

Second Sunday of Advent

*Prepare the Way of the Lord
Allow the Holy Spirit to renew your heart and mind.*

DECEMBER 4, 2022		
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • † Earl Burnett by Ann and family • Unannounced Intention
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • † Duane Stever by Angela Stever and family • † Charlotte Jones and † Chessfield McLean by Dianne and Anthony Pierre • Birthday Blessings for Sherwin Pierre, Lester Pierre, and Michelle Pierre-McDonald and blessings for her family, Kirk, Jared and Dasia by the family • Anniversary Blessing for Dianne and Anthony Pierre on the occasion of their 52nd Wedding Anniversary by the family
	11:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People of the Parish
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For those who are alone or lonely
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • † Parish All Souls Intention
Thursday	9:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • † Maureen Azzopardi by Ray and Pat Switzer
Friday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • † Parish All Souls Intention
DECEMBER 11, 2022		
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People of the Parish
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • † Anna Strauss by Anne and Alan Gordon
	11:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • † Earl Burnett by Ann and family • † Pierre Tougas by Rick and Marie Temelini • † John Franko by his family • † Miranda Piques by the St. Germain family • In Thanksgiving by the Kuriakose family
Reconciliation - Saturdays 4 – 4:45 p.m. in the sacristy or by appointment		

PSALM

In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound forever. ~ Psalm 72

READINGS

First Reading – Isaiah 11.1 ~ 10

Second Reading – Romans 15.4 ~ 9

Gospel – Matthew 3.1 ~ 12

*December 7
St. Ambrose, 340 – 397
Father and Doctor of the Church
Saint Ambrose Polyptych, 1477
by Bartolomeo Vivarini
Galleria dell'Accademia, Venice, Italy*



CHRISTMAS SEASON MASS TIMES

Penitential Service – Thursday, December 15, at 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve – Saturday, December 24, at 5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Christmas Day – Sunday, December 25, at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses – Tuesday, December 27 – Friday, December 30, at 9:00 a.m.

Solemnity of Mary – Saturday, December 31, at 5:00 p.m., and Sunday, January 1 at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

FAITH FORMATION



Caught up in the hustle and bustle of preparing for Christmas? Take the opportunity to live a deeper, fuller spiritual life this Advent by joining Fr. John Burns in the short reflection series “Adore”. The series includes a 10-minute video for each week of Advent. Go to <https://watch.formed.org/adore-advent-reflections-with-fr-john-burns> to watch ‘The Second Week of Advent’. If you are not yet a parish subscriber to FORMED, go to <https://formed.org> and sign up as a parishioner.

GOSPEL REFLECTION



Preparing “the way” means to create a favorable environment or to make it easy for someone to come to one and operate in one’s life. The quotation which John’s work fulfills is taken from Isaiah 40:3-5, where the prophet was calling the people to prepare for the Lord’s visitation. If a king were planning to travel, work crews would be dispatched to repair the roads. Ideally, the roads for the king’s journey would be straight, level, and smooth. John considered himself as the courier of the king. But the preparation on which he insisted was a preparation of heart and of life. “The king is coming,” he said in effect. “Mend, not

your roads, but your lives.” The quotation, “*making straight the paths of the Lord,*” means clearing the path of sin, which is the major obstacle preventing the Lord from coming into our lives. The valley here stands for the estrangement of man from God.

John called people to repent as a way of preparing their hearts and lives for the Lord’s visit. He is calling us, too, to get ready for something so great that it fills our emptiness with expectation. A smooth road means nothing to God, but a repentant heart means a great deal. Hence, the truly important goal for us is to prepare our hearts to receive the Lord. For salvation, we have to look to Jesus -- Jesus present in Scripture, Jesus present in the Sacraments, Jesus present in our coming together in his name, Jesus present in the lives of his followers. Perhaps if we began to see Jesus in each other and in ourselves, and started to treat one another (and ourselves), as we would treat Jesus, more of the world might come to see God’s salvation. *Excerpted from Fr. Antony Kadavil, <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2018-12/sunday-reflections-9-december-2018.html>*

