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December 24, 2017 — 4th Sunday of Advent • December 25, 2017 — Nativity of Our Lord  
December 31, 2017 — Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph  
January 1, 2018 — Mary, Holy Mother of God



### MASS SCHEDULE

#### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday ..... 4:30 pm  
Sunday ..... 10:00 am  
..... 8:00 pm

#### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Tuesday & Thursday ..... 6:30 pm  
Wednesday & Friday ..... 9:30 am

#### GLEBEHOUSE SENIORS HOME MASS TIME

Thursday ..... 10:00 am

#### CONFESSION (REGULAR HOURS)

Tuesday & Thursday ..... 6:00 — 6:30 pm  
Saturday ..... 4:00 — 4:30 pm

— or by appointment —

#### RECITATION OF THE HOLY ROSARY

Thursdays ..... 6:00 pm (before Mass)  
Sundays ..... 9:15 am (before Mass)

#### OFFICE HOURS

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED from  
December 25 — January 1, 2018

CLOSED Mondays

Tuesday to Friday ..... 9:00 am — 3:00 pm

#### PASTORAL STAFF

Fr. Timothy P.V. Nelligan, Pastor  
pastortpvn@blessedsacrament.ca

To schedule an appointment with our Pastor,  
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#### PARISH STAFF

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### OUR PASTOR'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Once again, this Holy Season of Christmas draws near, and family and friends begin planning to celebrate one of the greatest religious festivals of the modern age. This year, like many others, will see people travelling the world over to be with their loved ones and to revel in the Joy of this Season. At the same time, there are many who will not find the Joy of Christmas, something they wish to celebrate. Personal, family and life experiences can often make festive times difficult to bear, and as such can become very lonely and depressing times. We may not be able to help all those who may find themselves in these circumstances, but we can do our part to be vigilant to those around us. Christmas is about the great gift that God has given to us in Jesus Christ. Christmas is about the fulfillment of the prophetic voices in our history that the Messiah would come; He would bring peace, and He would fulfill the promise of God's salvation for us ~ eternal life. We who call ourselves Christian are called to participate in that prophetic voice of our salvation history, and to be participants in the presence of Christ in the modern world. To do so too, means that we need to continuously work to renew our relationship with Christ. For many however, that relationship is not what it should or could be. If you or someone you know, has fallen away from their faith; have fallen away from practicing their faith; know that you are always welcome, without judgement, without guilt for human failings, to come back to the Lord. Christmas, the Gift of the Father, is a Gift of Invitation, an invitation to a life here and now with the Divine so that in the hereafter that relationship can flourish eternally and in a way only God can give us. Thus, to truly celebrate Christmas then, let us who have come to know and have the Lord daily in our lives, reach out to those who may not yet share in such an experience. Let us extend the hand of Christ that seeks to heal all wounds and divisions. Let us, by our words and actions, exemplify the true gift of Christmas by bringing peace and comfort and joy to all those around us; whether they be family, friend, stranger or foe. Christ's peace is a peace that overcomes all boundaries and all human limitations. May this Christmas be filled with the overcoming of those boundaries and limitations in our lives and in the lives of those around us. Keep Christ in Christmas! Bring Christ's Peace to the world.

Mary, Mother of the Most  
Blessed Sacrament, Pray for us!

Fr. Timothy P.V. Nelligan

Pastor,  
Blessed Sacrament RC Parish







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 Monday, December 25, 2017 — Nativity of Our Lord  
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**Mass Intentions**

Saturday, December 23  
 4:30 pm † For the soul of Marie Hurley by Coleen Hurley

Sunday, December 24 — 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
 10:00 am † —

**FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

Sunday, December 24 — CHRISTMAS EVE  
 4:30 pm † For the soul of Brian McLaughlin and deceased family members by Audrey and family  
 † For the souls of Joseph, Michael & Loretta McGuire and Erminio Cozzarini by Vivian McGuire and family  
 8:00 pm † For the soul of Ron Culleton by Suzanne Culleton  
 † For the soul of Ron Arnold and Bernadette & Frank Arnold by the family  
 Midnight † Pro Populo

Monday, December 25 — CHRISTMAS DAY  
 10:00 am † For the souls of Gerald, Rolland and Nick by the Parent family  
 † For the Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, December 26 — St. Stephen, First Martyr  
 6:30 pm † —

Wednesday, December 27 — St. John the Apostle  
 9:30 am † For the soul of Vivian Roy by Franklin Roy

Thursday, December 28 — FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS  
 6:30 pm † —

Friday, December 29  
 9:30 am † For the soul of Marguerite Lucina Kavanagh

Saturday, December 30  
 4:30 pm † —

Sunday, December 31 — FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY  
 10:00 am † For the soul of Lucille Nolan and the deceased family members by Cheryl Kelly  
 † For the special intentions of Luisa Valbuena

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**  
 — *\*Note\* This is a Holy Day of Obligation—*

Sunday, December 31 (NEW YEARS EVE)  
 5:00 pm † Pro Populo  
 (*\*Note\* no 8:00 PM Mass*)

