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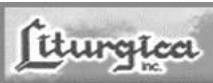
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December 18, 2016 — The FOURTH Sunday of Advent

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MASS TIMES

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Saturday 4:30 pm
Sunday 9:00 am
11:00 am
8:00 pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

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

HEALING MASS

3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm

RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 6:00—6:30 pm
Saturday 4:00—4:30 pm
First Saturdays 7:00 pm
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Tuesday Noon — 2:00 pm
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What Child is this?

There are so many details surrounding the celebration of Christmas that we may easily miss its authentic meaning. Christmas is not about the presents or the poinsettias; food or festivities. It's not about the Christmas cards or carols; or the Christmas tree or stockings. All these traditions and events are wonderful in themselves — but it's not Christmas.

Then what is Christmas? Christmas is all about God and His immense love and mercy for each and every person. Christmas is about God SAVING His people by coming to us — as one of us — in the person of the Child Jesus, the Lamb of God, Mighty King, Emmanuel!

This simple truth can easily be missed: If Jesus is not in Christmas, then Christmas is nothing at all!

Have a Blessed and Holy Christmas!

Fr. Galen and Fr. Francis



The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2016



Blessed Sacrament Parish Mission Statement

Through dynamic evangelization, Blessed Sacrament Parish seeks to intentionally invite all people into an initial encounter with an 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.

Announced Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 17
 4:30 pm † For intentions of the Pro-Life Health Care Professionals by Carol Gaboury
 † For a special Intention of the DiDuch family

Sunday, December 18 — Fourth Sunday of Advent
 9:00 am † Intentions of Ildze and Sandro by Rosalind Weeks
 11:00 am † For the healing of Sharon Boothroyd by Allan Yolkowski
 8:00 pm † Pro Populo

Tuesday, December 20 (Adoration Noon — 2PM)
 6:30 pm † —

Wednesday, December 21 (School Advent Mass)
 9:30 am † For the soul of Francesco DiPietrantonio by his wife Emilia and family

Thursday, December 22
 6:30 pm † For the soul of Terzo Zanesco by Liliana Mascioli and family

Friday, December 23
 9:30 am † —

Saturday, December 24 (CHRISTMAS EVE MASS TIMES)
 4:30 pm (Children's Mass and Pageant)
 † —
 8:00 pm † For the soul of Ron Culleton by Suzanne and family
 Midnight Mass † —

Sunday, December 25 (CHRISTMAS DAY MASS TIMES)
 9:00 am † For the soul of Lucille Nolan and deceased family by Cheryl Kelly
 † For the soul of Janet King by her family
 11:00 am † —

► **PLEASE NOTE: 8:00 PM Sunday Mass is CANCELLED on Christmas Day and New Year's Day**

Tuesday, December 27 (Feast of St. John the Apostle)
 6:30 pm † —

Wednesday, December 28 (Feast of the Holy Innocents)
 9:30 am † —

Thursday, December 29
 6:30 pm † —

Friday, December 30 (Feast of the Holy Family)
 9:30 am † For the soul of Attilio DiSaverio by Rosina DiSaverio

Saturday, December 31 (NEW YEAR'S EVE)
 4:30pm † —

Sunday, January 1, 2017 (MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD)
 9:00 am † Intentions of Norah Hoskinson & family
 † For the soul of Janet King by her family
 11:00 am † —

► **PLEASE NOTE: 8:00 PM Sunday Mass is CANCELLED**

Parish Activities

SPECIAL COLLECTION BEING TAKEN UP THIS WEEKEND FOR THE CENTRETOWN EMERGENCY FOOD CENTRE: In the spirit of Christmas, there will be a special collection for the Centretown Emergency Food Centre at all the Masses THIS weekend, December 17/18. To receive a donation receipt, please use the visitor envelopes found in the pews and clearly write your name and address or envelope number on it (cheques payable to Blessed Sacrament Parish). Our Parish is combined with 20 other churches of various denominations to sponsor this very worthy charity that operates only a few blocks away. The Emergency Food Centre gives out over 10,000 "bundles" of groceries to over 2000 people each year. Although much of the food that is given away is generously donated through the various churches, food drives, merchants and The Ottawa Food Bank, the Emergency Food Centre purchases over \$100,000 of food each year. "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you?" Matt 25.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR REHEARSAL
 → THIS Friday, December 23rd at 6:00 PM in the Church.

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF CAROLING ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22: We welcome all parishioners to celebrate the season by joining us for an evening of caroling around our beautiful community on December 22nd! Hot chocolate, treats, and fellowship available in our parish hall afterwards! Meet us in the hall at 6:30 pm and bring along bells, percussion instruments and your best Christmas attire. Reindeer hats and lights most welcome! Info: Marissa Casagrande 613-567-2727 or email casagrandem10@gmail.com.

DIRECTOR OF MISSION ADVANCEMENT – COMPANIONS OF THE CROSS – HEAD OFFICE, OTTAWA: Giving and Donor relations. Full-time, permanent position. Job description: (<http://www.companionscross.org/latest-news/director-mission-advancement>). C.V. with three (3) references to Fr. Allan MacDonald, CC (email: humanresources@companionscross.org) by 12:00 p.m., **Monday, January 9, 2017**. No phone calls please. We thank all applicants for their interest.

