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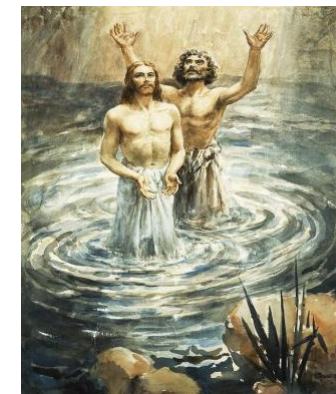
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December 16/17

3rd Sunday of Advent



Rejoice always...do not quench the Spirit.
(1 Thessalonians 5.16,19)
Joyful God, we rejoice,
we rejoice, down to our
souls. Help us to prepare
our hearts to be open and
able to receive your
immense love.

Mass Times

Sunday 10am
Saturday 5pm
Weekdays 11:30am
(No Mass on Mondays)
Sacrament of
Reconciliation is half an
hour before Mass or by
appointment.

Pastoral Team

Pastor:
Fr. Jim Fiori, omi
Pastoral Assistant:
Jane Staples
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Heather Duggan
Pastoral Council
Dorothy Wood
613-523-2829
Meetings: 1st Thur. 7:15p
Finance Committee
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613-232-9743
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613-237-2001
Cemeteries
Hope Cemetery
613-822-1212
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613-746-4175

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. Dec.16	5:00p	Laetitia Gallager by Clare Brown, Molly Chambers by her family, Bernadette Kavanagh by Cathy Richer
Sun. Dec. 17	10:00a	Intentions of all parishioners
Wed. Dec. 20	11:30a	Peggy McAllister by the McAllister family
Sun. Dec. 24	10:00a	Intentions of all parishioners

The Rosary is prayed at 11am before Daily Mass.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Liam O'Reilly, Marie MacPherson, Chris Smith and family, Ping Cai, Sara Kate Muleski, Pasquale Cotroneo, Teresa Beemans, Janice Staples, Patricia Polci, George Cull, Fr. Chris Rushton, Bud Staples, Fr. Jim Jordan, Bro. Louis Andreas, Liam Elder, Tony Lim, and Gerarda Staples.

Welcome to our guests and new parishioners who have chosen to be with us for this celebration. As we worship and pray together may your experience among us be one of peace and joy. If you wish to register, please fill out a registration card.

BAPTISM PREPARATION: Contact the Parish Office a minimum of 3 months before the baptism. Baptismal instructions are required.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION: Contact the Parish Office to set up the initial interview. It is recommended that the first contact be a minimum of 6 months before the wedding.

DIRECT DEPOSIT DONATIONS: The forms are available at the back of the church if you wish to make donations to the church through direct deposit. Envelopes for special collections will still be provided.

PARISH REGISTRATION: The registration form is available at the back of the church or can be filled out online at <http://canadianmartyrs.org/register/>.

FOOD CUPBOARD: We collect non-perishable food items for the Centretown Emergency Food Centre on an on-going basis.

If you would like to advertise your business in our bulletin, please call 613-232-5347 or email office@canadianmartyrs.org.

Find us on Facebook : Canadian Martyrs Parish, Ottawa.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES: For your information, the minutes are available in a binder at the back of the church and at <http://canadianmartyrs.org/pastoral-council-minutes/>

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Sat. Jan. 6	Pizza Supper
Sun. Jan. 7	Community Mass
Thurs. Jan. 18	Liturgy Committee, 7pm
Fri. Jan. 26	Youth Gathering, 7pm

COLLECTION Dec. 9/10 2017

Envelopes and Loose change: \$ 2124

FINANCES – Jan.1 to Oct. 31/17

	Actual	Budget
Revenue	\$192,962.02	\$197,150.00
Expenses	\$172,389.47	\$201,430.00
	\$ 20,572.55	\$ (4,280.00)

