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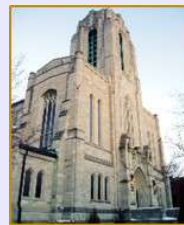
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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT — DECEMBER 8, 2019

MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

- † Saturday (Sunday Vigil) 4:30 pm
- † Sunday Mass 10:00 am & 8:00 pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

- † Monday and Tuesday 6:30 pm
- † Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday morning 9:30 am
- † First Friday Mass 9:30 am
- † First Saturday Mass 9:30 am

SENIORS HOMES MASS TIMES

- † Tuesday (Lord Lansdowne) 10:00 am
- † Thursday (Glebe Centre) 10:30 am
- † Friday (Colonel By) 11:00 am

RECONCILIATION

- See Fr. Tim before/after Weekday Mass
- Saturday AM 10:00 — 10:30 am
- Saturday PM 3:45 — 4:15 pm

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

- Wednesday to Saturday:
... after morning Mass 10 am — Noon

DEVOTIONS

- Recitation of the Holy Rosary:
..... Monday and Tuesday before Mass
..Sunday before 10:00 am Mass in Hall

PARISH OFFICE

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday to Friday ... 9:30 am — 3:00 pm

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- or by appointment

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ST. NICHOLAS — HARASSER OF HERETICS



On December 6th we celebrate the Feast of St. Nicholas — the fourth century bishop who inspired the figure of Santa Claus — with shoes filled with candy and toys.

But have you heard the rumor that the jolly bishop punched the heretic Arius at the Council of Nicea?

While this legend is often disputed, it illustrates the commitment of the early Church to defending the faith, and the importance of defending it still today. This is what makes St. Nicholas such a stalwart example for us to follow, amongst numerous other reasons.

Saint Nicholas of Myra (traditionally March 15, 270 to December 6, 343), also known as Nicholas of Bari, was an early Christian bishop of the ancient Greek maritime city of Myra in Asia Minor (Ancient Greek: Μύρα, modern-day Demre, Turkey) during the time of the Roman Empire. Because of the many miracles attributed to his intercession, he is also known as Nicholas the Wonderworker. Saint Nicholas is the patron saint of sailors, merchants, archers, repentant thieves, prostitutes, children, brewers, pawnbrokers, and students in various cities and countries around Europe. His reputation evolved among the faithful, as was common for early Christian saints, and his legendary habit of secret gift-giving gave rise to the traditional model of Santa Claus ("Saint Nick") through Sinterklaas.

Very little is known about the historical Saint Nicholas. The earliest accounts of his life were written centuries after his death and contain many legendary elaborations. He is said to have been born in the Greek seaport of Patara, Lycia in Asia Minor to wealthy Christian parents. In one of the earliest attested and most famous incidents from his life, he is said to have rescued three girls from being forced into prostitution by dropping a sack of gold coins through the window of their house each night for three nights so their father could pay a dowry for each of them. Other early stories tell of him calming a storm at sea and saving three innocent soldiers from wrongful execution. In his youth, he is said to have made a pilgrimage to Egypt and the Palestine area. Shortly after his return, he became Bishop of Myra. He was later cast into prison during the persecution of Diocletian, but was released after the accession of Constantine. Another famous late legend tells how he resurrected three children, who had been murdered and pickled in brine by a butcher planning to sell them as pork during a famine.

An early list makes him an attendee at the First Council of Nicaea in 325, but he is never mentioned in any writings by people who were actually at the council. Late, unsubstantiated legends claim that he was temporarily defrocked and imprisoned during the Council for slapping the heretic Arius.

ST. NICHOLAS, PRAY FOR US!



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.



† Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 7 — ST. AMBROSE

9:30 am *First Saturday Devotion*

- † For the intentions and needs of Jill by Shauna
- † For the conversion and healing of Colombia and for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, by Luisa

4:30 pm † For the soul of Margaret Mary Vice by the Vice family
 † For the intentions of Marilyn and Tim Lappan, celebrating their 17th Wedding Anniversary
 † For the conversion and healing of Colombia and for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, by Luisa

Sunday, December 8 — SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10:00 am † For the soul of Tait Gofton by Our Lady of the Cape Divine Mercy Cenacle
 † For the healing and needs of Sebastien by his parents

8:00 pm † PRO POPULO

Monday, December 9 — IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY

6:30 pm † For the conversion and healing of Colombia and for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, by Luisa
 † In thanksgiving, by a parishioner

Tuesday, December 10

6:30 pm † For the conversion and healing of Colombia and for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, by Luisa

Wednesday, December 11 — ST. JOHN DAMASCENE

9:30 am † For the healing and intentions of Alexandre by his parents
 † For the conversion and healing of Colombia and for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, by Luisa

