



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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Third Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions

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
† 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
† George Thomson requested by the Good Shepherd Catholic Women's League
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
† Carmel Paradis requested by Aline Young

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
† Rosetta Caza requested by Marilou Storie

Saturday 18 December – Fourth Sunday of Advent pm

- 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 † Kevin Kennedy requested by the Good Shepherd Catholic Women's League
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 Intentions of Youssef El Hokayem requested by a parishioner
† Barbara El Hokayem requested by a parishioner

Wednesday 22 December | No intention

Thursday 23 December – No intention

Friday 24 December – The Nativity of the Lord

- 4:30 pm | No intention
7:00 pm | No intention
9:00 pm † Gene and Vivian Lusignan requested by Dr. G.M. Lusignan

Saturday 25 December – The Nativity of the Lord

- 10:00 am † Len Smith requested by Pamela Smith

Sunday 26 December – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

- 9:00 am | No intention
11:15 am † Antonio and Zulmira Pereira requested by Odilia and Paul Garcia
† Richard Lawlor requested by Phillipe and Marian Tremblay

Tuesday 28 December

- 9:00 am † Ann Delage requested by the family

Wednesday 29 December | No intention

Thursday 30 December | No intention

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.

12 December 2021

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER IN SOLIDARITY WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES 2021



Entire text is found at:

<https://www.cccb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/2021-National-Day-of-Prayer.pdf>

*We are called to Healing,
Forgiveness,
Reconciliation*

...

In this year of St. Joseph, perhaps this elder of our faith – the father of Jesus and husband of Mary – can teach us an important feature of this path. As Pope Francis states:

Joseph set aside his own ideas in order to accept the course of events and, mysterious as they seemed, to embrace them, take responsibility for them and make them part of his own history. Unless we are reconciled with our own history, we will be unable to take a single step forward, for we will always remain hostage to our expectations and the disappointments that follow.³

There is a proverbial Inuit saying: " 'A long time ago, in the future.' Let the children see our history, and maybe it will help to shape the future." Let us pray and work in such a way that our children will know that the people who preceded them took seriously the problem of intolerance and prejudice – especially during times of uncertainty and fear – and responded by working for a culture of caring and respect. What a gift we can give our young people – an example and memory that they can take forward to an unknown, but, hopeful future.

³ https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap_20201208_patris-corde.html



Youth Group is on pause until January 2022

Youth in Grades 6-12!

The Good Shepherd Youth Group will resume meeting in person every Friday, commencing 21 January 2022

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 in January!



SUNDAY OFFERING
ENVELOPES



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 **Annual 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



Recently the Knights kicked off their rosary programme, which forms part of the "Faith in Action" programme and falls under the direction of Bro. Knight Robert Starkey. The rosary will be prayed every second Wednesday of the month on Zoom starting at about 7 PM. Parishioners are invited to attend: send an email to gk9005@ontariokofc.ca to request a link to the rosary Zoom sessions.

The rosary consists of two parts: the first part is taken from the scriptures and the second part is composed by the church. Remember, Mary is the mediatrix of all graces and mediator in the salvific redemption by her son, Jesus Christ.

In the November issue of the Columbia magazine, the story of Fr. Peyton is recounted. He promoted and championed the rosary by launching a catholic radio programme featuring high profile figures such as Bing Crosby and US President Harry Truman. Through it, Fr. Peyton became known as the rosary priest. He also held rosary rallies; one such rally in San Francisco drew a crowd of approximately 500,000 people. He coined the phrase "the family that prays together stays together". With his use of the media and his awareness of the pressures facing the family structure, he was way ahead of the game. Truly, the Holy Spirit must have inspired him.

Fr. Peyton caught the attention of the Knights of Columbus and they obtained for him, all the airtime he wanted. The Knights were so impressed with him that, in 1956, the Supreme Council made him an honorary fourth degree knight.

And so, let us pray the rosary with the Knights, remembering, in particular, the first line of the second half: "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners".

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.

11/12 December 2021

*Please pray for those who
have requested our prayers:*



John Butt	Dee Careau
Joan Chesser	Hilda Chow
Louise Clarke	Piers Corsi
Doreen Dumont	Gene Frendo
Bruce Hodgins	Deacon Wayne Lee
Jean-Ella Lemire	Joe MacDonell
Gloria Marshall	Joan Tompkins
Jean Scharf	Mary White

*Please pray for the repose of the
soul of*

† **Michael Nortey**
spouse of Norma Nortey



*Please pray for the repose of the
soul of*

† **Sarah Jane Conway**
mother of Sharon Rideout



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Available 30 minutes before Mass
or by appointment.

Please call Fr. Virgil at
613-824-4394, ext 2.

Collection of 04/05 December 2021

Envelopes.....	\$2910.00
PAC	\$2830.00
Total	<u>\$5740.00</u>



Thank you!



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.



**NATIONAL PASTORAL INITIATIVE
FOR LIFE AND THE FAMILY**

God of healing and mercy, lift us from everything that keeps us from living and sharing your abundant life. Help us see our selfishness, fear, anxiety, and justification so that we might cast ourselves into your saving arms and be a part of your light for the world. Amen.

(12 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>

The Archdiocese has asked that we take a pause for Advent and Christmas and resume canvassing for participants in this important process in early 2022. If you would like to participate in the small group discussions that will take place over the next several months, please email Marilyn Olsen (mabolson@rogers.com). You will be contacted in January 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.*



Thank you

to the
Knights of Columbus and
to the Good Shepherd Music Ministry
for putting on the most excellent Christmas Concert

this past week! A wonderful, high-quality show and a joy to watch!

It is on our YouTube channel if you wish to watch it again; enjoy hearing and seeing our very own musicians and singers! A win/win event: our parish enjoys a wonderful, virtual gathering and two charities (Christmas Hampers and Coats for Kids) benefit.

Thank you all for supporting this rich and entertaining event.



**** 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!

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

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.

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!*