

Fourth Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER 19, 2021

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • † Inez and † Walter Scott by Nancy Fulsom • † Jackie McKenna by Bill Sherry • † Clair Scully by Jeanne Scully • The Intentions of the Curry and Lewis families by Rob and Bea Curry
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	• People of the Parish
	11:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • † Jackie McKenna by Dan and Susan Burnett • † Jack Coogan and his † sister, Doris, by Diane Coogan • † Deceased members of the Morand and Boucher families by Pierre and Dianne Boucher • The Intentions of the Gorzkowski family by Anne and John Horrigan
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	• † Roseline Wijesekera by Douglas, Anne and Sherine Wijesekera
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	• † Beverley Hopkins by Ken and family and friends
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	• † Baby Jordynn Deborah Chiarelli by Julia Chiarelli and family
CHRISTMAS, DECEMBER 24 & 25 HOLY FAMILY, DECEMBER 26		
Friday – Christmas Eve	5:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • † Jackie McKenna by Betty and Glenn Clarke • † Omer and † Joan Conway by Earl Conway and family and friends
	7:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • † Charlie Byrne and † Al Woodhouse by Barbara and Kelly Byrne • † David MacDonald by Eileen and family
	10:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birthday Blessings for Ted by his family • † Holy Souls in Purgatory by Ted and Nancy
Saturday – Christmas Day	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • † Frances Ann Facto by Mom, Dad, Jan and Aly • † Connie Micus by Stephanie and Chris Adam
	11:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • † Ronald Vidal, and his parents, † Arthur and † Doris Vidal by Maia Vidal • † Kenny and † MaryAnn Summers by Dan and Susan Burnett • † Anna, † Bill, and † Theo Kapteyns by Ria Massey
Sunday – Holy Family	11:00 a.m.	• People of the Parish
Reconciliation by appointment only		

PSALM

Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved. – Psalm 80

READINGS

First Reading – Micah 5.2 – 5a

Second Reading – Hebrews 10.5 – 10

Gospel – Luke 1.39 – 45



MASS TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

Christmas Eve Masses (Friday, December 24) at: 5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., and 10:00 p.m.*

Christmas Day Masses (Saturday, December 25) at: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Holy Family Mass, Sunday, December 26: 11:00 a.m.*

New Year's Eve Mass (Friday, December 31) at: 5:00 p.m.(only)

New Year's Day Mass (Saturday, January 1) at 11:00 a.m.*

Epiphany of the Lord Masses (Sunday, January 2) at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.*

There will be regular weekday Masses December 28 – 30 (which do not require registration).

ONLY MASSES with a STAR () after them will be livestreamed.

REGISTRATION FOR ALL THE ABOVE MASSES IS NOW CLOSED

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In Luke's Gospel the Holy Spirit helps reveal Jesus' identity as God to those who believe. Elizabeth is filled with the Holy Spirit and sings Mary's praise because she bears the Lord. We sing these words of praise to Mary in the Hail Mary. Even John the Baptist, the unborn child in Elizabeth's womb, is said to recognize the presence of the Lord and leaps for joy. It is appropriate in this season of Advent that we consider the role of Mary in God's plan of salvation. Elizabeth describes Mary as the first disciple, as the one who believed that God's word to her would be fulfilled. Mary's faith enabled her to recognize the work of God in her people's history and in her own life. Her openness to God allowed God to work through her so that salvation might come to everyone. Because of this, Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open and cooperative in God's plan for salvation. - Excerpted from *Sunday Connection*, loyolapress.com



LIVESTREAMING MASS

Just a reminder that the video and audio equipment for the livestreaming of our 11:00 a.m. Mass is turned on prior to the beginning of the Mass proper, that is, even before the Lector begins to speak. As well, it takes a couple of minutes once Mass has ended for the equipment to be turned off. Please be aware therefore, that conversations and movement near the camera and microphones can be seen and heard by those watching at home. We would ask that, particularly with our Christmas Masses, the congregation be mindful of those watching at home, and limit conversation and movement near the camera and microphones before, during and after Mass. *Thank you for your cooperation and consideration.*