Thursday, December 12 — OUR LADY OF GAUDALUPE

9:30 am † For the conversion and healing of Colombia and for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, by Luisa
 † For the soul of Fortunata Suficiencia by Emilyn Suficiencia

Friday, December 13 — ST. LUCY

9:30 am † For the conversion and healing of Colombia and for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, by Luisa

Saturday, December 14 — ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

9:30 am † For the intentions and needs of Karen by Shauna & Michel
 † For the conversion and healing of Colombia and for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, by Luisa
 † For the soul of Michelle Whitehouse by Raoul Daguilh

4:30 pm † For the soul of Frank McGuire by Kate and Brian McCarney
 † For the conversion and healing of Colombia and for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, by Luisa

Sunday, December 15 — THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETTE SUNDAY)

10:00 am † For the souls of Alex & Gertrude Johnson by Gord & Beryl
 † For the soul of Bill Meehan by the Meehan family

8:00 pm † PRO POPULO

DECEMBER PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION

Let us pray, that every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering. Amen.

Our Prayer List



WE REMEMBER FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN OUR PRAYERS, who are sick and in need of encouragement: Nancy Grover, Kerri Lynn Bulger, Paula Scott, Jim Grover, Daniel and Madeline McBride, Ben Proctor, Mary Christine Spencer, David Low, Anna Gemella, David Kibbee, Marc Le Gras, Natalie Quinn, Rosa Cutrara, Loren Cooper, Richard Gehring, Bridgette Bradway, Morgan Hawken, Gerry Ouder Kirk, Melissa Moloissa, Debbie Lavallie, Joseph Hutchinson, Marta Pappalardo and Dominic, Joaquin Olivier Le Gras, Sebastien Parent, Jim Morgan, Thérèse Cochlin, Lynn Ashdown, Laszlo DeRoth, Sharon Boothroyd, Luigi Lorusso, Anne Kennedy, Britney, Frances from the UK, Norman Revells, Elizabeth (Elsa) Witteveen, Yvonne Bulger, Kristine Brady, Deacon Dan Careau, Marie Coombs, Georgie Hutchinson, Renee Scott, the Marcille family, Cecile Dubue, Oliver Rude, Philip Girard, Chris Moffat, Pauline Nelligan, Norah Hoskinson, Sheila Gasnick, Mary Hill, Kathleen Driscoll, Terry Nagy, Jasmine Heywood, Anne Sheflin, Linda Richards, Fr. Tim Coonan, Richard Bethell, Ramon de Rosayro, Sharon Podlesny, Kathleen Merjudio. *To add or remove a name, please call the Parish office.*

ST. THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX — PERPETUAL NOVENA

We will continue to pray for parishioners and their families.

December 3—11: *St. Thérèse*, as Advent starts this year, please pray that the hearts of all people will become a manger for the Baby Jesus. Ask God to bless people with hope.

December 12—20: *St. Thérèse*, please pray that the Lord will fill the hearts of all Canadians with a sense of peace this Advent season. Pray that people who have left the Catholic Church will be moved to return and experience the true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

'DnA LIVE SHOW'

INAUGURAL 'HOUR OF GRACE' MONDAY, DECEMBER 9!

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 5th weekend of Nov/Dec Campaign \$ 2,410.04

Total to Date \$ 5,187.99

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 December 1 Total Expenses (\$ 294,477.61)

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Thank you for your continued financial support. Your donations are essential to the temporal affairs of our Parish. God Bless you!

Parish Happenings!



CELEBRATING BAPTISM IN DECEMBER!

Please welcome and pray for our newest parishioner!
Let your light so shine! † **Norah Joan Cody**

WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS FAITH-BASED SOCIAL GROUP ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY: We will meet for lunch **THIS Tuesday December 10** at 'KS the Keys' Restaurant, 1029 Daze Street off Bank. Private room reserved for our group. Bring a gift, regift, or new ... or an optional gift for the homeless — socks, hats, scarfs, toothpaste, tooth brushes. To reserve, call Thea Boyd 613-521-2082 or Shirley Hamre 613-824-0692. **Reservations a must!** Hope you can join us!

CHURCH DECORATING: Thank you to those who signed up to 'green' the Church **next Saturday at 10:30 am**. If you are free, we would welcome your help!

POINSETTIA DECORATING PROGRAM: Continuing our tradition, we are offering parishioners the opportunity to donate \$25 towards the Poinsettia decorating program on behalf of a deceased loved one. Please fill out a yellow Form located in the Narthex, enclose the Form and \$25 in an envelope marked 'Flower Donation', and place it in the collection basket. Your loved ones will be remembered at the Christmas Masses.



