



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 02 DECEMBER 2018

**“There will be signs in the sun, the moon...
Then they will see the Son of Man coming...Be on guard...
For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth.”**

(Today's Readings: Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4.2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36)

Announced Mass intentions

- Sat., Dec. 01 5:00PM **YOUTH MASS**
Josefa & Reynaldo Balmaceda+
- Sun., Dec. 02 **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
8:00AM Mass – Fr. James Gray (lvg)
9:30AM Mass – Gerta Patry+
Cecil Roy+
In Thanksgiving
11:15AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
- Mon., Dec. 03 **NO MASS**
- Tues., Dec. 04 9:30AM Mass – Holy Family Rosary Group
- Wed., Dec. 05 12:15PM Mass – Marc Gardner+
- Thurs., Dec. 06 10:00AM Communion service held at
Windsor Park Manor
12:15PM Mass – Special Intention
- Fri., Dec. 07 11:00AM **ADORATION** until 12 noon
12:15PM Mass – Gary Kilbertus+
Julie Roy (lvg)
- Sat., Dec. 08 9:00AM **MASS**-celebrating the **Solemnity
of The Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary**
5:00PM Mass – Dionne Family+
- Sun., Dec. 09 **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
9:30AM Mass – Fesseha Fre+
Apie Lucie Adje+
Brian Gibbons+
11:15AM Mass–Armand & Jeannette Lavigne+

Events Calendar ...

- Sat., Dec. 01 9:30AM Prayer Group
2:00PM Youth Group meeting – Library
- Sun., Dec. 02 9:30AM **NO** Children's Liturgy
9:30AM **Welcoming Ceremony**
(Enrolment) for the Sacrament of Confirmation
Christmas Craft & Bake Sale after all morning Masses
- Mon., Dec. 03 12:30PM Potato Peelers
- Tues., Dec. 04 8:00PM A.A. – Hall
- Wed., Dec. 05 10:00AM Pastoral Care meeting – Library
7:00PM Choir (9:30) practice – held in
meeting room A and Church
7:30PM K of C Executive meeting
- Thurs., Dec. 06 6:00PM K of C Admission Degree
7:00PM Choir (11:15) practice – Church
- Sat., Dec. 08 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A
9:30AM Parish Ultreya/Cursillo – Hall
2:00PM Children's Choir practice- Church

Sun., Dec. 09 9:30AM Children's Liturgy
9:30AM **Welcoming Ceremony**
(Enrolment) for the Sacrament of Confirmation

†**Our Condolences and Prayers:** For the departed soul of Richard (Dick) Hudson (husband of Joy Hudson)

WE PRAY FOR our newly baptised children who were baptised in **October:** Grace Kate Wadel and in **November:** Isabella Akaonyedianinor Johnson. Please continue to keep these children and their families in your prayers.

COLLECTION REPORT

25 November 2018 – \$3,137.00 (env) / \$646.90 (loose)

~ **Thank you for your generosity and support** ~

November 2018

2018 Collection Budget:		\$311,000
Collections, Year to Date:		\$260,000
To Reach our Budget:		\$ 51,000

ARCHBISHOP'S ADVENT MESSAGE 2018

Advent, the season preparing us for Christmas, begins today. Two questions come to my mind. Is it possible for you to prepare spiritually to celebrate Christmas in our hectic and consumeristic climate? Can you create some interior space to welcome the Christ-child or will your heart and mind be overfull like the inn at Bethlehem in the original Nativity of our Lord?

The word "Advent" has a Latin root that means "coming." The pre-Christmas season of Advent is a time of preparation to celebrate the first coming of Jesus Christ at Christmas: "the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth." (John 1.14)

Soon, a joyful feast will mark the reality that heaven came to earth that first Christmas. Until then, some traditional practices can help you get ready to celebrate.

It is possible to get caught up in the round of parties, decorating the house, buying the perfect present, sending cards or ecards, and the general busyness of the weeks before December 25. Consequently, we can forget that for Christians, "Jesus is the reason for the season."

This Advent, I encourage you to adopt more attentively some traditional practices. It could be a little focused prayer on the meaning of Christmas, a few moments each day spent with the crèche, an Advent wreath on the dinner table with four candles and a moment of prayer, penitential preparation ending with the sacrament of reconciliation, or a special donation to support the poor in our community. You will be blessed if you make a little space in your crowded life to welcome the Christ-child into your heart and home.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Archbishop Terrence Prendergast S.J.

