

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### MASSES OF THE WEEK

† - For the repose of the soul / in memory of the person(s) indicated

#### Sunday, December 11

9:00 a.m. For the parishioners of St. Theresa Parish.  
 10:30 a.m. † Isabel S. Quinto by Jesusa Quinto-Cantos.  
 For the intentions of the Handmaids of the Lord.

#### Tuesday, December 13

*Feast of St. Lucy*

9:00 a.m. † Laura Urrechaga by her granddaughter Laura.

#### Wednesday, November 14

*Feast of St. John of the Cross*

9:00 a.m. † Souls in Purgatory.

#### Thursday, December 15

9:00 a.m. For the living and deceased members of the Chevalier family.

#### Friday, December 16

9 a.m. For Mario Charette's special intentions by Jeanette de Nazareth.

#### Saturday, December 17

4:30 p.m. † Wayne Quan by his family.  
 † Fr. Paul J. Gaudet by Lynn Lavictoire and Deacon Will Read.

#### Sunday, December 18

9:00 a.m. For the parishioners of St. Theresa Parish.  
 10:30 a.m. † Leo Desmarteau by his family.  
 † Lucy Ellen Green by Thomas Dole.  
 † Phyllis Moore by Anne and Keith Bell.

### PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Joan Marie (Ryan) Potvin, Michelle Boyer, Ann Taillon, Baby Ivy Murray, Nickie Shaw, Eugene Vargas, Marie-Andrée Boyer, Patricia McNamara, Raechael McIntyre, Moli Coletti, Zygmunt Wysocki.



### Lectors & Commentators

#### Saturday, December 17

4:30 p.m. Lyn Fong

#### Sunday, December 18

9:00 a.m. Marie Comisso  
 10:30 a.m. Kathy McVean

### HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION

*For volunteer not-for-profit organizations ~ We pray for volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development; may they find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.*

### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year A)

**First Reading:** Isaiah 35.1-6a, 10  
*God himself will come and save us.*

**Second Reading:** James 5.7-10  
*Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near.*

**Gospel:** Matthew 11.2- 11  
*Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?*

**Prayer for Vocations:** Third Sunday of Advent – December 11. That the Lord will call members from our flock to “bring glad tidings to the poor and heal the brokenhearted” as a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister, we pray to the Lord.

### CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Dec. 24	4:30 p.m.	Mass
	6:45 p.m.	Christmas Carols
	7:00 p.m.	Solemn High Mass
Sunday, Dec. 25	9:00 a.m.	Mass
	10:30 a.m.	Mass
Saturday, Dec. 31	4:30 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, Jan. 1	9:00 a.m.	Mass
	10:30 a.m.	Solemn High Mass

### SOCIAL WITH SANTA & TOURTIÈRES

The Social with Santa, hosted by the Knights of Columbus, is taking place **this Sunday from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**, in the parish hall. Everyone is welcome.

### 2023 PARISH ENVELOPES

2023 parish envelopes are available at the back of the Church. If you used envelopes in 2022, the envelopes boxes are labeled with your name. Unlabeled boxes are also available should you wish to start using envelopes in 2023. Kindly include your name, address and phone number on the first few envelopes.

Forms to sign up for pre-authorized donations can be found on our website ([sttheresa@rogers.com](mailto:sttheresa@rogers.com)).

Thank you for your continued support.

### HALL BOOKINGS

To avoid disappointment, please check availability of the hall, boardroom and/or kitchen with the parish office before booking a date.

### MASKING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

As Fr. Vincent mentioned at Mass last weekend, we are experiencing an increase of respiratory illness in our communities (COVID-19, Influenza and Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)). Although there is no obligation to wear a mask, everyone is encouraged to wear one in the church and other public areas.

### CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL BASILICA

The annual Christmas Choral Celebration on **Sun., Dec. 11, 2:30 pm**. Admission by freewill offering.

### BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES

- Dec. 25 bulletin: **Mon., Dec. 12, 9:00 a.m.**
- Jan. 1 bulletin: **Thurs., Dec. 15, 9:00 a.m.**

### SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM

As many of you are aware, the Safe Environment Program (SE) is underway again in the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall. Our parish coordinator is Acton Kilby who spoke at all the Masses two weeks ago. I'm sure we will be hearing from him again on this subject.

The mission of the Safe Environment Program is:

1. Prevention of cases of abuse and misconduct by clergy and lay (since December 2021).
2. Create, update, and ensure the application of SE policies and procedures.
3. Manage abuse cases.
4. Support the Advisory Committee.
5. Be the point of contact for parishes and the Archdiocese for matters of SE.
6. Provide training.
7. Update the formation program for priests and permanent deacons with the active contribution of Vocations and Chancery.

### OTTAWA SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY/SPIRITUALITY

Winter Semester 2023: Moved to online format for winter 2023. Two 5-week sessions will run Jan.9- Feb. 6, and Feb. 13 – Mar. 20. Special offer: register a friend for free (restrictions apply). Please check the website for course descriptions: [www.osts.ca](http://www.osts.ca).

### ADVENT "GAUDETE" LESSONS AND CAROLS

Presented by the Choirs of Saint Patrick Basilica on **Gaudete Sunday, Dec. 11, 3:00 p.m.** in the Basilica. Prepare for Christmas with an hour of music and reflection, including congregational singing, instrumental music, and choral offerings. Freewill donation in support of Kelly Funeral Home's "Toiletries and Community Impact Drive" supporting the Shepherds of Good Hope. All are welcome. Info: 613-233-1125.

**Third Sunday in Advent: Today is Gaudete Sunday, the day when we shift our reflection from "the Lord is coming" to "the Lord is near." Rejoice! We are more than halfway to Christmas Day!**

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