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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 19th, 2020

9:00am †Ronald James Seddon by OECTA
4:00pm †Reynaldo Arriola by Drs. Noly & Ruby Formoso

Sunday, December 20th, 2020

9:30am Mark, Natalie, Aiden & Ava Coronel by Nena Coronel
Pia Obero (healing) by Obero Family
7:00pm Debbie Romain & Family by Mary Stanton

Monday to Friday, Dec. 21st to Dec. 25th, 2020

Mon 7:00pm Olive, Natasya & Natalie by Nena Coronel
†Celia Farrol by Nena Coronel
Tue 7:00pm †Linda Morris by Sylvia Bertolini
†Celia Farrol by Nena Coronel
Wed 7:00pm Mary Stanton by Nena Coronel
†Celia Farrol by Nena Coronel
Thu 7:00pm †Celda Family by Nena Coronel
†Celia Farrol by Nena Coronel
Fri 10:30am †Celia Farrol by Nena Coronel

Saturday, December 26th, 2020

9:00am †Cenal Family by Nena Coronel
4:00pm †Walter Bertolini by Sylvia Bertolini

Sunday, December 27th, 2020

9:30am Pia Obero (healing) by Obero Family
7:00pm Melanie (health) by Mary Stanton



Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen

COLLECTION ENVELOPES FOR 2021: WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP AFTER ALL THE WEEKEND MASSES ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

Dec. 12/13 - Env. Nos. 1-100
Dec. 19/20 - 101-200
Dec. 26/27 - 201-300

For those who want to register, please contact the office by email (assumptionparishchurch@outlook.com) or by phone - 613-746-8503, Monday to Friday from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Collection envelopes may also be picked-up during office hours.

We welcome new members and visitors to our parish. Thank you for praying with us and for helping build a Christian community.



WE PRAY FOR THE GIFT OF HEALING of the mind, body and spirit of Paul Beaudoin, Marie Burke, Carol Kane, John Lamont, Norman Levesque, Tina Mills, Jennie Morris, Lucienne Sabourin, Teresita Gabriel, Bradley Ken, Ken Kya, Fr. Roland Lafleur, Marie- Pauline Desjardins, Claude Cloutier and Alexander Liberty

May we be able to reach out to them in compassion.



ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

- Dec. 8 (1900:) - Solemnity of Immaculate Conception
Dec. 15 to 23 (19:00) - "Simbang Gabi", 9 day Novena Masses
Dec. 15 - Marian/Advent Recollection (after the 7:00 pm Mass)
Dec. 16 to 18 (13:00 to 16:00) - Confessions
Dec. 24 (19:00 - English; 21:00 Filipino) - Vigil Mass
Dec. 25 (10:30) - Christmas Day Mass
January 1 (09:30; 12:00; 19:00) - Solemnity of Mary



ADVENT CONFESSION SCHEDULE
DEC. 16TH TO DEC. 18TH

Time: 13:00 TO 16:00
Place: in Church
(Please enter through the Rectory)

REMINDER: NO PARKING ON THE CHURCH SIDE OF OLMSTEAD ST.: IS EFFECTIVE FROM DEC. 1 TO MAR. 31. PLEASE READ THE PARKING SIGN IN FRONT OF OUR CHURCH. PARKING IS AVAILABLE IN OUR PARKING LOT ON CODY ST. (BEHIND THE CHURCH).

We pray for those continuing to suffer the effects of the coronavirus, that they may have a complete recovery. We also pray for all health care workers and first responders, that they be kept safe and healthy.

We wish everyone a blessed and meaningful Christmas.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS WITH ARCHBISHOP DAMPHOUSSE: In this time of darkness, we need some hope. Come join Archbishop Damphousse as he celebrates the coming of the Light into the world, for a celebration of Christ's birth. The Mass will be celebrated at 7 PM on Christmas Eve (December 24th) and will be televised on Rogers Cable. You can also view it on www.rogerstv.com/Ottawa and www.archoc.ca. A French Mass will be televised at 5PM (www.tvrogers.com/Ottawa).

ENVELOPES FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS WITH PRAYER OFFERINGS: to defray the cost of flowers for Christmas, are now available at the main entrance of the Church. For those interested, kindly write down the names of the people you want to pray for and drop the envelopes in the collection box with your donation. The prayers will be offered from Vigil Mass, Dec. 24th to Jan. 10th, 2021. Thank you for your generosity.

SUNDAY MISSALS FOR 2020-2021: ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT \$6. EACH. PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR PICK-UP.

RECOLLECTION IN THE NEW YEAR: on Saturday, January 2nd 10AM till noon, in our church. An opportunity at the start of the New Year to step back to assess how one is doing spiritually and to discover ways to strengthen, deepen and grow in the Catholic Christian faith that we cherish. All are invited.

From: The Finance Council

Although the church has been allowed to reopen for weekend Masses, some parishioners may not be comfortable to physically attend the Mass, the parish still has expenses and counts on your support. We thank those who contribute monthly through automatic bank deposits. At this time, we urge you to setup an automatic bank deposit through the office either by phone(613-746-8503) or email: assumptionparishchurch@outlook.com. We invite all others to send their regular contributions by cheque to the parish via Canada Post. Thank you.

Thank you for your wonderful and on-going support

Featured Saint of the Week

The Story of Christmas at Greccio

Greccio, the spot in central Italy where Saint Francis of Assisi created the first Christmas crib in the year 1223.

Francis, recalling a visit he had made years before to Bethlehem, resolved to create the manger he had seen there. The ideal spot was a cave in nearby Greccio. He would find a baby—we're not sure if it was a live infant or the carved image of a baby—hay upon which to lay him, an ox and an ass to stand beside the manger. Word went out to the people of the town. At the appointed time, they arrived carrying torches and candles. Thomas of Celano, recalls that Francis "stood before the manger overcome with love and filled with a wonderful happiness". For Francis, the simple celebration was meant to recall the hardships Jesus suffered even as an infant, a savior who chose to become poor for our sake.

As we pray around the Christmas cribs in our homes, we welcome into our hearts that same Savior.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Pax Christi!

Last Sunday, the Church invited us to rejoice, for the coming of the Messiah is near at hand. Today, in the Gospel, we hear the angel Gabriel, inviting Mary to rejoice. The joy that comes with the coming of Jesus sustains her in all her life's difficulties especially at the foot of the Cross. Mary's life is full of sorrows especially with the rejection of Jesus by the pharisees and scribes. For Mary, Jesus is everything that is why she can bear all sufferings and difficulties. Jesus is her only Joy, and that Joy has always been in her heart.

The Marian prayer, "Salve Regina" calls this world: "the Valley of Tears" precisely because the world can't offer permanent and lasting. Life is full of suffering and miseries. But we do not belong to the world. Jesus, by becoming man, taught us the way back to our Father in heaven. By becoming human, he made us citizens of heaven and not of this world. He urges us to live in the world with our eyes fixed on heaven.

Dear brothers and sisters, as we prepare to celebrate the coming of Jesus among us, let us not forget the real essence of Christmas: not decorating, not shopping, not vacation, but to meditate the love of God shown to us in Jesus.

I wish you all a grace-filled and meaningful Christmas!

*Rev. Fr. Dominic Lim, OFM Conv.
Pastor*



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