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*Father, You revealed Your Son to the nations
by the guidance of a star. Lead us to
Your Glory in Heaven by the Light of Faith.*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WELCOME to the new MEMBERS and all VISITORS to our PARISH. Visit our website <https://www.assumptionparishottawa.ca>

PRAYER REQUESTS: Let us pray for good health and well-being of Charles Stanton, Claude Cloutier, Cora Guillermo, Glenda Hadloc, Lucienne Sabourin, Ryan Kane, Ben Malicdem, Lina Groulx, Edelaine Piol, Deacon Paul Beaudoin, Charles Hebert and Virgie Bautista.

MASS INTENTIONS: In the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall only *three* (3) intentions at each Mass are allowed. So please contact the parish office to reserve your preferred dates (*at least a week before*). Requests will be handled on a “first come first served basis”. Thank you for your *understanding and cooperation*.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION
December, 2023
For Persons with Disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programmes which value their active participation.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of
HOLY COMMUNION

December 30 at 4PM – Edgar Piol and Rizza Yabut with Yola Belay; **December 31** at 9:30AM – John Anethua and Susan Teodoro with Helen Belda; 12:00 PM – Lani Agustin and Mary Miguel with Nick Murillo; 7:00PM – Nora Mercader and Francis Aldeguer with Manny Belay; **January 1** at 10:00AM – Nick Murillo and Mary Miguel with Melchor Tejero

REGISTRATION for Confirmation and First Reconciliation/ 1st Communion. We are now accepting registration for reception of these Sacraments: **Confirmation Date - May 4, 2024. Deadline for submission - Jan. 12, 2024.** For more information and registration, please contact the office by phone or email.

Mass Intentions for the Week

December 23, Saturday 9AM – **Ferial Day** (violet) – 4PM **SUNDAY LITURGY** – † Aurelio & Felomina dela Cruz *by Mila dela Cruz*; Thanksgiving to St. Anne *by C.P.M.*

December 24 – **4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT** (violet) 9:30AM – Well-being of Yves Baril *by Marie-Pauline Desjardins; Chris Barber & Tamara Lich by Amy Beaudoin*; †Betty Barrett *by Frank Barrett*; 12:00NN – †Aurelio & Felomina dela Cruz *by Mila dela Cruz*; **CHRISTMAS EVENING MASSES** (white) 7:00PM – Judy & Brian Linseman *by Mary Stanton*; †Marguerite Catherine Backes & Alfred Backes; 9:30PM – Thanksgiving *by Leo & Nora Cerda and Family*

December 25, Monday 10AM – **NATIVITY OF THE LORD** (white) - †Betty Barrett *by Frank Barrett*; †Pia Obero; †Crispino Obero, Jr.

December 26, Tuesday 8AM – **Feast of St. Stephen** (red) – †Aurelio & Felomina dela Cruz *by Mila dela Cruz*; †Romeo Castanos *by Nena Coronel*

December 27, Wednesday 8AM – **Feast of St. John** (white) – †Phyllis Code *by Jean & Theresia Quesnel*

December 28, Thursday 8AM – **Feast of the Holy Innocents** (red) – †Rickey Logue *by Carol MacDonald*

December 29, Friday 8AM – **5th Day within the Octave of the Nativity** (white) – Frank Barrett (95th birthday); Maria Fe Forro Oira (birthday) *by Nena Coronel*

WEEK ENDING COLLECTION REPORT
December 9 & 10, 2023 - \$4,637.

ERRATUM: Above is the correct amount collected last December 9 – 10, 2023. The reported figures last weekend was an error.

PLENARY INDULGENCE on the Occasion of the 8th Centenary of the **CHRISTMAS** as experienced by **Saint Francis of Assisi**

Who can gain this indulgence? All Catholics and those who are sick

When? From December 8, 2023, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to February 2, 2024, the Feast of the Presentation in the Temple of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Where? At the ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH (Vanier) and in any other churches pastorally managed by the Franciscan families throughout the world

How? For those who are ill or home-bound can equally benefit from the gift of the plenary indulgence, *by offering their sufferings to the Lord and carrying out practices of piety (kissing the Bible or the crucifix).* Those who are well needs to fulfill the usual conditions of: (1) a whole-hearted detachment from sin of any kind by going to sacramental CONFESSION, (2) participating actively at in a MASS, (3) PRAYING IN FRONT OF THE NATIVITY SCENES for the intentions of the Pope with the invocations: *Jesus, Mary and Joseph – have mercy on us AND St. Francis of Assisi – pray for us.*



4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas Masses *(December 24 and 25)*

On this 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, the readings invite us to reflect on the **presence of God in our midst**. The 1st Reading is about His presence to David and the chosen people, while the 2nd Reading includes the whole of humanity as heirs. **God's presence among us is the source of salvation for all people.** It is an undeserved gift that transforms our lives, filling all with hope and peace.

To receive this generous offer, **we must respond adequately to God's presence in us.** We do that by opening our hearts to Him with gratitude and eagerness, following the example of Mary, the attentive Virgin of Nazareth, to whom the angel said: "The Lord is with you." She pronounces her total availability to follow God's Will.

In the evening, we continue to have CHRISTMAS EVENING MASSES (7:00 PM and 9:30 PM) so that more parish members can start celebrating the season together as a community.

We commemorate the human birth of JESUS, the LIGHT OF THE WORLD. We celebrate and receive the light shining in our lives. We rejoice because *we are saved and redeemed, delivered from all iniquity (cf. TITUS 2:14).* God makes us his own and strengthens us to commit to good deeds. This opportunity to improve our lives will happen not only to individual persons but also to families and communities of believers who open their hearts to receive Jesus.

On CHRISTMAS DAY, we proclaim JESUS as God's WORD born to us (cf. JOHN 1:14). We believed and proclaimed:

JESUS IS GOD AND MAN



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