



## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 13 DECEMBER 2015

**“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.”**

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

### *Announced Mass intentions*

- Sat., Dec. 12 5:00PM Mass– Holy Cross Parishioners
- Sun., Dec. 13 **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
8:00AM Mass – Mary-Ann Labadie+  
9:30AM Mass – Barbara Bailey+  
Margaret Fitzgerald-Pajot+  
Garry Brown+  
11:15AM Mass – Michel Limbos+
- Mon., Dec. 14 **NO MASS**
- Tues., Dec. 15 9:30AM Mass – In Thanksgiving  
Mass celebrated with Holy Cross School
- Wed., Dec. 16 12:15PM Mass – Gardner Family+
- Thurs., Dec. 17 10:00AM Communion Service held at  
Windsor Park Manor  
12:15PM Mass – In Thanksgiving to  
St. Jude & St. Theresa
- Fri., Dec. 18 12:15PM Mass – Hazel Knight (Ivg)  
Kennedy & Dubord Family+
- Sat., Dec. 19 5:00PM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
- Sun., Dec. 20 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
8:00AM Mass – Laura Forgues+  
9:30AM Mass – Somera Family+  
Ray Gibbons+  
Garry Brown+  
11:15AM Mass – Eleanor Turner+

### *Events Calendar*

- Sat., Dec. 12 9:00AM Parish Ultreya – Church/Library  
9:30AM NO Prayer Group
- Sun., Dec. 13 9:30AM Children’s Liturgy  
10:30AM Children’s Choir and Pageant  
practice – Rm. A  
**Christmas Craft/Bake Sale** after all morning Masses
- Mon., Dec. 14 12:30PM Potato Peelers – Hall
- Tues., Dec. 15 7:00PM **Advent Parish Reconciliation  
Service** – Church  
8:00PM A.A. – Hall
- Wed., Dec. 16 7:00PM Choir (9:30) practice– Rm. A/Church  
7:30PM K of C general meeting – Hall
- Thurs., Dec. 17 1:00PM Club 55+ – Hall  
7:00PM Choir (11:15) practice – Church
- Sat., Dec. 19 9:00AM K of C – 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree– Library/Hall  
9:30AM Prayer Group  
12:00PM Choir Practice – Church
- Sun., Dec. 20 9:30AM Children’s Liturgy  
10:30AM Children’s Choir and Pageant  
practice – Hall

K of C distributing crèche gifts to all the Children– all Masses

**Please pray for our brothers and sisters who are sick...**  
**-Our parishioners—**Ron Black, Viola and Mike Duggan, Bob Houghton, Alice Johnson, Brigitte Komocki, Don Lanos, Charlotte McCarthy, Jean N’dah, Bev Olivastri, Garrett Patterson, Santa Sedlar, Alma Serrette, Joe Tonin  
**-Immediate family members—** Tammy Barber (Bill McCauley), Jennifer Barns (niece of Trish Brighton), Vic Edwards (husband of Deanna Heney-Edwards), Harry Ganley (brother of Jean Ganley), Stephen Herlihey (son of Paul and Marlene Herlihey), Eric Polspoel (husband of Jacinthe Bourdeau), Kim Pritchard (daughter of Ralph and Jane Pyne), Kathy Radcliffe (sister of Bill Daub), Edna Rice (mother of Heather Rice)

### *Pastor’s Column...*

#### **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

This Third Sunday in Advent is a call to continue our preparation for the coming of Jesus. We’re watching and waiting for the coming of Jesus but what should we do? This is the exact question the crowds asked of John the Baptist. You would expect a dramatic answer from John the Baptist. After all, he’s a dramatic character who wears camel’s hair and eats locusts and preaches a tough message. But his answer to the question “What should we do?” might surprise us. He responds, share with others and do your work well. It all seems so ordinary. But God takes the ordinary, and makes it extraordinary.

When Jesus is truly at the center of our lives, then all our actions take on a new meaning. God looks on us with endless joy; and that means our actions, however humdrum they may seem, if done out of love are part of that joy. It literally gives God joy to take the ordinary of our lives and makes it extraordinary. Let’s give him permission to do just that.

No wonder this third Sunday of Advent is also called “Gaudete” or “Joy” Sunday.