PARISH FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION Regular Collection for December 11, 2016 : \$ 2,628.26

As this is our primary source of support, we encourage you to use our 'Pre-Authorized Donation' (PAD) service and boxed set of envelopes. Choosing the PAD service makes it easier for you to support us. If you are away, or sick, your offering will be made — a welcomed benefit to the Parish as our expenses continue year round. Please help support us by picking up a PAD form and a boxed set of envelopes found in the Church foyer. We kindly ask that you remember Blessed Sacrament Parish in your Will and to please include us in the bequeath section of the obituary notice. Our Registered Charity number is #12896-7353-RR0092.

Christmas Blessings!

CHRISTMAS POINSETTAS:

As part of Blessed Sacrament's Christmas tradition, we are offering the opportunity for our parishioners to once again donate \$25 toward a Poinsettia on behalf of a deceased loved one. Please fill out the form located in the vestibule, enclose the form with \$25 in an envelope marked 'Poinsettia', and place it in the collection basket.

COMPANIONS OF THE CROSS 2017 CALENDARS ON SALE IN VESTIBULE: Please enclose \$10 in an envelope marked "CC Calendar" (cheques payable to Companions of the Cross, memo: "calendar"), and place it in the collection basket. Thank you for your support!

LA PIETA PRAYER GROUP NEW YEAR'S EVE – VIGIL OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD — CELEBRATION OF PRAYER & WORSHIP: St. Maurice Church, **Sat. Dec. 31**. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 8 to 11PM.; the Mysteries of the Rosary; the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy; Christmas Hymns; Vigil Mass, 11:00 pm presided by Fr. Tim Devine. Info: (613-224-1892).

Diocesan News

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND: If you have the possibility to make your marriage better...where you and your spouse could deepen your love, to be happier and feel closer to each other, would you take the chance? Live a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. Next weekend in Ottawa region: **January 20—22**. To Register: Kathleen and Guy Séguin (613-800-0866); (kgseguin@gmail.com) **before** December 20. Info: (www.wwme.org).

REGISTERING FOR KINDERGARTEN — OTTAWA CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARD: If your child will be 4 or 5 years old by December 31, 2017, then it's time to register for the kindergarten program at Ottawa Catholic School Board elementary schools. The 2017 Kindergarten Registration event is **January 16—20** at your local Catholic elementary school. You can also register anytime throughout the year. Info: (ocsb.ca/registrations).

STEUBENVILLE TORONTO 2017 INFO MEETING: Steubenville Toronto is Canada's largest Catholic Youth Conference. Youth who will be in Grade 9 in September 2017, through to those who will be graduating high school by the end of 2017, can attend Steubenville Toronto. An interest meeting for parents and youth will be held **January 12, 6:30—9:30 pm** at the Diocesan Centre, 1247 Kilborn. Krista Wawrykow 613-738-5025 ext. 222; or email: kwawrykow@archottawa.ca.

PRIESTHOOD DISCERNERS' GROUP: Open to any man interested in knowing more about the priesthood. Next meeting: **Wednesday January 11, 7pm** at St. Margaret Mary Parish. For further info: Fr. Pierre Champoux 613-558-1445; vocations@archottawa.ca; www.catholicottawa.ca/priesthood.

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, Tom Rock, Frank Licari, Tom Ray, Kerri Lynn Bulger, Tyler Huneault, Paula Scott, Daphne Moffat, Jim Grover, Leighton Beacock, Daniel & Madeline McBride, Mrs. Teresa White, Ethel Morris, June McGuire, Ben Proctor, Mary Christine Spencer, Rick Tracey, Fr. Rory Brady, David Low, Anna Gemella, David Kibbee, Marc Le Gras, Natalie Quinn, Rose Cutrara, Loren Cooper, Gloria Henderson, Richard Gehring, Bruce McCracken, Bridgette Bradway, Morgan Hawken, Melissa Moloissa, Debbie Lavallie, Yvonne Bulger, Joseph Hutchinson, Garry Stevenson, Alex Neron, Marta Pappalardo and baby Dominic, Joaquin Olivier LeGras, Evelyn Beaudry, Brigitte and Victor Couwenbergh, Sebastien Parent, Jim Morgan, Thérèse Cochlin, Michael Reid, Tyler Moffat, Lynn Ashdown, Laszlo DeRoth, Darrell, Peter Herauf and Kathleen Jordan, Sharon Boothroyd.

To add or remove a name, please contact the parish office.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER

Universal: End to Child-Soldiers — That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over.

Evangelization: Europe — That the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.

St. Thérèse Prayer Group — Perpetual Novena Intention (for December 18—26)

O St. Thérèse, please ask the Lord to help us say no to things that endanger our faith such as temptation, pride, envy, gossip, anger, impatience, or negative thoughts. Pray that we will realize that we must work to increase our faith; that we may be active participants in our progress.



**FYI! COFFEE SUNDAY
 WILL RETURN IN JANUARY 2017!**

A Warm Welcome to Our New Parishioners!

Interested in joining Blessed Sacrament's Parish Family?

Please let us know who you are and we will be glad to offer you more information and introduce you to our Parish life. Just fill out this form, place it in the basket, and we'll reach out to you soon. Great to have you with us!

Name: _____

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