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Rev. Fr. Ernest Emeka Emeodi, Parochial Administrator  
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*prepare the way...*

# CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

# IN OUR PARISH

## Saturday, December 22nd

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. **No Confessions**

5:30 p.m. Deceased Members of the Primeau Family by Pauline Primeau

## Sunday, December 23rd FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners

9:30 a.m. Those Remembered in Memoriam by The Patron's Foundation

11:00 a.m. Germaine Lafrance (21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of Death) by Gilles & Diane Lafrance

## Monday, December 24th ADVENT WEEK 4

### VIGIL AND MIDNIGHT MASSES - CHRISTMAS – THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (S)

5:00 p.m. Anunciacion Cespon by a Parishioner

7:00 p.m. Barbara & Iola Parisien by Joe Parisien & Family

Midnight Anna Shafer by Doug & Jane Anderson

## Tuesday, December 25th CHRISTMAS – THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (S)

### HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

10:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners

## Wednesday, December 26th ST. STEPHEN THE FIRST MARTYR (F)

### SECOND DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY

7:30 a.m. Special Intention for Ron Welsh by John Gaffney

## Thursday, December 27th ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE (F)

7:30 a.m. Audrey Levac by Marion Tobin

## Friday, December 28th THE HOLY INNOCENTS (F)

7:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony for Favor Received by a Parishioner

## Saturday, December 29th ST. THOMAS BECKET (OM)

### FIFTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. **No Confessions**

5:30 p.m. Wayne Bancroft by Raymond Billard

## Sunday, December 30th HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

7:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners

9:30 a.m. David Bellefeuille by Nancy Weir

11:00 a.m. Gerald Parisien by Joe Parisien & Family

## Monday, December 31st ST. SYLVESTER I (OM)

### SEVENTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY

5:00 p.m. Fr. Peter Coughlin by The Joy of the Lord Prayer Group

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*“For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy.” - Luke 1:44*

When you hear the scripture readings and the Gospel reading each Sunday, do you “leap for joy?” If not, don't blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. Do you prepare for Mass each week or do you just show up and expect to be entertained? We are called to be active participants, not passive bystanders.

## TODAY'S READINGS – DECEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>

1st Reading: Micah 5.2-5a  
 2nd Reading: Hebrews 10.5-10  
 Gospel: Luke 1.39-45

## INVITATION TO ATTEND BISHOP PRENDERGAST MASS WITH MEET & GREET

Please join Bishop Terence Prendergast as he presides at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Dec 30, 2018. All are invited to stay after Mass for coffee and fellowship and to exchange Christmas greetings with Bishop Prendergast and each other.

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK 2018 CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Dear beloved, Christmas is a joyous season when we send cards, gifts and goodwill messages to our loved ones. Beyond these beautifully-made Christmas cards, gifts and goodwill messages, lies the goodwill of the sender and a yearning for togetherness. Surely this season is about hope and faith for many people. Hope that we get to spend Christmas with our loved ones; hope also that the New Year will bring us blessings, happiness, success, and prosperity.

There is no doubt that for some people, the Christmas holidays are anything but merry. For some who face uphill battles of grief, loss of a loved one, loneliness, poverty, untreated trauma, disability and/or infirmity, the revelry of the season may be an annoyance, and the merriment diluted or absent. For such people, the Christmas season can be a time for angst and broken heartedness – and a great opportunity for those of us who revel in the season. Though it may be difficult to know what to say or do to help someone who experiences sadness or a sort of hopelessness during such a festive period, but a little love and kindness can go a long way in lifting the spirits of someone who is depressed or downcast.

Beloved friends, we urge you, even if you are having difficulty “getting in the Christmas spirit”, look around you this Christmas season with the eyes of faith. In as much as we Christians are called to tend to the poor, the sick, the disabled, widows and orphans, there is always someone around who needs a special friend, especially at Christmas. The Good News is that you can be that friend, by reaching out to those in need and help him or her (to) discover that a friend in need is a friend indeed. May the wonderful joy, peace, and love which Christ brought to us in this season never depart from us. We wish you all a very happy and blessed Christmas.

REV. FR. ERNEST EMEKA EMEODI, PAROCHIAL ADMINISTRATOR

REV. DEACON CHRIS CHISHOLM,

MEMBERS OF PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

## FATHER ERNEST VACATION

Fr Ernest will be away on vacation from Dec 28 – Feb 08. We wish him a wonderful time spent with his family and look forward to his return. Please welcome Fr. Donnelly and Fr. Jerome as they preside at the various Masses while Fr. Ernest is away.

## PLEASE NOTE

While Fr. Ernest is away there will be no morning masses on Mondays & Tuesdays and no Saturday afternoon confessions.

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Vigil Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 p.m.,  
 7:00 p.m. & 12:00 Midnight

Christmas Day Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> - 10:30 a.m.

## OFFICE CHRISTMAS HOURS

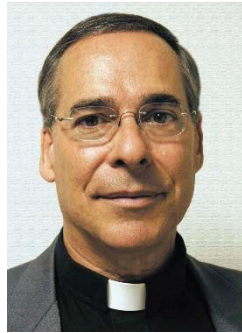
Parish Office will close on Dec 24<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m. and will remain closed Dec 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

## IN OUR PARISH AND DIOCESE

### POPE FRANCIS APPOINTS AUXILIARY BISHOP FOR THE DIOCESE OF ALEXANDRIA-CORNWALL

Today, December 12, 2018, His Holiness Pope Francis appointed Father Guy Desrochers, C.Ss.R, to the position of Auxiliary Bishop of Alexandria-Cornwall.

