



The Good Shepherd Parish

The Good Shepherd Parish is a Catholic community rooted in the Gospel where all are invited to encounter Christ, grow in holiness, and proclaim His Good News to the world.

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Second Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions

Saturday 04 December – Second Sunday of Advent

- 5:00 pm † Sam and Louise Lapierre requested by Dr. G.M. Lusignan
† Gordon Willick requested by Linda Willick
† Deceased members of the Pereira family
† Arthur Neiro requested by the Good Shepherd Catholic Women's League
† Intentions of Melissa Charles requested by the family
Members of the Cudahy and Berthelot families requested by Denis and Claudia Cudahy

Sunday 05 December – Second Sunday of Advent

- 9:00 am † Youssef Abdelnour requested by a parishioner
† Souls in Purgatory requested by Linda Willick
† Bernicella Aquino requested by Dem and Flo Magmanlac
11:15 am † Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus
† Souls in Purgatory requested by a parishioner
† Intention of Fady Abdelnour requested by a parishioner
Novena Mass requested by Grace Okonji

Tuesday 07 December

- 9:00 am Healing for Sister Rebecca requested by the family

Wednesday 08 December

Members of the Legion of Mary

Thursday 09 December | No intention

Friday 10 December

- 9:00 am † EV Paul and Rosa Varghese and the Souls in Purgatory

Saturday 11 December – Third Sunday of Advent

- 5:00 pm † Mary Niero requested Myrna Andrews
† Helen Rudden requested by Myrna Andrews
† Claude McDonald requested by Myrna Andrews
† George Thomson requested by the Good Shepherd Catholic Women's League
† Case Huybregts requested by Denis and Claudia Cudahy
† Art and Ann Dunn requested by Bob and Joan Dunn
† The healing of Hilda Chow requested by the Good Shepherd Pastoral Care Team

Sunday 12 December – Third Sunday of Advent

- 9:00 am † James O'Hanlon requested by the O'Carroll's
† Jacqueline Shmale requested by the Verner's
† Loretto Rosales requested by Dem and Flo Magmanlac
11:15 am Intentions of Gabriella Caparro and Pasquale Procopio requested by Fabiana Nobel
† Intentions of Brunella and Vincenzo Procopio requested by Fabiana Nobel

Tuesday 14 December

- 9:00 am † Bob Plunkett requested by Marie Vanbergen

Wednesday 15 December – No intention

- 2:00 pm Mass at Bearbrook Retirement Residence

Thursday 16 December | No intention

- 10:30 am Mass at Chapel Hill Retirement Residence

Friday 17 December

- 9:00 am † Diane Warren requested by Jean Hall

Saturday 18 December – Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 5:00 pm Special Intentions requested by Dr. G.M. Lusignan
† Sylvia Elizabeth Perera requested by the Good Shepherd Catholic Women's League
All living and deceased members and Spiritual Advisors of the Catholic Women's League
† Deceased members of the Pereira family

Sunday 19 December – Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 9:00 am | No intention
11:15 am † Mary and Michael Martin requested by the O'Carroll's

Monday 20 December

- † Vera and Stanislav Vychetil requested by the family

Tuesday 21 December

- 9:00 am | No intention

Wednesday 22 December | No intention

Thursday 23 December – No intention

Dear friends and parishioners of
The Good Shepherd Parish –

The Advent Season continues, and we are already entering the Second Week. Again, the time seems to be going very quickly.



Please remember to tune in to our parish YouTube channel, details elsewhere in this bulletin, to enjoy the Christmas Concert for Charity on Wednesday 08 December. This is the second concert put on during these COVID times and I commend this event to everyone. It is a wonderful way to foster building community even while we are separated.

Also, please consider participating in the Fourth Annual Reverse Advent Calendar Project. Another wonderful way to help those less fortunate in our community. Details elsewhere in this bulletin.

We remain strong in our faith and know that through prayer and participation in these charitable works, we all become a part of the mission of Jesus here on earth. Advent is a time of hope and joy and of active waiting for the birth of Jesus in our lives.

Come Lord Jesus!

God bless you all,

Fr. Virgil

Please note that days with **no time indicated** are when Masses are celebrated by Fr. Virgil in private; any intentions for these Masses are prayed for and honoured by Fr. Virgil at these liturgies.

Calling All Youth in Grades 6-12!

The Good Shepherd Youth Group will be meeting in person every Friday from 7-8:30 pm for fellowship and fun.

All COVID protocols will be followed, so please bring your mask.