OUR PARISH NEWS

CHRISTMAS AND SOLEMNITY OF MARY MASS TIMES

- Dec. 23** 5pm Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass
Dec. 24 10am Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass
Dec. 24 5pm Christmas Eve Mass
Dec. 25 10am Christmas Day Mass
Dec. 30 5pm Holy Family Mass
Dec. 31 10am Holy Family Mass
Dec. 31 5pm Solemnity of Mary Mass
Jan. 1 10am Solemnity of Mary Mass

HOLIDAY HIATUS

The office will be closed and there will be no 11:30am Daily Mass from **Dec. 26 to Dec. 29 inclusive and Jan. 2 - 3.**

THANK YOU

Many thanks to everyone, especially to our youngest helpers, Lily, Leah and David, who volunteered their time on a Saturday morning to help decorate the church for the Christmas season. Your help was much appreciated!

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Immaculata Christmas Hampers. The school community with our help was able to provide 51 families with a Christmas meal and gifts.

CHURCH ENVELOPES

The 2018 sets of boxed donation envelopes are available for pick up at the back of the church.

SIGN THE POSTCARD

It is not too late to sign the Development and Peace postcard for the Prime Minister asking for increased funding to support initiatives for women in the developing world. Cards are on the table at the back along with additional information about the campaign, Women at the Heart of Peace.

STAMPS FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

Please save your stamps from your Christmas cards and deposit them in the box at the back of the church. Thank you!

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

BLUE CHRISTMAS

Christmas can be a difficult time of year. This quiet service at the Church of the Ascension, 253 Echo Dr., offers a moment of peace and stillness in the midst of the season. Mon., **Dec. 18th** at 7:00 pm.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Annual marriage preparation course **Feb. 23-25** at Resurrection of Our Lord Parish. If you

plan to get married in 2018, and would like to attend, call 613-733-4661 by **Dec. 15.** Cost: \$100.

Info: resurrectionchurch@rogers.com.

OTTAWA CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARD CHOIRS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

"GLORIA!" Mon., **Dec. 18**, 7:00 p.m. at St. Basil Church, Maitland Ave. north of the 417 exit. Featuring the OCSB Children's, Boys' and Chamber Choirs and guests. Tickets: \$15 at the door. Refreshments. Info: Lesley Cameron, Publicity Coordinator, OCSB Choirs, www.choirs.ocsb.ca; (613-836-3271).

"THE STAR" CHRISTMAS MOVIE

Attend a charity event to help families in need. The afternoon includes a stage show; free gift to all kids, Christmas treat plus the new animated movie, The Star. Ottawa Family Cinema at Notre Dame Catholic HS, 710 Broadview Ave., Sat., **Dec. 23**, 2:00 p.m. Tickets in advance \$9; at the door \$12. Hosted by Ottawa Family Cinema Foundation. Info: www.familycinema.ca.

FREE CINEMA FORUM NIGHT

Join us for film viewing and discussion on the lives of the saints (one saint/evening) at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 320 Olmstead, Vanier on the last Friday of every month starting **Jan. 26.** Info: assumption@rogers.com; 613-746-8503.

PRO LIFE

The next Mass on their journey to pray for the establishment of a Pro Life Centre in Ottawa

take place on Sat. **Jan. 20** at 11:00 am at Blessed Sacrament Parish, 194 Fourth Ave.

DOMINICAN UNIVERSTIY COLLEGE

Interest Courses in Theology: Jan. 8 – Apr. 20, 2018. *"In the Beginning": Gen 1-11*, Professor Hervé Tremblay, O.P.; *Hope and Charity*, Professor Didier Caenepeel, O.P.; *Baptism and its Confirmation*, Professor Jean Doutre, O.P. Info: info@dominicanu.ca; www.dominicanu.ca/interestcourses.

2018 WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

The 104th World Day of Migrants and Refugees will be celebrated **Jan. 14.** Theme of Pope Francis' message: "Welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating migrants and refugees".

Today is known as Gaudete Sunday. Its name is taken from the entrance antiphon of the Mass. In Latin, the first word of the antiphon is gaudete, "rejoice".

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.

Indeed, the Lord is near.

Philippians 4:4-5