Earlier this year, Pope Francis had announced that the Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall and the Archdiocese of Ottawa would be united 'in the person of the bishop' [in persona episcopi], specifically Archbishop Terrence Prendergast. At that time, the pope committed to appoint a second Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Ottawa to assist Archbishop Prendergast primarily with the Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall.



Fr. Guy Desrochers was born in 1956 in Hull, Quebec. He is the third child in a family of five. Following his graduation in Fine Arts and Commercial Art from Algonquin College (Ottawa), he became a graphic designer for Le Droit in Ottawa where he worked for seven years.

During this period of work at the age of 24, while he was leading a rather disordered life without reference to God, the illness of his father led him to a conversion and to a complete change of life.

His spiritual journey led him, two years later, to enter the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, also known as the Redemptorists. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1989 at the age of 32. After his ordination, he spent seven years in a special project of evangelization in the Gaspé region of Quebec. This was followed by several years as the rector of the Aylmer-Gatineau monastery. He then spent seven years working at the Shrine of Saint Anne-de-Beaupré. After a brief period as superior of a retirement home for Redemptorists near Quebec, he returned to Saint Anne-de-Beaupré as director of the Annals of Saint Anne magazine for three years.

Passionate about proclaiming the Word of God, Father Desrochers has regularly devoted part of his time in ministry to preaching parish retreats all over North America.

The Redemptorists were founded in 1732 by St. Alphonsus Liguori in the Amalfi region of Italy, near the city of Naples. This was a unique religious community at the time, a community committed to preaching the Word of God and dedicated to the poor people in the hill country outside of Naples. After a difficult start, the Congregation spread to Northern Europe then to North America. Today they continue to preach the Gospel as well as show solidarity with the poor by promoting their fundamental rights to justice and freedom.

### 2019 PARISH ENVELOPES

Envelopes are available for pick up at the rear of the Church. **Please confirm number on label matches number in box.** If you do not see your box of envelopes call the Parish Office.

### 2019 CHURCH CALENDARS

A reminder that the calendars are for sale at the back of the church, and will go fast! For only \$5.00 you get a calendar with beautiful religious artwork and lots of liturgical information.

### OFFICE NEW YEAR HOURS

Parish Office will close on Dec 31<sup>st</sup> at 12:00 p.m. and will remain closed until January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

### NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

New Year's Eve Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup> – 5:00 p.m.  
New Year's Day Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> – 10:30 a.m.

### PARISH FINANCIALS/INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

The Parish closes its Financial Books on Dec 30<sup>th</sup>. All monies received after Dec 30, 2018 will be credited for 2019.

### ALONE CHRISTMAS DAY?

Join us for our **5<sup>TH</sup> Annual CHRISTMAS DINNER** from 12:00- 2:00p.m. At the **AGORA HALL** (Nativity Hall) 301 McConnell St. South, Cornwall. **NO CHARGE (but donations gladly accepted for next year)**

**NEED TRANSPORTATION?** To Arrange for pick up call Alison 613-662-4719 two weeks prior. **ELEVATOR ACCESSIBLE.**

### WOMEN'S MORNING OF REFLECTION

Sat. Jan. 5 from 9:30 am - 12:00 at the Centre Charles-Emile Claude on Chevrier St., Cornwall, for mass, confession, breakfast, a talk and the rosary. The guest speaker will be Joan Levy Earl. Her talk, "Living in the Present" will focus on how the Holy Spirit and Our Lady aid us in the growth of our faith. For any inquiries please contact Heidi Krol 613 347 7561 or Marilyn Light 613 537 2021. A free will offering of \$5 is appreciated. Please join us.

### NEW SUNDAY MISSALS

As we begin the season of Advent today, we also begin a new Church year and therefore the need for a NEW MISSAL, as you will notice in the pews. These are needed for all year. If you would like your own copy, some are available on the Book Table for \$4.50 each.

### BOOK TABLE NEWS

A few **ADVENT BOOKLETS** are available for your daily reading during this holy season. **SUNDAY MISSALS** are available on the Book table to purchase (\$4.50). Please do NOT remove them from the pews as they are needed for the coming year. **CATHOLIC CALENDARS** for 2019 have finally arrived! You have three choices of beautiful Christian art to choose from. (\$5.00)

### MESSAGE FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Each year during Advent we embark on our annual fund raising initiative. We are an independent all-volunteer group, with no funding from outside agencies, and thus rely on the goodwill of our donors to assist us. The needy continue to exist, in fact are growing in numbers, and each month we assist some 320 local clients at our emergency food bank. We will spend in excess of \$10,000 on food and gift vouchers for our Christmas Baskets, which will serve 430 clients (125 children). We are a federally registered charity and will provide tax receipts for donations in excess of \$10.00. A donation envelope is available in this bulletin or at the back of the church if you feel you have the means to contribute to our cause. Charity is one of our guiding principles, as is assisting the poor, and this is an opportunity to address both.



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