FAITH FORMATION



To help you prepare for the coming of our Lord, FORMED has several Advent videos. There is an Advent topic line which includes *'The True Meaning of Christmas'* (five 5min videos), *'Advent'* (four 15min videos) and for your young children *'Brother Francis'* *'The Days of Advent'*. Check out one of these videos or others offered for the season at <https://formed.org>. As a parishioner, you are invited to enjoy a FREE subscription to FORMED – an incredible online gateway to quality Catholic content. If you haven't yet subscribed, you can register on the parish website or at <https://formed.org/signup>

VIRTUAL ADVENT CALENDAR

We are invited to countdown to Christmas with the Archdiocese's virtual Advent Calendar. Follow the link: <https://bit.ly/3l2JG1F> and be sure to bookmark the page and visit daily throughout the Advent season.

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND THE CHURCH

WALKING TOGETHER TOWARD HEALING AND RECONCILIATION

Each week, the CCCB will release a video recording of a Bishop in Canada reflecting on the Gospel Reading for each Sunday of Advent. This year's reflections were developed in view of **the Indigenous Delegation which will be travelling to Rome to meet with Pope Francis**. Each reflection is based on one of the five essential stages of reconciliation: examen, confession, repentance, reparation, and reconciliation. Likewise, it is hoped these reflections will assist the faithful, Indigenous and non-Indigenous alike, in preparing for Pope Francis' eventual apostolic journey to Canada. The videos are available at: <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-advent/>.



Update on Delegation to Rome. After careful assessment of the uncertainty and potential health risks surrounding international travel amid the recent spread of the Omicron variant, the Canadian Bishops, Assembly of First Nations, Métis National Council, and Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami have decided to reschedule a delegation to the Vatican to the earliest opportunity in 2022. [Click to read statement.](#)

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed from December 23 through January 3, inclusive. It will reopen Tuesday, January 4, 2022.

DONATION ENVELOPES

2022 Envelopes are now available to pick up in the Atrium. Please **do not use 2021** envelopes after January 1, as your number may not be the same.



RELOCATION OF DIOCESAN OFFICES

The Ottawa office of the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall has moved to its new, permanent location: 1209 Michael Street, Suite 200, Ottawa, ON K1J 7T2

ST. JOSEPH: OUR SPIRITUAL FATHER

A new documentary film by the Knights of Columbus is now available online at no cost to help maintain and nurture devotions to St. Joseph. Visit [here](#) to watch the film or learn more.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT



30th Immaculate Heart of Mary Concert with Ottawa Catholic School Board Chamber Choir, Kanata Choral Society, IHM Choir, Ottawa Wind Ensemble-Brass and Suzannah Waddington. Watch it on YouTube: <http://sound4u.ca/ihm2021>, from **Monday, December 13 – until Thursday, January 6**. Voluntary donation. For more information, please call: 613-791-9115.

PILGRIMAGES

Medjugorje, Shrines of Croatia, Slovenia & Venice: With Fr. Titus Egbueh, pastor of St. Martin de Porres. Taking place **September 23 – October 6, 2022**. For more information, please visit: www.pilgrimages.com/fregbueh or call 1-800-206-8687 (206 Tours).

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

- *Miriam Centre Director* - Full-time position (\$16.00/hour/32.5 hours/ week), must have management and computer skills and experience, be fluently bilingual, and a compassionate pro-life person. Please send resumé to Sr. Rita Lacelle, at centremiriamcentre@gmail.com or 107-1803 St. Joseph Blvd., Orléans, ON K1C 6E7. For more information, please see: [https://miriamcentre.ca/contact us/](https://miriamcentre.ca/contact-us/)
- *Primary Teacher at the Ottawa Christian School* – position starts in January. Please send resume and statement of faith to: p.naftel@ocschool.org



*“Our prayer each day should be, “Let the joy of the Lord be my strength.”
Cheerfulness and joy were Our Lady’s strength. This made her a willing handmaid of God.
Only joy could have given her the strength to go in haste over the hills of Judea to her cousin Elizabeth,
there to do the work of a handmaid. If we are to be true handmaids of the Lord,
then we, too, each day, must go cheerfully in haste over the hills of difficulties.*

— Saint Teresa of Calcutta