MASS REMINDERS

Ottawa Public Health is strongly recommending that people **wear a mask**, particularly indoors, though no restrictions have been imposed at this time. As well, we remind you to sanitize your hands upon entering and leaving the church. If you are unwell, please stay home and watch our livestreamed Mass, **Sundays at 11:00 a.m.** As we enter the seasons of Advent and Christmas we expect greater attendance, so greater vigilance is appreciated. We also ask that you refrain from wearing scents when you come to Mass; some members of our congregation are allergic or sensitive to strong scents. - *Thank you for your cooperation.*



ALPHA PROGRAM



Alpha is a faith series that explore the big questions of life. It’s an opportunity to meet new people and discover more about the Christian faith. This program will take place in the Monseigneur Baxter Hall, with Anne-Marie Goodman. Our program will begin on **Thursday, January 5, at 7:00 p.m.** and will continue until **March 16.** To register, please

visit: <https://www.mission-suite.com/forms/ef303dd3-db82-46ae-b6d2-7313e899ddc4/submit>. For more information, please e-mail Anne-Marie at: alphastpatricksfallowfield@gmail.com.

DIVINE LITURGY FOR THE FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS

Byzantine-rite Divine Liturgy for the Feast of St. Nicholas, with polyphonic pieces sung by the Sheptytsky Institute choir. All are welcome. St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Shrine, 952 Green Valley Cres., Ottawa, Tuesday, **December 6, at 7:00 p.m.** Donations to the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) for humanitarian aid to Ukraine will be accepted. Hosted by The Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Institute for Eastern Christian Studies. For information, email: brian.butcher@utoronto.ca.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The titular feast of Notre Dame Cathedral, Ottawa, and principal patron of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ottawa-Cornwall [Hearst-Moosonee, Pembroke, Timmins]. Mass at Notre Dame Cathedral on **Thursday, December 8, at 7:30 p.m.** with Auxiliary Bishop Yvan Mathieu.



GRAND ULTREYA

The Ottawa Catholic Cursillo Movement invites everyone for a Mass and short talk followed by fellowship and refreshments, at Holy Redeemer Parish, on **Wednesday, December 7, at 7:00 p.m.** For information, please email: joanne-conroy@houseofcanvas.com.

RORATE MASS OF ADVENT



At St. Clement Parish, on **Saturday, December 10, at 6:30 a.m.** This morning candlelight Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary reminds us that we are "watchers of the dawn", waiting in the hope of Christ's coming. For more information, please call 613-565-9656.

ADVENT MISSION

Fr. Paul Keller CMF will be facilitating an Advent Mission towards a deeper discovery of a Jesus centred relationship to recapture the true meaning of Advent. Rediscover the wonder the beauty, meaning, joy and life-changing power of Christmas. Taking place on **Monday, December 5, Tuesday, December 6 and Wednesday, December 7, at 7:00 p.m.** at Holy Cross Parish. For information, please call 613-552-3609.

ADVENT TALK

To help us prepare to celebrate the Mystery of the Incarnation, Fr. Geoff Kerslake is offering a talk on the prayers we use at Mass during Christmas. This talk will take place in the church of Our Lady of the Visitation on **Tuesday, December 6, at 7:30 p.m.** For more information, call 613-822-2197 or email office@olvottawa.ca.

ADVENT "GAUDETE" LESSONS AND CAROLS

Presented by the Choirs of Saint Patrick's Basilica on **Sunday, December 11, at 3:00 p.m.** in the Basilica. Prepare for Christmas with an hour of music and reflection. Freewill donation in support of Kelly Funeral Home's "Toiletries and Community Impact Drive" supporting the Shepherds of Good Hope. All are welcome. For more information, please call: 613-233-1125.



ADVENT STORIES FROM DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

It has become a yuletide tradition for Development and Peace to share Advent stories that warm the heart by showcasing the real-world impact of the solidarity and generosity of the Canadian Catholic community. The [first Advent story](#) has been posted with more to come over the next three Sundays.

FINANCE COUNCIL - GOOD NEWS!



Through the generosity of you, the parishioners, we have completely paid off the mortgage for the Monsignor Paul Baxter Hall! The hall continues to be a place where we are able to share in the fellowship of Christ. Not only does the hall benefit our Parish, it is also used by members of our community. Now that the Parish is mortgage-free we will be able to focus more resources on other projects and supporting our Parish community.

