

1st Sunday of Advent - December 03, 2017



First Week of Advent (Hope) "Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be constantly on the watch! Stay awake!...You do not know when the Master of the house is coming.'" *Mark. 13:33*

Intentions - Today's mass is in loving memory of **Kazimeria Kazimeriz**, requested by Greg Pakulski and family.

Intentions are \$15.00

Offertory Collection

November 26 - \$ 617.05

Thank You

Social Sunday

Today is "Social Sunday" so please join us in the church hall after mass today for light refreshments and fellowship.

Pick-Up - Homemade Tourtières

- at the Church Hall on Sunday, Dec. 3rd from 12:00 - 1:00pm.

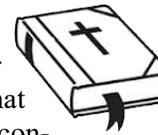
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Saint Francis Xavier: Francis was born in 1506 in Navarre, Spain. He met St. Ignatius Loyola at the University of Paris, and was one of the first members of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits). Francis spent many years working as a missionary with the peoples of Goa, South-east Asia, and Japan. He had excellent organizational skills, the communities he established continued to flourish long after his departure. Francis died while on his way from Goa to China, in 1552. He was canonized in 1602 and is a patron of all foreign missions.



The Angel Tree in support of local area children has arrived. Please select an angel and purchase an age appropriate gift for your angel child. Return your **unwrapped** gift no later than December 17. If you have extra wrapping paper or gift bags, it would be appreciated. Any questions, call Suzanne at 832-8063. Thank you for your continuing support.



Today's Gospel Reflection: Advent symbolizes our human condition. We long. We hope. We rejoice in what we have. We yearn for what we have not. Even nature conspires during Advent time to make us feel our human incompleteness. As the darkness of winter descends, we long for the light. As cold numbs us, we yearn for the warmth of God's love. As plants and leaves die, sometimes with a final flash of brilliance, we hope for resurrection and new life. The Lord is about to create something new. Isaiah cherishes this theme. He repeats it again and again. "See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light: Can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds." (Maloney, Seasons in Spirituality, p.49)



Notre Dame Cathedral Christmas Concert preceded by National Historic Site Designation: The choirs of Notre Dame Cathedral will present a Choral Celebration on **Sun., Dec. 17, 2:30 p.m.** Free will offering. The concert will be preceded by a ceremony for the unveiling of a historical plaque by the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada **at 2 pm.** This plaque will confirm the designation of the Cathedral as a national historic site. Representatives of the federal government will be in attendance. The Archbishop's Christmas reception will follow in the parish hall. Everyone is welcome. Info: 613-241-7496.

Movie - 'It's A Wonderful Life': Restored and shown for the first time in the cinema in full colour. All proceeds to the Ottawa Catholic Education Foundation to help needy students. Ottawa Family Cinema at Notre Dame HS, 710 Broadview Ave., **Fri., Dec. 9, 7:00 p.m.** One showing only. Cost: \$6 in advance; \$8 at the door. Special discount for members of OFC. Info: www.familycinema.ca; 613-722-8218.

Volunteers Needed

- St. Gabriel's Parish is in need of a new choir director. Please speak with Martine Messier (613) 832-4415.**
- Collection Counters: needed every 3rd Sunday and every 4th Sunday after mass. Please speak with Jan Campbell or Gary Fisher.**



West Carleton Food Access Centre: When you grocery shop this week, please remember the West Carleton Food Access Centre. They are in need of canned salmon, canned flakes of ham or chicken, canned fruit and canned pasta noodles. They are in need of nut free lunch box items. Please check the expiry dates, as the Food Bank cannot accept expired cans.

Soup Sisters: Individual serving of soups are available for seniors in need. Contact Suzanne Lee or Linda Cassidy. We are looking for new volunteers to participate.

Christmas Hamper: \$\$\$ accepted for contribution to a local family's Christmas dinner.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Thursday, December 7, 2017: St. Michael's Church at 7:00 pm for all candidates from both parishes.

Holy Land Pilgrimage/Tour: St Isidore parish, co-led by Fr. Virgil Amirthakumar, Pastor and the Rev. Dr. Stanford Lucyk, United Church of Canada cleric and veteran tour leader, is sponsoring a study/pilgrimage tour to Israel Oct 11-22, 2018. Cost: \$3, 595 plus \$750 airline and airport taxes. Info: amiriontravel@hotmail.com.

Upcoming

- Parish Council Nomination to be accepted in January.
- Parish Council Election in February
- Please consider joining Council



Prayers for the Sick. Please pray for the sick among our families and friends, especially Joan Barfoot, Monique Beaupre, Maurice Bergeron, Gerry Borris, Patricia Cassidy, Christine Fraser and Mary Jardine. *The names will remain on the list until we are otherwise advised.*

As waters flow from the mountains down into the valleys, so, too, do God's graces flow only into humble souls.

- Saint Faustina