Monday, January 1, 2018 (NEW YEARS DAY)  
 10:00 am † —



**† Our Prayer List**

**WE ASK THAT YOU REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** all those in our Parish Community who are sick and in need of encouragement: Nancy Grover, Kerri Lynn Bulger, Paula Scott, Daphne Moffat, Jim Grover, Leighton Beacock, Daniel & Madeline McBride, Ben Proctor, Mary Christine Spencer, Rick Tracey, David Low, Anna Gemella, David Kibbee, Marc Le Gras, Natalie Quinn, Rose Cutrara, Loren Cooper, Richard Gehring, Bridgette Bradway, Morgan Hawken, Melissa Moloissa, Debbie Lavallie, Joseph Hutchinson, Alex Neron, Marta Pappalardo and Dominic, Joaquin Olivier LeGras, Brigitte and Victor Couwenbergh, Sebastien Parent, Jim Morgan, Thérèse Cochlin, Lynn Ashdown, Laszlo DeRoth, Darrell & Peter Herauf, Kathleen Jordan, Sharon Boothroyd, Luigi Lorusso, Cindy Orr Marcelle and Gerry Ouderkirk, Beryl Johnson, Anne Kennedy, Britney, Jesse Colliver and their baby, Frances from the UK, Norman Revells, Elizabeth (Elsa) Witteveen, Yvonne Bulger.  
*To ADD or REMOVE a name, please contact the office.*

**THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER**

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations. *Pope Francis*



**ENROLMENT IN THE CONFRATERNITY OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY:** Fr. Pierre-Olivier Tremblay, OMI, Rector of Canada's National Marian Shrine of Our Lady of the Cape invites Canadians to enrol in the Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary originally established in 1694. Contact Dennis or Angelina Girard or visit [www.CatholicInCanada.com](http://www.CatholicInCanada.com).

**ST. THÉRÈSE OF LISEUX PRAYER GROUP—Perpetual Novena**

*We continue to pray for parishioners and their families.*  
*O Little Thérèse of the Child Jesus*, please pick for me a rose from the heavenly garden and send it to me as a message of love.  
*O Little Flower of Jesus*, ask God to grant the favours I now place with confidence in your hands.  
**December 22—30, 2017:** *St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus*, please bring to the Father our request that all members of our Parish may be given the means and strength needed to make room for quiet prayer to Him, whether in private, with family members or in a group. Ask that He continue to protect us; we who seek to follow and live the best possible life in Christ Jesus.  
**December 31—January 8, 2018:** *O Little Flower*, please pray for the children of our Parish and neighborhood. Pray that they will come to know Jesus early in life and that the seeds planted will fall on fertile soil. Ask God to send loving people to water those seeds.  
*St. Thérèse*, help me to always believe as you did in God's great love for me, so that I may imitate your "Little Way" each day. AMEN!

**Blessed Sacrament Parish Vision**

Through dynamic evangelization, Blessed Sacrament Parish seeks to intentionally invite all people into an initial encounter with and ongoing conversion to Jesus. We are a Eucharistic and Marian parish that is a home for vibrant worship, reconciliation, and prayer, as well as an engine for spiritual growth. We support each other on the journey to maturity and reach out to people in need.

**NEW** Offering Envelopes **2018 WEEKLY ENVELOPES** are now available for pick-up in the Narthex! *Boxes are in alphabetical order.*

For parishioners using the Pre-Authorized Donation system (PAD), please pick-up your personalized special collection envelopes in the small green boxes. If you would like to start using weekly envelopes, blank boxes are available in the Narthex. There are also forms to sign-up for PAD (automatic debit).  
**Please do not use your 2018 envelopes until January!**

**FAITH-BASED WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS GROUP** — We will next meet on **Saturday, January 6** for Mass at 4:30 pm followed by a get together at the Arrow and Loon at 6:00 pm. Let's bring in the New Year together! Reserve with Thea Boyd at 613-521-2082 or Shirley Hamre at 613-824-0692.

**FOOT CARE CLINIC** — *a possible Christmas Gift for your loved one!* Every two months, Blessed Sacrament Parish offers a foot care clinic to seniors in the Nursery. The next scheduled clinic is **Tuesday, January 2nd from 9:30 am — 2:00 pm**. This service is provided by a specially trained Nurse for a nominal fee. For further information or to make an appointment, please call Mary Jane Rocque at 613-747-2259.

**WAS YOUR CHILD BAPTISED AT BLESSED SACRAMENT IN 2017?** As a memento of this special day, we have prepared a Christmas tree decoration in the form of an Angel Prayer Card, recording your child's name and baptismal date! Please feel free to pick up your child's prayer card from the Angel tree located in the Narthex.

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 REGISTRATION DAY & PREPARATION COURSE  
 Friday, January 19, 2018**



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▶ **REGISTRATION DAY:**  
**Friday, January 19 from 6:00—7:00pm** in the Parish Hall AND

▶ **PREPARATION COURSE — BEGINS THE SAME DAY!**  
**Friday, January 19 from 7:00—9:00 pm.** *It is mandatory that your child attend the first day of the course.*

Registration Forms are found in the Lobby or on our website.  
 Questions? Please contact Melissa at [BSYMOttawa@gmail.com](mailto:BSYMOttawa@gmail.com).

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**NEXT AGM** — *Sunday May 6, 2018, after the 10:00 AM Mass!*

**A Warm Welcome to Our New Parishioners!**

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