UKRAINE -THANK YOU

Once again St. Patrick's parishioners have shown great generosity. Many thanks to all who helped the men still fighting in Ukraine. We were able to purchase much needed pain and cold medications, along with winter socks, hats and long underwear. Help was also given to the families who had to leave everything behind and move to Canada, with the clothing items left at our church. Thank you, Fr. Paul, for enabling this to take place in our church.



HELPING OTHERS AT CHRISTMAS



This year many families in our parish schools need help. If you would like to help, we will be accepting gift cards marked 'Helping Schools', until **December 15**. Please place your gift card in the collection box or at the parish office. Thank you for your support.

CWL NEWS

- **Calling all bakers!** We are seeking baking from parishioners and CWL members to make the annual CWL Bake Sale a success. The Bake Sale will be held on the weekend of **December 10 and 11** in the Parish Hall following all Masses. Any baking: pies, loaves, squares, fudge, cookies and Christmas goodies would be a great help. The Knights will also be holding their used book sale in the hall that weekend.
- This year, the CWL is selling **Christmas Cards** (cover is the inside of the church decorated for Christmas) and Note cards (picture is of the front of the church) available for order now and pick up at the **Bake sale on Sunday, December 11**, or from the parish office. Christmas cards (5X7) are 5 for \$10; Note cards (blank - 4x6) are 10 for \$20. Here is the link to order: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSftxXblfbRG2P0hc1MqJmbzkCsfFSK11sw8rEoy6lnQ2wgONA/viewform?usp=sf_link or email sueburnett13@gmail.com.
- **Christmas Giving.** Every year we support the needy of our community by donating gift cards. Suggestions for gift cards include Walmart, Giant Tiger, or stores that sell toys, clothing and food. Cheques (made out to St. Patrick's CWL) are also appreciated. There are two ways to send gift cards/cheques: 1) by mail to the Parish Office, 15 Steeple Hill Cres. Nepean, ON, K2R 1G2. Please address the envelope to St. Patrick's CWL; or 2) if you are attending Mass, please drop your donation, in a marked envelope that says CWL Christmas Stocking Campaign, in the box at the church entrance. **The deadline to drop off or mail in your donations is December 11.** If you have questions, please contact Joy Kehoe, at 613-270-1434.
- **CWL Christmas Potluck:** Our annual Christmas potluck will take place on **Tuesday, December 13, at 11:30 a.m.** in the parish hall. All women of the parish are invited to join us. Bring a friend and your favourite dish. We love to celebrate, so come out and enjoy some Christmas cheer!



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Again, this year we are partnering with Kelly Funeral Homes for their Annual **TOILETRIES DRIVE** supporting the Shepherds of Good Hope and The Ottawa Mission. There are boxes at the Church entrances where you can donate needed items, such as shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, deodorant, razors, Hot Paws hand and feet warmers, underwear, and feminine products.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT THE NOTRE-DAME CATHEDRAL BASILICA

The Choirs of Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica present their annual Christmas Choral Celebration on **Sunday, December 11, at 2:30 p.m.**, featuring the Cathedral's titular organist, Jennifer Loveless, directed by Michel Guimont. Admission by freewill offering. For information, visit: <https://notredameottawa.com>

HOLIDAY CONCERT: INTROSPECCIÓN

Classical guitarist Christopher Matthew and international renowned artist Hermelindo Ruiz will play guitar music by Canadian and Puerto Rican composers. Come and enjoy this unique musical experience! Taking place at Our Lady of Fatima Church, on **Saturday, December 17, at 2:00 p.m.** Admission by voluntary donation at the door. For more information, please call: 613-722-7661.

MICHAELANGELO'S SISTINE CHAPEL EXHIBITION

This globally successful exhibition is an innovative and unique interpretation of Michelangelo's timeless masterpiece. At Ottawa EY Centre (4899 Uplands Dr.), from **Wednesday, December 7 until Sunday, January 22**. For further details, visit: <https://chapelsistine.com/the-exhibition/>.



"Let your door stand open to receive Him, unlock your soul to Him, offer Him a welcome in your mind and then you will see the riches of simplicity, the treasures of peace, the joy of grace. Throw wide the gate of your heart, stand before the sun of the everlasting light".

St. Ambrose
