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Saturday 4:30 pm

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11:00 am

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Tuesday 6:30 pm

Wednesday 9:30 am

Thursday 6:30 pm

Friday 9:30 am

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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, 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!

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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 24 (CHRISTMAS EVE MASS TIMES)

4:30 pm (Children's Mass and Pageant)
† For the soul of Ron Culleton by Suzanne
† For the soul Bryan McLaughlin by Audrey
† For the intentions of the Marian Devotional Movement by the Girard's
8:00 pm † For the soul of Ron Culleton by the 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**

Tuesday, December 27 (Feast of St. John the Apostle)

6:30 pm † —

Wednesday, December 28 (Feast of the Holy Innocents)

9:30 am † For the soul of Francesco DiPietrantonio
† For the soul of Angelo Muzzin
† For the intentions of Nick Carnogursky

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 on New Year's Day**

Tuesday, January 3 (Adoration Noon — 2PM)

6:30 pm † —

Wednesday, January 4

9:30 am † —

Thursday, January 5

6:30 pm † —

Friday, January 6

9:30 am † —

Saturday, January 7

4:30pm † —

Sunday, January 8

9:00 am † —

11:00 am † —

8:00 pm † —



Parish and Community News



A NIGHT WITH THE KING! First Saturday Eucharistic Adoration, Saturday, January 7 at 7:00 PM — YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS THIS MONTH'S MONUMENTAL ANNOUNCEMENT! Spread the word!

Please consider helping out ... Following the evening of adoration, music and reflection by Fr. Galen, is a time of friendship, food and fellowship in the Hall. If you are planning to attend this lovely evening, could you please:

- Bring along fruit or baking to add to this lovely social time?
- Help out with the coffee/tea and goodies set-up shortly before the evening begins (6:30PM or so?)
- Lend a hand with some serving (perhaps a 1/2 hour) during the social time?
- Or, help with a brief tidy-up at the end?

If you can help out, it would be so much appreciated! It's very helpful to know in advance, so please contact Charlene at cmvw15@gmail.com or call 613-225-4505.

BLESSED SACRAMENT WIDOWS & WIDOWERS SOCIAL GROUP — We will meet **Saturday, January 7 at the 4:30pm Mass at the Church.** Dinner at 6PM in the Atrium at the Arrow & Loon on Bank and Fifth Ave. Hope you can join us to celebrate a New Year and enjoy great fellowship with people who care. Reservations: Thea Boyd or Shirley Hamre 613-521-2082.

FOOT CARE CLINIC: Every two months Blessed Sacrament Parish offers a foot care clinic to seniors in the Nursery. The next date for this clinic is on **Tues. Jan. 3rd from Noon to 3:00 PM.** The service is provided by a specially trained nurse for a nominal fee. For information or to make an appointment, please call Mary Jane Rocque at 613-747-2259.

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!

PARISH FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION
Regular Collection for December 18, 2016 : \$ 4,600.70
Special Collection for Food Centre: \$184.00

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.

Diocesan News

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).

MASS FOR THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY AT NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL: Archbishop Prendergast will celebrate Mass for the Feast of the Holy Family at Notre Dame Cathedral on **Friday, December 30, 12:15 pm.** Families are most welcome on this special day.

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. A 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: at St. Margaret Mary Parish. For further info: Fr. Pierre **Wednesday January 11, 7:00 pm** Champoux 613-558-1445; vocations@archottawa.ca; www.catholicottawa.ca/priesthood.

FAITH FORMATION COURSES AT NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL: "How Did Vatican II Change the Church?" **Thursdays, 7:00 - 8:30 pm January 19 – April 6.** Cost: \$20. Info & registration: (613-241-7496); (<http://www.notredameottawa.com/courses>).

Employment Opportunities

ARCHDIOCESE OF OTTAWA, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT — DIOCESAN ADMINISTRATION: Full-time, permanent position at 37½ hours/week. Recent Canadian Criminal Records check is a requirement. Job description & details: (www.catholicottawa.ca). Deadline to respond: **12:00 pm, Friday, January 6.** No phone calls please.

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>). Email your C.V. with three (3) references to Fr. Allan MacDonald, CC (humanresources@companionscross.org) **by Noon, Mon Jan 9, 2017.** No phone calls please. We thank all applicants for their interest.

May you have a blessed and holy Christmas
& a joyous New Year!

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.

ST. THÉRÈSE PRAYER GROUP — Perpetual Novena Intention

We will continue to pray for the Parishioners of Blessed Sacrament and their families throughout the year.

December 27, 2016 – January 4, 2017

Little Flower, please pray that all parishioners and their families will be moved to read the Bible to increase their faith. Please pray for those who offer Bible studies, that the Lord may use them to bring the Word to others so that all may realize that the Word is as relevant today as it was 2000 years ago.

January 5, 2017 – January 13, 2017

Our dear friend, please pray that we, the parishioners of Blessed Sacrament, will thirst for Truth. Pray that we will be moved to read the Catechism of the Catholic Church and fall in love with the wisdom within.

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!

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