

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



MASSSES OF THE WEEK

† - For the repose of the soul / in memory of the person(s) indicated

Sunday, December 13

10:30 a.m. For Oliver Mendonca's intentions by Epe Roca.
 † Sebastian Fernandes by Grace & Eden D'Souza.
 For the intentions of Alice Hilchie on her birthday by her friends.
 For the intentions of the Handmaids of the Lord.

Monday, December 14

Feast of St. John of the Cross

(Private Mass) † Father Oakwood by Epe Roca.

Tuesday, December 15

9:00 a.m. For the intentions of the Jack Purcell community by Lena Petek.

Wednesday, December 16

(Private Mass) † Souls in Purgatory.

Thursday, December 17

9:00 a.m. † Bob Kauffman by Eva Konopacki.

Friday, December 18

(Private Mass) † Sister Cora by Epe Roca.

Saturday, December 19

4:30 p.m. † Gloria Pereira by her family.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Steve Samsom, Nickie Shaw, Patricia McNamara, Norbert Dacquay, Baby Raechal McIntyre, Monique Beaudry, Marcelo Pimentel, Moli Coletti, Zygmunt Wysocki and Melchisedec Candido.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION

Universal: *For a life of prayer ~ We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.*

READINGS (Year B):

Sunday, December 13

First Reading: Isaiah 61.1-2a, 10-11

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24

May your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel: John 1.6-8, 19-28

Among you stands one whom you do not know.

Diocesan Theme for 2020 - 2021: "Lord to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life".

John 6.68

Tuesday, December 15

First Reading: Zephaniah 3.1-2, 9-13

Salvation is promised to the lowly and the humble.

Gospel: Matthew 21.28-32

John the Baptist came and the sinners believed him.

Thursday, December 17

First Reading: Genesis 49.2, 8-10

The scepter shall not depart from Judah.

Gospel: Matthew 1.1-17

An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David.

Saturday, December 19

(Fourth Sunday of Advent)

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7.1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

The Kingdom of David shall be made sure forever before the Lord.

Second Reading: Romans 16.25-27

The mystery, so long held secret, is now revealed to all.

Gospel: Luke 1.26-38

You will conceive in your womb and bear a son.



Christmas & Holy Family Feast Mass Schedule

Thursday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)	4:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)	7:00 p.m.
Friday, December 25 (Christmas Day)	10:30 a.m.
Saturday, December 26 (Holy Family Feast)	4:30 p.m.
Sunday, December 27 (Holy Family Feast)	10:30 a.m.

New Year's & Epiphany of the Lord Mass Schedule

Thursday, December 31 (New Year's Eve)	4:30 p.m.
Friday, January 1 (New Year's Day)	10:30 a.m.
Saturday, January 2 (Epiphany of the Lord)	4:30 p.m.
Sunday, January 3 (Epiphany of the Lord)	10:30 a.m.

Notes:

¹ This schedule is dependent on having sufficient number of volunteers and participants for each Mass.

² The Saturday 4:30 p.m. Mass and the Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass remain intact.

³ See next page for Christmas Mass Registration.

REGISTRATION FOR CHRISTMAS MASS

Registration for our Christmas Masses is mandatory. There are 3 ways to register:

- 1) Complete our on-line registration form on our website, www.sttheresaottawa.com/; or
- 2) Send an e-mail (sttheresa@rogers.com); or
- 3) Call the office (613-235-5119).

You must provide the names and telephone numbers of all the people you are registering and whether they are parishioners, family members or visitors.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for the Christmas Masses. To volunteer, please contact Ron Sorobey (613-238-7495; rsorobey@rogers.com).

SENIORS MINISTRY

As a follow-up to our request for volunteers to reach out to isolated seniors, we are very pleased to report that a total of 10 people have volunteered! Our next task is to identify the isolated seniors in our parish area who would like a weekly call. If you are aware of any seniors who would benefit from this initiative, please send their contact information (name, phone #, email if applicable) to Joan Texeira email:jt2939@gmail.com or text/phone at [613-866-8592](tel:613-866-8592). Thanks for your ongoing support.

2021 PARISH ENVELOPES

2021 parish envelopes are available at the back of the Church. If you used envelopes in 2020, the 2021 envelopes will be labeled with your name & address. Most parishioners have been assigned the same number in 2021 except those who had numbers 151 to 250. Please advise the office of any corrections or changes. We also have a number of unlabeled boxes should you wish to start using envelopes in 2021. Kindly include your name, address and phone number on the first few envelopes and always indicate the **amount** of your donation on every envelope you use throughout the year for income tax purposes.

Please note that people using pre-authorized donations (Automatic Debit, MasterCard or Visa credit cards, e-Transfer, or CanadaHelps.org) **need not** pick up a box of envelopes. We strongly encourage everyone to sign up for pre-authorized donations by filling out the form found on our website: www.sttheresaottawa.com

MESSAGE TO ALL THE FAITHFUL OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF OTTAWA-CORNWALL

"I am assuming the pastoral governance of the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall as your Metropolitan Archbishop...I inherit a diocesan Church that is both young because it is newly created, but also rich in history, culture and traditions. The greatest treasure is to be found first of all in each of the persons who make up our living Church because we find God's gift in each of them. I am convinced that the power of the Holy Spirit will guide and equip us for the mission that must expand in this unique time in our history.

As your pastor, your servant leader, I hope I will model for you the life of an authentic missionary disciple. With a touch of humility and a good dose of joy of the Gospel, I believe it is possible to transform hearts and awaken souls to life in abundance. In Jesus Christ, everything changes for the better and therefore makes all the difference. I therefore invite you to become pilgrims with me and dare to take the journey of faith that will lead us to an unforgettable adventure.

I entrust myself to your prayers and to the intercession of the Virgin Mary and St. Joseph. You are already in my prayers, like a father cares for his children."

✠ **Marcel Dampousse**
Archbishop of Ottawa-Cornwall

MIRIAM CENTRE DIRECTOR

Full-time position for a fluently bilingual, compassionate pro-life person. Must have management skills and experience and computer skills. \$16.00/hr. Send c.v. to Sr. Rita Lacelle, 107-1803 St. Joseph Blvd., Orleans, ON K1C 6E7 or centremiriamcentre@yahoo.ca.

OTTAWA SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY & SPIRITUALITY

On Monday evenings from **January 4 – March 15, 2021** the OSTs is offering a wide range of reasonably priced courses via Zoom. There are no required readings, no homework, no exams – just the joy of learning. Info: www.osts.ca; Ann Babin, 613-830-8826 or Pat Trites, 613-824-8780.

"Mankind is a great, an immense family...This is proved by what we feel in our hearts at Christmas."
– Pope John XXIII