Please email Kate Keenan, Youth Ministry Coordinator at youth@thegoodshepherdparish.com to register.

Hope to see you there!



Your Sunday envelopes are ready for pickup...

- > For those contributing via Pre-Authorized Contribution (PAC), there is a box of Special Collection envelopes; and
- > Boxes of the complete 2022 Sunday envelopes are available to be picked up for all those who are not registered for PAC; all boxes are on tables in the Church Cloak Room.

Thank you very much for your kind and generous support.

Good Shepherd Parish Conference of the SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL



Our parish conference of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SSVP) invites you to help our less fortunate brothers and sisters, especially at this uncertain time. Financial and food donations are greatly appreciated. There is a box at the back of the church, including envelopes, for monetary donations and a box in the coat room for a collection of food supplies. Also, our SSVP team are always in need of volunteers to help us visit those in our community who are in need. You are welcome to visit the national SSVP website, at www.ssvp.ca for more information

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR PROJECT

Please consider participating in our **Reverse Advent Calendar Project**. A one-pager with all the details is on page 6 of this bulletin. This is a project done from your home and it helps stock our local Food Cupboard early in the New Year. Thank you!

The Good Shepherd Conference continues to provide outreach to those in need within our community and to other regions where help is needed. We have been carrying out visits and delivering food vouchers to numerous people. The larger donation bin (located in the church parking lot) is open, so any gently used goods that you may have are always needed and appreciated.

We meet via Zoom every second Monday of the month at 7:00 pm (except July and August). If you are interested in joining our team or wish to donate directly to the parish St. Vincent de Paul Conference, please contact Sharon Rideout, President, St. Vincent de Paul Conference at The Good Shepherd Parish via email at drideouts@rogers.com.

Knight's Corner Council 9005 Good Shepherd Parish



Although a movement of the Spirit, the Knights of Columbus is largely a lay organization. But what does this word "lay" mean? It is a Hebrew word that means "people". It can sometimes carry a negative connotation in the church. The non-ordained may feel like second-class members given that the church has a hierarchical structure comprised of bishop, priest, and deacon, a structure that dates from the second century. The elevation of the laity in the church is an outcome of Vatican II. Lately, laypeople have gained greater influence in the Vatican's prosecution office, resulting in indictments against high-profile clergy. More lay control is seen by many as the solution to the sex and other crimes committed by church officials.

In a recent gospel reading, the question is posed as to who is the greatest in the kingdom of God. Is it the laity or the clergy? Jesus does not answer the question directly. He says it has something to do with service. Moreover, eternal life is a gift no matter what your status is in the church.

The Knights have a spiritual programme called "Faith in Action". This programme gives them the opportunity to practise heroic virtue in the form of servant leadership.

Finally, remember that Jesus was a layman all His life except for one priestly act namely, the Crucifixion, where he was Priest Most High.

James P. Tierney, K of C

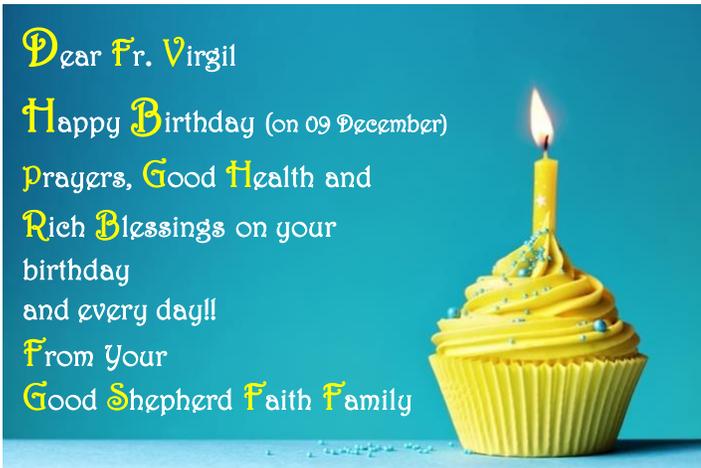
EMPLOYMENT OPENING



Miriam Centre

Director Miriam Centre

Full-time position, salary \$16/hour, 32.5 hours/week. Miriam Centre, a Christian ministry, is seeking a compassionate pro-life person whose primary responsibility will be to help pregnant women and their families. Must be fluently bilingual (oral & written), have good knowledge and experience in management and computer skills. Job posting: <https://miriamcentre.ca/contact-us/>. Please submit resume to: Sr. Rita Lacelle, 107-1803 St. Joseph Blvd., Orléans, ON K1C 6E7 or centremiriamcentre@gmail.com.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
 Available 30 minutes before Mass
 or by appointment.
 Please call Fr. Virgil at
 613-824-4394, ext 2.



