St. Augustine Roman Catholic Church

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"You have made us for yourself Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you."

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY LITURGY:

Monday to Thursday: 8:30 a.m.

SUNDAY LITURGY

Saturday: 4:30 p.m. & Sunday: 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday to Thursday: 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. (Confessions are available during this time)

PARISH REGISTRATION

Welcome to new parishioners. Please call the parish office to register.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL:	Ray Gervais	613-228-6848
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:	Joe Cousineau	613-422-4387
BAPTISMS: CHILDREN'S LITURGY: MARRIAGE: At least 9 months prior to ORGANIST: PASTORAL CARE: SOCIAL ACTION:	Parish Office Denis Therrien marriage date. James Fraser Betty Roy Inez Gignac	613-225-7388 613-228-7646 613-225-7388 613-224-1382 613-228-4138 613-526-0172

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP:	Antonella Couse	613-668-2400
7:30 p.m. Mondays (Hall)		www.peopleofjoy.ca
REFUGE (Praise & Worship):		, ,
7:00 p.m. – 3rd Thursday of the month	Joe Cousineau	613-422-4387
HOLY SPIRIT HEALING CLINIC	Michael Crane	613-834-5031
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL	_ #16714: Jeff Edwards	613-729-4071

PARISH SCHOOLS				
St. Augustine Elementary	1009 Arnot Road	613-225-8020		
St. Rita Elementary	1 Inverness Ave.	613-224-6341		
Frank Ryan Senior Elementary	128 Chesterton Ave.	613-224-8833		
St. Piux X High School	1481 Fisher Ave.	613-225-8105		

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PASTOR'S DESK

November 27, 2022 – First Sunday of Advent

"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." Matthew 24:42 People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and you begin to see God's active presence in your life. You grow in gratitude, each day, for all that we have been given.

ADVENT is a time of preparation, a time of wonder and a time to deepen our faith.

A great way of preparing for the "coming of the Lord" is through confession, the Sacrament of Joy and Reconciliation. There are many opportunities available in our parish to partake of this healing Sacrament. Confessions are heard each weekday morning from Monday to Thursday during our Holy Hour, starting at 7:00 a.m., until the beginning of Mass at 8:30 a.m. and every Saturday before the 4:30 p.m. Mass, from 3:00 p.m. until 4:15 p.m. Confession will also available at the monthly People of Joy's First Friday Healing Mass this Friday, Dec. 2nd, from 6:00 p.m. until the beginning of Mass at 7:00 p.m.

Join us for a special evening of praise, worship and Adoration at our monthly Refuge night on Thurs. Dec. 15th, at 7:00 p.m. Our special guests will be the children and parents of our schools who will gather to celebrate the "Advent wonder." Everyone is welcome to attend.

In the November 11, 2022 Catholic Register article written by Michael Swan, he asks the following question. Is the Catholic Church prepared for Canada's immigration influx?

A new era of mass immigration to Canada, one that will see 500,000 newcomers per year by 2025, is good news for the Catholic Church in this country.

"If you were to ask any bishop today who has an important urban community, they will tell you that the points of vitality in their diocese will be urban parishes with large immigrant populations," said Cathy Clifford, theology professor at Ottawa's Saint Paul University.

An Angus Reid poll for Cardus in January found that Canadians born outside the country are more religiously inclined than Canadians as a whole. Immigrants are far less likely to report no religious affiliation than the general Canadian population. Angus Reid categorized 18 per cent of its immigrant survey respondents as religious nones, unaffiliated with any formal religion. That's just less than half the 34.6 per cent of all Canadians who told census takers in 2021 that they are not religious.

The full article is available at: https://www.catholicregister.org/item/34951-is-the-catholic-church-prepared-for-canada-s-immigration-influx.



Maureen and Nicarlo Funai, Ron Choy, Maxine Kelly, Lillian Bradley, Pierre Therrien, Barbara Minshall and those who are isolated, suffering from mental illness or who have Covid.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS – NOV. 27TH The First Sunday of Advent

As we look to the birth of our Savior, that many will be called to follow in His footsteps to minister to His flock, we pray to the Lord.

SCRIPTURE READINGS – NOV. 27TH First Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Isaiah 2.1-5

The Lord gathers all the nations into the everlasting peace of the Kingdom

of God.

2nd Reading: Romans 13.11-14

Salvation is nearer to us now.

Gospel: Matthew 24.37-44

Keep awake, you must be ready.

VIGIL LIGHT INTENTION For the week of Nov. 27th

The vigil light in front of the Blessed Sacrament is reserved for:

~ Ronald Collins & Olive Guilbeault ~



NOV. 27TH TO DEC. 3RD

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT		
:00 a.m.	For the repose of the soul	
	of Rick Feraco by his sister	
	& family.	
:30 a.m.	Missa Pro Populo	
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:30 a.m.	For the intentions of	
	Antonella Couse by Pat &	
	Inez Gignac.	
:30 a.m.	For the repose of the soul	
	of Cecelia Hastings by	
	Daniel & Ginette Turmel.	
:30 a.m.	For the 65 th wedding	
	anniversary of Lawrence &	
	Elaine O'Grady by Father	
	Frank Scott.	
:30 a.m.	For the repose of the soul	
	of Bernadette Roy by	
	Katherine Viner.	
NO MASS ON		
FRIDAY MORNINGS		
:30 p.m.	For the repose of the soul	
-	of Michel Grandbois by his	
	mom & siblings.	
	:30 a.m. :30 a.m. :30 a.m.	

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

~~ For volunteer and non-profit organizations ~~ We pray for volunteer and non-profit organizations committed to human development; may they find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to

international cooperation.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS BOOKS

Several daily reflection and prayer books for Advent and Christmas are available on the tables at each entrance of the church.

The Word Became Flesh – Reflections for Advent and Christmas by Word on Fire - \$5.00 each.

Living with Christ – Daily Reflections for Advent 2022 <u>and</u> Messages of Light for Advent and Christmas 2022 – Free will offering.

Please place donations in the metal boxes attached to the tables.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER COLLECTION

A special collection for our parish Christmas hampers will be taken up at all Masses **next weekend (Dec. 3**rd /4th). Envelopes for this collection are in your Sunday offering envelope packages. If you are not a parish envelope user and would like to make a donation to this worthy cause, please place your offering in a blank envelope clearly marked "Christmas Hampers." Funds from this collection will be used by the Social Action Committee to prepare Christmas Hampers for the families in need in our area.

<u>Christmas Treats</u> Made by the Monks of Val Notre Dame Abbey

Christmas cakes, cards, gift boxes and other confections will be sold at the Baseline entrance of the Church, after all Masses on the weekend of (Dec. 10th/11th). All proceeds go towards prolife work in Ottawa on behalf of Campaign Life Coalition. Please see next weekend's bulletin or the posters at all entrances of the church for further details.

PRAYER FOR ADVENT

God of all comfort and source of all joy, send your Spirit to me in this holy season of Advent.

Grant that I may have the grace to prepare my heart for the coming of our Lord Jesus at Christmas and strengthen my hope in his coming again.

Light my way and guide my steps to meet the Prince of Peace.

Amen.



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