God bless,  
Deacon John

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

**MISSION APPEAL FOR THE CLARETIAN MISSIONS IN INDIA:** Special envelopes have been placed in the pews for your donations to help support the Claretian Missions in India. All your generosity will directly go to enhance the various Missionary activities of the Claretian Congregation in India, the Religious Order of our Pastor, Fr. James Raphael. Please make your **cheques payable to Holy Cross Parish**. We thank you for your whole hearted co-operation.

**ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE:** Holy Cross Parish is happy to announce that one of our seminarians, **Tavis Goski**, son of Barbara and Joe Goski **will be ordained to the order of Diaconate by Archbishop Prendergast, next Sunday, December 20 at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Redeemer Parish** (44 Rothesay Dr., Kanata). Ordination to the Diaconate is the final step before his priesthood. Parishioners are encouraged to attend the celebration and support Tavis Goski with our prayers and presence. Please be reminded that Canon Law obliges Catholics to reveal any impediment to Sacred Orders to the Bishop or Pastor.

**2016 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** are available for pick up at the back of the church. Choose the next available box and fill out the slip of paper and place it in the basket. Please note that **these envelopes are not to be used until January 2016**. We would like to take this time to thank all our Parishioners for their generosity throughout 2015.

**2016 SUNDAY MISSALS** are available for purchase. Cost: \$5 and they may be found at the back of the church on the bookrack. Place your money in the slot on the table next to the bookrack.

**CLUB 55+:** We extend a cordial invitation to all seniors to participate in our **Celebration of Christmas on Thursday, December 17**. Please join us for Mass at 12:15 p.m. followed by an afternoon of seasonal music, song, and fellowship. Our gathering will feature special Christmas baking and a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus! For further information, contact Fran Hadley at 613-737-5226.

**PASTORAL CARE**

Our purpose is to **"BE THERE"** for you, our parishioners, in the name of Jesus, in sickness, sorrow, crisis or transition. Confidentiality is the cornerstone of our ministry. Please call June Kelly at 613-737-7139 if you would like the services of one of our trained Pastoral Care workers.

**Social Action...**

**MISSION, PEACE, AND DEVELOPMENT**

From Nina Chung in Kenya: *"We've just posted our Winter Elimu Newsletter. Read about our eReader campaign, meet a young woman who is the first in her rural community to graduate high school with Elimu's help and find out who this year's graduates are at Nyumbani Kwetu Home for Children."* Nina wishes us all a Merry, Peace-filled Christmas. For more information you can go to the website at <http://www.elimu.ca/pdfs/Elimu%20News%20Winter%202015.16.pdf>

**CARE FOR CREATION – A PRAYER FOR OUR TIMES:**

*"Gracious God, Creator of all, we raise our hearts in grateful praise for all the beauty that surrounds us. May we learn to accept all as a sacred gift and do what we can to repair the damage we have caused through our consumerism, greed and carelessness. Grant us an ecological conversion so that we can leave our next generation with a future full of hope where there is enough for all. Amen."* (taken from the website of Citizens for Public Justice: [www.cpj.ca](http://www.cpj.ca)).

**Other interests...**

**ANNUAL HOMELANDS MASS:** The annual Homelands Mass at Notre Dame Cathedral will take place on **Sunday, January 24, 2016 at 2:30 p.m.**

**2016 NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT:** Featuring world-renowned speakers Dr. Peter Kreeft, Christopher West, Sherry Weddell, and Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa, among others. The live broadcast to host sites throughout North America will take place in Ottawa on April 15 – 16, 2016. Register online: (<https://www.newevangelization.ca/#price>).



**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

**Parish Reconciliation Service – Tuesday, December 15**

7:00 p.m.

**Christmas Eve – Thursday, December 24**

4:00 p.m. Mass (Children's Choir & Pageant)

6:00 p.m. Mass (Youth)

8:00 p.m. Mass (9:30 Choir)

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

**Christmas Day – Friday, December 25**

9:30 a.m. Mass

11:15 a.m. Mass

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

**Thursday, December 31**

7:00 p.m. ADORATION

7:30 p.m. 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.**

**PLEASE NOTE: OUR CHRISTMAS BULLETIN** will cover a two week period beginning on December 20. **Deadline for submissions** is on **Wednesday, December 16 by 12 noon**. Our **regular weekly bulletin** will resume on **January 03** and deadline for submission is on **Tuesday, December 29 by 12 noon**.



**COLLECTION REPORT**

06 December 2015 – \$4,410.00 (env) / \$698.00(loose)

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