Poinsettias in memory of...

You are invited to consider contributing towards the Christmas Poinsettias that will decorate our worship space for Christmas; suggested contribution is \$20.00 or more.

Envelopes are available for your donation; you are asked to include a note with your printed name and telephone number and the printed name of the person in whose memory you are making this donation.

Names of those being memorialized will be published in the bulletin.

Thank You for your support of our liturgical décor.

Please pray for those who have requested our prayers:



<i>John Butt</i>	<i>Dee Careau</i>
<i>Joan Chesser</i>	<i>Hilda Chow</i>
<i>Louise Clarke</i>	<i>Piers Corsi</i>
<i>Doreen Dumont</i>	<i>Gene Frendo</i>
<i>Bruce Hodgins</i>	<i>Deacon Wayne Lee</i>
<i>Jean-Ella Lemire</i>	<i>Joe MacDonell</i>
<i>Gloria Marshall</i>	<i>Michael Nortey</i>
<i>Joan Tompkins</i>	<i>Jean Scharf</i>

Mary White

Collection of 27/28 November 2021

Envelopes.....	\$2045.00
Loose	\$1865.00
PAC.....	\$2830.00
Total	<u>\$6740.00</u>

☺ **Thank you!** ❤️



NATIONAL PASTORAL INITIATIVE FOR LIFE AND THE FAMILY

God of the great things, prepare us to welcome you again, in our hearts and in our world. May we never give up hope, in the midst of the waiting, that you will come to do great things here and now to set your people free, we pray to the Lord. Amen.

(05 December 2021)

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER 2021

EVANGELIZATION: *Catechists ~*



Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Synod 2021 – 2023

Link to preparatory document:



<https://d2y1pz2y630308.cloudfront.net/25817/documents/2021/10/Documento-Preparatorio-EN-21.pdf>

Link to Official Handbook for Listening and Discernment in Local Churches:



<https://en.archoc.ca/documents/2021/10/Vademecum-EN-A4.pdf>

Local Timeline for the Synodal Process



If you would like to participate in the small group discussions that will take place over the next several months, **please email Marilyn Olsen (mabolsen@rogers.com)**. You will be contacted regarding the process, questions, etc.

The Prayer of the Synod: *Adsumus Sancte Spiritus*

This prayer can be widely used throughout the diocesan phase of the Synodal Process. Attributed to St. Isidore of Seville (560-636), it has been traditionally used at Councils and Synods for hundreds of years. The version below was specifically designed for the Church's Synodal journey from 2021 to 2023.

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

*Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.*

*Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.*

*All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.*

**** REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED VIA EVENTBRITE ****

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE (PLUS The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph)

Friday 24 December 2021 The Nativity of the Lord
4:30, 7:00 and 9:00 pm;

Saturday 25 December 2021 The Nativity of the Lord
10:00 am;

Sunday 26 December 2021 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
9:00 am and 11:15 am (no Saturday 5:00 pm);

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE (PLUS The Epiphany of the Lord)

Friday 31 December 2021 Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
5:00 pm;

Saturday 01 January 2022 Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
10:00 am;

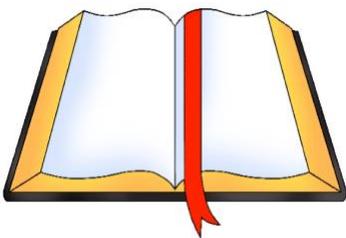
Sunday 02 January 2022 The Epiphany of the Lord
9:00 am and 11:15 am (no Saturday 5:00 pm)

- Christmas Masses **Registration CLOSSES** on Thursday 23 December at midnight
- New Year's Masses **Registration CLOSSES** on Thursday 30 December at midnight

For those who do not have Internet access, please call Bonnie at the Parish Office (613-824-4394, ext 1) and she will register for you. **Please share this with all those who do not have Internet.** Thank you!

Good Shepherd Bible Study

After a break for Christmas and New Year's celebrations, we will resume our Bible study on January 19 with a 6-week course "Angels in the Bible". This course will be offered using Zoom on Wednesday at 10am, 1pm and 7pm.



The Bible is full of passages about angels who are sent to accomplish God's will. Angels speak for God, direct the course of nations, and protect God's people. They worship God and deliver God's judgment. Angels in the Bible examines some of the Bible's most fascinating passages about angels, exploring their ministry on God's behalf and drawing insights for our own spiritual lives.

