



# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 13 DECEMBER 2009



**“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.”**

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

## *Announced Mass Intentions...*

- Sat., Dec. 12 5:00PM Mass – Robert Lee+  
Mary McClory+  
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 – Marcel Cole+  
7:30PM Mass – Gary Smith+  
Crichlow Family (lvg)
- Mon., Dec. 14 12:15PM **NO MASS**
- Tues., Dec. 15 9:30AM Mass – Edwardson Family (lvg)
- Wed., Dec. 16 10:00AM Mass at Windsor Park Manor  
12:15PM Mass – Adam Podgorecki+
- Thurs., Dec. 17 10:00AM Mass at Billings Lodge  
12:15PM Mass – Gilles Patry+  
Juan Calleda+
- Fri., Dec. 18 12:15PM Mass – For Priests (lvg)
- Sat., Dec. 19 5:00PM Mass – Len Kennedy+  
Dennis Prendergast+  
Leo & Odette MacKinnon+
- Sun., Dec. 20 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
8:00AM Mass –Valerie Goldsmith+  
9:30AM Mass – Huguette Landreville+  
Leo & Odette MacKinnon+  
11:15AM Mass – Agnes & Bill Nugent+  
Kitty & Stan Curtis+  
7:30PM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners

## *Events Calendar*

- 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
- Mon., Dec. 14 7:00PM RCIA – Rm. A
- Tues., Dec. 15 7:00PM **Parish Reconciliation Service**  
8:00PM A.A. – hall
- Wed., Dec. 16 7:00PM K of C – General meeting – Hall  
7:30PM Music (7:30) practice – Church
- Thurs., Dec. 17 7:00PM Choir (11:15) practice – Church
- Sat., Dec. 19 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A  
4:30PM Rosary – Church
- Sun., Dec. 20 9:30AM Children’s Liturgy  
10:30AM **Youth Event** – talk on “*The Busy Young Catholic’s Guide to Organizing Your Spiritual Life*” –Hall  
10:30AM Children pageant practice – Hall

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

**-our parishioners-** Laurette Allen, Elena Argumedo, Colleen Bonnah, Vivian Braganza, Barbara Cullinan, Betty Hubbard, Betty Hurst, Patricia Joseph, Edwina Laternus, 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 Laternus (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

## *Pastor’s Column...*

### **REJOICE**

Today’s Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

This Sunday of Advent is known as Gaudete Sunday, a name that comes from the latin word that means “Rejoice!” As the rose candle on the Advent wreath is lit, we rejoice that Christmas is near. We rejoice in the fact that our God does not keep His distance from us, but enters into our human experience, shares our sorrows and our struggles, and takes upon His shoulders the weight of our sins so that we might dare to hope for the gift of eternal life.

John the Baptist proclaimed Good News to the people of his day. Today we rejoice in the Good News that the Lord’s love is greater than anything we could have ever imagined. He reconciles us poor sinners and abides with us so that we might never again fear the powers of sin and death. He gives us consolation in times of sorrow and courage in times of weakness. He fills our hearts with the “peace of God which surpasses all understanding.”

We rejoice this day not simply because of the nearness of the celebration of Christmas, but for the nearness of our God who makes that celebration possible. (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.



**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION—COME JOIN US AT THE TABLE:** For all those families with children preparing for the sacrament of First Communion during this coming Easter season, we invite you and your child to participate in a five-part program entitled “**COME JOIN US AT THE TABLE**”. The first session begins on Thursday,

**January 14 at 7 .m. the parish hall.** The following dates are January 28, February 11 & 25 and March 11. To register your child for this program, please call the parish office at 613-731-7834.

**IMPORTANT DATES—REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS** whose children are registered for the sacrament of First Communion. **WELCOMING CEREMONY (Enrolment)** will be on **Sunday, January 17 OR Sunday, January 24 at either the 9:30 or 11:15 a.m. Mass.** Please attend **one** of these Masses and sign-in your child’s name at the entrance of the Church 15 minutes before Mass begins. If you have any questions please call the parish office at 613-731-7834.

**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 Myrnah Vullings at 613-737-0755.

YOUTH CORNER

**THANK-YOU TO ALL PARISHIONERS** who supported the Youth Group by entering our raffle for the beautiful Quilt. **CONGRATULATIONS to Rose O’Neill** who won the quilt.

**ALL YOUTH** grades 4 and up are invited downstairs after the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, December 20. Tavis Goski will be giving a short talk on “*The Busy Young Catholic’s Guide to Organizing Your Spiritual Life*” followed by a small snack. Parents are welcome to stay for coffee and refreshments.

*Social Action...*

MISSION, PEACE, AND DEVELOPMENT

KAIROS is under threat! This ecumenical organization, supported by Development and Peace, the Canadian Bishops and various Christian groups, has done outstanding work promoting economic justice and human rights. For over 35 years, KAIROS has been relentless in its efforts to respond to God’s call to respect the earth and seek justice for its people. In a shocking announcement made last week CIDA stated it would not be funding KAIROS projects. No explanation was offered, just that the program did not fit CIDA priorities. We urge you to contact your MP to protest this harmful decision.

**ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP – SOLIDARITY**

Today, Sunday, December 13 at 3 pm, during the height of the Copenhagen Summit on Climate Change, The World Council of

Churches is holding an ecumenical service in Copenhagen. After this service churches from all over the world are invited to ring their bells or engage in their own activity to show solidarity with those who are victims of environmental injustice. Let us engage in prayer today for our world leaders at the summit and for those who suffer from the ravages of environmental degradation. KAIROS, the Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiative supports this day of action sponsored by the World Council of Churches. Further information is available at [www.kairoscanada.org](http://www.kairoscanada.org).

*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 information contact Deacon Peter Lafleur at [plafleur@archottawa.ca](mailto:plafleur@archottawa.ca).

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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 20 to December 27. Our **regular weekly bulletin** will resume on **January 03**. Please ensure that all submissions are in **no later** than Tuesday, December 29 by 12 noon.

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**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.**

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**PLEASE NOTE:** The office will be closed for the afternoon on Thursday, December 17.