FLOURISHING CONGREGATIONS SURVEY

The Archdiocese deadline EXTENDED to Sunday December 15! To assist parishioners in completing the Flourishing Congregations Survey, we will have a computer set-up in the Hall following Saturday's 4:30 pm Mass and Sunday 10:00 am Mass until December 15.

Please take 20 minutes to fill out an anonymous national online survey at <https://tinyurl.com/fc426c>. Please know that *no one in our parish will have access to individual responses*. We hope ALL our leaders and adult parishioners will fill out the 20 minute survey. With strong survey involvement, we will access data unique to our congregation/parish.



A Christmas Pageant Celebration!

Sunday, December 22

Children's Christmas Pageant starts at **2:00 pm** (TBD*)
 Reception & Children's Activities, **2:30—4:00 pm**
 (Bring an item for the Food Bank!)

CALLING ALL BLESSED SACRAMENT CHILDREN, YOUTH AND ADULTS TO PARTICIPATE! ALL AGES are invited to participate in the Christmas Pageant! We will also need volunteers to assist during the Pageant and the Reception.

* **CHILDREN ARE STILL NEEDED to make the pageant happen!**

* **This is the last weekend to sign up your child!** We can do this!

Pageant and Volunteer sign-up sheets in the Narthex!

Questions?

Please contact Ann-Louise Revells at 613-825-2441, or alrevells@gmail.com.

PAGEANT REHEARSAL (TBD*) Sunday, December 15th:

- > Pageant Volunteers — please arrive at 1:00 pm
- > Participants — 1:30 to 3:00 pm

News from the Diocese

FULL TIME PROGRAM COORDINATOR — St. Joseph's Parish Women's Centre: Program Coordinator needed to provide psycho-social support to clients, manage student placements and coordinate social activities. Social work diploma required. Remuneration: \$20/hour, 37.5 hours/week. To apply, please send your resume to Christopher Adam, Parish Executive Director: cadam@st-josephs.ca.

ST. PATRICK'S HOME RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS: As meal assistants, Mass escorts, pastoral volunteers, program escorts, games assistants and friendly visitors. **Info:** Kathy Thompson, Manager of Recreation & Volunteers, 613-731-0094 x235.

PRO-LIFE MASS: At Madonna Della Risurrezione, 1621 Fisher Ave., **every Friday, 9:00 am**. To pray for life and especially the protection of unborn children. Plenty of parking at the back of the church. The Masses will be held in English.

MONTHLY PRO-LIFE MASS: To pray for the establishment of a Pro-life Center in Ottawa. **Saturday December 14 at 10:00 am** at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, 320 Olmstead Ave, Vanier. **Info:** 613-831-2515; wandawoj@rogers.com. Hosted by pro-life doctors.

RORATE MASS: A traditional Advent devotion in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Sung Mass and traditional chants, polyphony and hymns, offered by candlelight just before dawn, followed by a potluck breakfast (please bring something to share). St. Albertus Parish, 416 Parkdale, **Saturday December 14 at 7:00 am**. **Info:** coramdeo@saintgeorges.ca.

'SIMBANG GABI' at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish: 320 Olmstead St., Vanier, **December 15—23 7:00 pm** (includes Sunday). A devotional nine day series of Masses in anticipation of Christmas. The Mass will be offered in both English and Filipino languages. **Info:** parish office, 613-746-8503; assumptionparishchurch@outlook.com.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT: An invitation from Archbishop Prendergast to the Annual Christmas Concert at Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica on **Sunday December 15, 2:30 pm**, followed by a reception in the parish hall. Free admission. All are welcome. **Info:** 613-738-5025 ext. 238.

HOLY CROSS PARISH FAMILY CHRISTMAS CONCERT — The parish music ministry cordially invites you and your families to a Christmas concert on **Sunday December 15 at 1:30 pm**. Free-will offering with proceeds going to St. Vincent de Paul and Elimu (learning for life empowering Kenyan children). Families are most welcome! Come enjoy the spirit of the season with beautiful Christmas music both traditional and contemporary. We hope to see you there!

CHRISTMAS CRAFT SALE, BAKE SALE AND TAKEOUT AT SENHOR SANTO CRISTO: Come and enjoy Portuguese cooking at it's very best. Everyone is welcome. Santo Cristo Banquet Hall, 1100 Kenaston St., Ottawa, **Sunday December 15, 10:00 am—3:00 pm**. **Info:** Jorge or Teresa Pires, 613-749-7037.

A Warm Welcome to our New Parishioners!

Interested in joining our Parish Family?!

Let us know who you are and we'll be happy to offer you more information and introduce you to our Parish life!

Name: _____

Address: _____

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