Because angels are mediators of God's presence and action, studying angels is studying God.

For further information and to register contact gsbiblestudy@rogers.com

The Good Shepherd Parish REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR PROJECT (2021)

Friends, we are delighted to launch our 4th Annual Reverse Advent Calendar Project...the great alternative to the traditional Advent Calendar. All parishioners are invited to participate!

We are stewards of our good fortune. Although we cannot bring gold, frankincense, and myrrh to our King at His birth, by participating in this project, we can bring His love to those in need.

The project will begin on the first weekend of Advent (27/28 November). It involves the daily accumulation of one item from the list below for every day of Advent. Since the shelves of the Food Bank are almost depleted by Christmas, our donations will come to them at a good time early in the New Year.

Please set aside a box at your home and print out this page and pin it to the outside of your box, to remind you of the need. The calendar is on the last page of the bulletin of 28 November, and it will assist you in your prayerful Advent preparations, along with your participation in this very worthy project.

On Monday, 03 January 2022 at 9:00 am there will be a silver VW SUV and personnel available in the church parking lot to receive donations. All contributions will then be delivered to the Food Cupboard in Blackburn Hamlet.

Items to put in your Reverse Advent Calendar Box:

BABY

Diapers // Baby Food // Baby Formula

FOOD ITEMS

Canned Fish & Meat
Canned Fruit
Canned Stews & Chili
Canned Vegetables
Cereal (Whole Grains)
Coffee / Tea
Condiments (small quantity: mustard, ketchup, mayo)
Cookies / Crackers
Dry Pasta (Whole Grain) & Sauce
Jam
Juice boxes
Legumes (Canned or Dried)
Peanut Butter
Pickles
Rice (brown)
Snack bars
Soups (large cans)

PERSONAL HYGIENE

Toothpaste // toothbrush
sizes)
Shampoo // conditioner
Feminine products
cartons
Hand Soap

OTHER

Baggies (large and small
sizes)
Plastic bottles
Empty 1-dozen egg
cartons



We Advent Each Other

We advent each other in simple steps:

*Smiles, caring inclusion...
polite gestures of reverent affirmation
silently and subtly
pointing our way to Bethlehem.*

*Each journey is singular,
a personal mystery,
sojourns of paradox,
waiting yet searching.*

We pack our bags differently these days.

*The travelling itself
may seem burden and baggage enough.*

*The empty crib stands before us
hidden at some distant place
(always in disguise)
patiently awaiting our arrival.*

*The saviour within us,
and about us
cries out for incarnated birth
once more to be heard
in a land of hopeless hearts.*

*The desolate winter of our disbelief
can be renewed in a manger
warm with embrace.*

*So we follow each other's stars
whether bright or dim
through dark days
this December*

until suddenly

Home

*where the angels of our gladness shepherd us
gently in.*

*Christmas transforms us
newborn yet again!*



The Good Shepherd Council of the Knights of Columbus is presenting a free



Christmas Concert for Charity

featuring members of the Good Shepherd Music Ministry

Wednesday, 08 December 2021, at 8:00 pm

The audience will be in the safety of their own homes, as the concert is virtual and will be posted on the Parish YouTube channel at

<https://www.youtube.com/c/TheGoodShepherdChurch>

The concert is for the benefit of two worthy projects:

Christmas Hampers and Coats for Kids

The **Christmas Hampers** project will provide food and grocery supplies to less-fortunate families in the local area this Christmas. The **Coats for Kids** project will provide winter jackets for students in the parish's elementary schools.

Free-will donations will be gratefully accepted.

Donations can be made via Interact e-transfer to finsec9005@gmail.com or by sending a cheque to the Knights of Columbus, 3092 Innes Road, Ottawa, ON K1W 1C8.

Donations of cash or by cheque can also be left in the donation box at the church.

Thank you for your kind generosity!



When attending Mass in church, if you have hearing challenges, please tune into 100.7 FM on your radio to pray along.

MASS ON YOUTUBE
Our parish Sunday Mass will continue to be on The Good Shepherd Parish YouTube channel each Sunday.
Select the link on our parish homepage:
<https://www.thegoodshepherdparish.com/>
Please share this information with your fellow parishioners, family and friends who are unable, for health reasons or church space limitations, to join us in the church.

Act of Spiritual Communion
My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there, and I unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.
Saint Alphonsus Liguori