



First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2018

On this First Sunday of Advent, we hear the call of Christ to be on guard, and to be people of prayer.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 1– First Sunday of Advent (Anticipated Vigil Mass)

5:00 pm †Verona Pereira req by Myrna Andrews

Sunday, December 2 – First Sunday of Advent

9:00 am For Our Parishioners

11:15 am Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus
†Abla Hokayem req by Fadia Abdelnour

Tuesday, December 4 – First Tuesday of Advent

9:00 am Mass of Special Intentions req by a Parishioner

Wednesday, December 5 – First Wednesday of Advent

9:00 am Private Intention

2:00 pm Mass at Bearbrook Retirement Home

Thursday, December 6

9:00 am Mass of Special Intentions req by a Parishioner
†Georgette Akiki req by the family

Friday, December 7 – Memorial, St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor

9:00 am †Marie Thérien req by Mariette Ledo

Saturday, December 8 – Second Sunday of Advent (Anticipated Vigil Mass)

5:00 pm †Verona Pereira req by the family
†Gunter Andrews req by Myrna
Deceased members of the Pereira family
Mass of Thanksgiving and Intentions for the Virgin Mary

Sunday, December 9 – Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 am †Eduardo & Cecilia Ferrera req by the Ferrera family
Intentions of the Pereira family req by the Ferrera family

Please pray for our sick; Deacon Dan Careau, John & Alice Leach, Joe MacDonell, Jean Scharf, Romina Andrews, Lorretta Dillon-Robinette, Monica Rios, Jean-Ella Lemire, Maurice Lemire, and Michael Nortey.

Please pray for our deceased, that they may be received into God's love

There is always **The Stations of the Cross** on Thursday mornings after mass and there is always the **Divine Mercy Chaplet** on Fridays at 3:00 p.m.

Offering for November 25, 2018

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 2311.00
PAC/Visa/MC	\$ 2660.00
Loose:	\$ 493.00
Total Collection:	\$ 5464.00

Our average financial requirements are approx. **\$8,000** per week to support our approx. **\$2,000** a week mortgage payment.

Parish Reconciliation – The Parish Reconciliations will take place on **Wednesday, December 12 at 7:00 pm.** Additional Priests will be available to hear Confessions.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY – Children's Liturgy will begin on the First Sunday of Advent at the 9:00 am mass.

Parish Potluck Saturday December 15 following 5:00 pm Mass

The annual parish potluck will be held on Saturday December 15 following the 5:00 pm Mass. It is a wonderful opportunity for parishioners to gather together to enjoy a shared meal and fellowship. To assist with the planning signup sheets are at the back of the church for you to signup and let us know how many people in your family will be attending the potluck and the type of food dish you will be providing. We are also looking for volunteers to help manage the potluck. If you are able to help out please send an email to Alan Dunham, alan1.dunham@gmail.com, indicating your availability.

Reverse Advent Calendar Project

Advent Week 1: Advent has begun and so has the Reverse Advent Calendar Project! You are invited to use a box for your donation and attach the two bulletin inserts: the first one (with the Advent wreath) explaining the project, and the calendar insert that offers prayers and information on Advent, inviting us to prayerfully prepare for the birth of Christ in our lives.

Handouts are posted on the parish website:

<http://www.thegoodshepherdparish.com/newsandevents.html>

Say a prayer each day... **Come, Lord Jesus!** ...then place an item in your box.

Ottawa Cursillo Movement

Come find out what the buzz is all about! Now's your chance to learn more about Cursillo on Wednesday, December 5th here at Good Shepherd! Begin Advent by joining us for Holy Mass at 7:00pm. Then enjoy wonderful sharing, followed by refreshments in the Social Space. You'll see many of your fellow parishioners there and we look forward to seeing YOU too! The evening will be hosted by Dee Careau and Helen Lemoire.

Ladies On Lunch (LOL) is a group of women of the parish and their female friends who gather for lunch, normally every third Wednesday of the month at 11:30 am. The next gathering is early to accommodate Christmas activities. It will be **Wednesday, December 5, 2018**, at 11:30 am at the Da Nonna Maria restaurant located at 2208 St. Joseph Blvd. To reserve a seat or for more information please contact Hilary Als at stacch@rogers or by telephone at (613) 845-0073. Please RSVP by 6:00 pm on Monday, December 3rd so that we can confirm our reservation.

Campaign Life Christmas Cakes will be available for sale after all the Masses December 1st -2nd as well December 8th & 9th. This is a very important fundraiser for Campaign Life, your support is greatly appreciated.

ADVENT FAMILY PRAYER

"Where two or three gather in my name, there am I in their midst". Matt. 18:20

Please join in our Advent Family Prayer, which is found in our Parish Bulletin. Colour the Advent Wreath, the Candles - 3 purple and 1 pink and the Baby Jesus in the Manger. Place the Card on your kitchen table. Each morning and evening say the prayer for the corresponding week for the four weeks of Advent.

As we participate in this prayer we are praying together as a 'Parish Family.' Thank you to the Catholic Women's League for sponsoring this Advent Prayer.

St-Vincent de Paul and the Knights of Columbus would like to

announce: "Pick an angel tag and buy a Christmas present for a child in need!"

By the main entrance, you will find two baskets filled with angel tags. The blue tags indicate the age of a boy, and the pink tags indicate the age of a girl. This is in order to provide a gift appropriate for this child. If you wish to purchase a Christmas present for this child, take a tag with you. Buy a present for this child and tapped the tag on the top of the gift. Do not wrap the present, and place it inside the decorated box at the main entrance.

Please, return your present by Sunday, December 9th, 2018. Take note, there isn't any suggested amount to purchase a present as we want this to be a personal experience, and to go with your budget. If you wish to make a donation in dollar amount, please indicate on an envelope that this is for a Christmas present for child. We will purchase a gift on your behalf.

Christmas Décor for our church – poinsettias, etc.

Everyone is invited to consider donating to the liturgical décor for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. If you so wish, your donation may be made in memory of a loved one. All "in memory of" names will be published in the bulletins on the weekends of 22/23 and 30/31 December 2018.

Specially marked envelopes are available from the Greeters or the Ushers at each Sunday Mass on the first three weekends of Advent;

Please clearly PRINT your name and envelope number (for tax purposes), and clearly PRINT the name of the person(s) in whose memory you are making the gift. Donations will also be accepted at the parish office during working hours up to Friday 14 December 2018.

Any extra donations received will go towards the purchase of a new Nativity set as the current one is in great need of being replaced. Thank you very much for supporting the liturgical décor of your church

Upcoming Events		Week ending December 9
Mon, Dec 3	1:30 - 2:30	Christian Meditation
Tues, Dec 4	7:15 – 9:15	Pastoral Council Meeting
Wed, Dec 5	6:00 – 10:00	Cursillo Grand Ultreya
	7:00 – 9:00	K of C Executive Meeting
Thurs, Dec 6	8:00 –12:00	Legion of Mary
	9:45 –11:30	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 1
	4:30 – 6:15	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 2
	7:00 - 9:00	RCIA
Sun, Dec 9	9:00 – 11:00	Baptismal Preparation Class