bookrack. Please sign up **no later than December 13**. If there are any parishioners interested in becoming a Lector, you are asked to please contact Bob Laird at 613-731-4304.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS in memory of a deceased loved one. Special donation envelopes are available at the entrances of the Church **until December 13**. The names of the deceased will be printed on a special insert in the Christmas bulletin.

SCHOOL MASS: Holy Cross and Family School invites all the parishioners to join them at their **Advent Mass on Tuesday, December 08 at 6:30 p.m. held at Holy Cross Parish**. A reception will follow after the Mass in the hall. Please come celebrate with the schools and join with them in the spirit of Christmas.

2010 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES are available for pick up on table at the back of the church. Choose the next available box and fill out the slip of paper and place it in the basket.

PASTORAL CARE

OUR TRAINED PASTORAL CARE TEAM MEMBERS are available to visit and/or bring Holy Communion to the sick, house-bound, lonely, or bereaved. Please call Myrna Vullings at 613-737-0755.

Social Action...

MISSION, PEACE, AND DEVELOPMENT

The MPD committee is looking forward to seeing everyone at the Bake/Craft Fair this Sunday morning. Our Angel Makers wrapped up their work for the year with a pot-luck lunch this past Friday. They plan to start up again in early February. Our AIDS Angels are still available however at Salem Storehouse (Merivale Rd.), the St. Paul Bookstore (Main St.) and Trillium Bakery (Belmont Av.). We encourage you to sign the postcards which Development and Peace has prepared in its action campaign to promote food sovereignty.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP – Making Changes

We make changes in our lives to protect the future. Many tips have been provided in our Sunday bulletin. Have I made changes applicable to me? For example, do I recycle cellphones and printer cartridges through the Grannies' Think Recycle Program on the MPD table? Do I turn off my engine rather than have my car idle? Do I purchase fair trade products? Do I use safe tap water instead of bottled water? Do I use reusable cups and dinnerware or do I still use plastics and Styrofoam? Do I turn off my computer and electronics (not standby) when not in use? Do I offer suggestions in the Care for Creation Suggestion Box on the MPD table that may be shared with parishioners? It is never too late to be a positive force!

Other items of interest...

HELP NITE FOR SEPARATED OR DIVORCED CATHOLICS: Next session is on Thursday, January 21 from 7 – 9 p.m. in the Cafeteria at the Diocesan Centre, 1247

Kilborn Pl. Marlene & Bob Neufeld of Healing Love Academy will discuss communication. Everyone is welcome. For more information contact Deacon Peter Lafleur, Family Ministry Office at plafleur@archottawa.ca.

10 ideas for your Family to flourish

1. Go to Church together as a family.
2. Pray together. Play together.
3. Laugh together. A sense of humour is important.
4. Eat together. Make meal times sacred—don't answer the phone.
5. Say Grace before meals.
6. Turn off the TV and go for a walk.
7. Be generous with affirming signs of affection.
8. Spend time together volunteering as a family.
9. Forgive each other.
10. Bless each other before bedtime.

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CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Parish Reconciliation Service – Tuesday, December 15

7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve – Thursday, December 24

4:00 p.m. Mass (Children Pageant)

6:00 p.m. Mass (PAX 9:30 Choir)

8:00 p.m. Mass (Anne & 7:30 Choir)

11:00 p.m. Mass (Jackie & 11:15 Choir)

Christmas Day – Friday, December 25

9:30 a.m. Mass

11:15 a.m. Mass

Feast of The Holy Family – December 26/27

Regular weekend Masses

New Year's Eve – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Thursday, December 31

7:00 p.m. Adoration/Mass

New Year's Day – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Friday, January 01

9:30 a.m. Mass

11:15 a.m. Mass

Christmas and New Years (Solemnity of Mary) are Holy Days of Obligation in Canada.

There will be **NO 12:15 Mass on December 24 and 31**. The Parish office will be closed on December 24 and January 01.

PLEASE NOTE: OUR CHRISTMAS BULLETIN will cover the period of December 24 until January 09. Deadline for submissions is on **Wednesday, December 22 by 12 noon**. Our **regular weekly bulletin** will resume on **January 09**.

Have you considered a gift in your WILL to provide for the faith life of future generations? IN YOUR GENEROSITY, please consider a donation or bequest to Holy Cross Parish.