(Read full text message on the Church bulletin board)

Pastor's Message...

The Liturgical Year begins on the First Sunday of Advent. The Season of Advent is a time when Christians recall in joyful expectation the two comings of Jesus Christ into the world. To make this season a grace filled occasion and rekindle our faith, the parish is offering access to the website called "FORMED." By registering you can have access to daily reflections, Advent Sunday messages, watch great inspiring movies, read books and so much more. Thanks to the donation of \$1,500 from Holy Cross' Knights of Columbus, towards the purchase of this faith formation resource.

MY SINCERE APPRECIATION to the children and youth who raised money to support Debra Dynes Family House as well as baking pumpkin pies with Club 55.

THANK YOU — I am humbled and encouraged by your overwhelming support for the Claretian Mission in India. Your contribution total was \$8,965.00. Special thanks to those who had been extremely generous and gave moral support. May God continue to bless you all as we prepare for Christmas!

PLEASE NOTE that there is extra parking for parishioners at Holy Cross School.

Wishing all of you a blessed Advent Season!
Fr. Lukose
Pastor

Parish News and Community Life...

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Our **PARISH ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE** will be held on **Tuesday, December 11 at 7:00 p.m.**

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: There will be a special Mass on **Saturday, December 08 at 9:00 a.m. on the Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary.** Following the Mass, the Cursillo group invites everyone to the parish hall for light refreshments and to hear about the Ottawa Cursillo Movement.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Parents whose children are registered for the sacrament of Confirmation are reminded that our **WELCOMING CEREMONY (Enrolment)** will be on **Sunday, December 09 at the 9:30 a.m. Mass.** Please arrive **20 minutes before Mass begins** to sign-in your child's name at the entrance of the Church.

DINNER AND MUSIC NIGHT: A Sri Lankan and Indian Family Night is being organized at Holy Cross on Saturday, December 08. You are welcome to join in an evening of delicious food and great music starting at 6.30 pm in the parish hall. Cost for tickets: Adult: \$30/per person and there is no cost for children under 6. For tickets, please call Ignatius at 613-799-3519 or Fr. Lukose at 613-710-1187.

ATTENTION: If you own a business or know of a business in the area that would benefit from advertising on the back of our bulletin, please contact the parish office. We depend on our advertisers to allow us to continue the publication of the bulletin.

DONATIONS TOWARDS CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Special envelopes may be found in the pews and at the entrances of the Church for donations towards Christmas flowers. Donations of \$20 or more will be issued a tax receipt if you enclose your name and address or envelope number. You are also welcomed to bring Christmas flowers on the Fourth Sunday of Advent to the Church.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR: Parents whose children would like to be a part of the Children's Christmas Choir are asked to bring them to the practices: **Saturdays on December 08, 15 & 24 from 2 pm to 3 pm held in the Church.** We humbly request that you do not miss any of the practises. The **Christmas Eve Children's Mass** is on **Monday, December 24 at 4 pm.**



The **OTTAWA POLICE CHOIR** will present a **CHRISTMAS CONCERT** on **Sunday, December 16 at 2 p.m.** in the Church. All parishioners and visitors are welcome. There is no charge for admission – a free-will offering will be gratefully accepted. A reception in the hall will follow the concert. Spread the news and bring your family and friends and get into the spirit of the season by enjoying classic religious music both traditional and contemporary. We hope to see you there!



Social Justice...

DEBRA DYNES FAMILY HOUSE is again looking for small gifts (new or gently used) that the children can give their parents for Christmas. This year they also anticipate a shortage of presents for youth themselves aged 10 to 16. If you can help these families celebrate the holiday, please leave your donations in the DDFH box under the Social Justice table.

CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Parish Reconciliation Service – Tuesday, December 11
7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve – Monday, December 24
4:00 p.m. Mass (Children's pageant)
6:00 p.m. Mass (11:15 Choir)
8:00 p.m. Mass (9:30 Choir)
10:30 p.m. Mass (11:15 Choir)

Christmas Day – Tuesday, December 25
9:30 a.m. Mass
11:15 a.m. Mass

New Year's Eve – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Monday, December 31
6:30 p.m. ADORATION
7:30 p.m. Mass

New Year's Day – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Tuesday, January 01
9:30 a.m. Mass
11:15 a.m. Mass

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

