

**2nd Sunday of Advent - December 10, 2017**



**Second Week of Advent (Love):** When John the Baptizer made his appearance as a preacher in the desert of Judea, this was his them: Reform your lives. The reign of God is at hand!" Matthew 3:1

**Offertory Collection**

**December 03 - \$ 1,119.40**

**Thank You**

**Intentions** - Today's mass is for the repose of the soul of **Virginia Salares**, requested by Marilyn Deslauriers.

Intentions are \$15.00

**December 11**



**Saint Damasus I:** Damasus was born in Rome about 305. His father, who was likely of Spanish descent, was a priest. Damasus also became a priest and in 366 he was chosen pope. He commissioned Saint Jerome to translate the Bible into Latin, a version known as the Vulgate. Damasus died in 384.

**Christmas & New Years Day Schedule**

- Sun. Dec 24 - 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass (St. Gabriel's) \***
- Sun. Dec 24 - 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass (St. Michael's)**
- Mon. Dec 25 - 9:00 am Christmas Mass (St. Michael's)**
- Mon. Dec 25 - 11:00 am Christmas Mass (St. Gabriel's)**
- Mon. Jan 01 - 9:00 am New Year's Day Mass (St. Michael's) \*\***
- Mon. Jan 01 - 11:00 am New Year's Day Mass (St. Gabriel's) \*\***
- \* Come early and enjoy carols beginning at 4:30 pm**
- \*\* Holy Day of obligation**

**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.**



**Today's Gospel Reflection:** John knew the Advent secret: He focused his whole life on the coming of Jesus. He realized that his all-consuming vocation was to prepare the way of the Lord. Our own vocation is very similar. Saint Vincent tells us that the person of Jesus must be absolutely central in our lives, as it was for following Christ. We seek to share in his love and reverence for the Father and his compassionate and effective love for the poor. With him we trust in God's providence, which rules over all. For Vincentians, as for John the Baptist, there is nothing else but Jesus. (Maloney, Seasons in Spirituality, p. 47)



**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.

**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. Info: [www.CatholicInCanada.com](http://www.CatholicInCanada.com).

**Community Helpers Training:** 4 session programme; reach out to isolated seniors. Topics: ageism, mental/physical/spiritual health, elder abuse, loss and grief and diversity. St Isidore Parish Hall, 1135 March Rd., Feb. 1, 8, 15 & 22, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. Sponsored by Western Ottawa Community Resource Centre. Info: Megan Richards (613-591-3686x324; [richards@worc.ca](mailto:richards@worc.ca)).

**The Star Christmas Movie-Party:** Stage show; free gift to all kids; Christmas treat plus the new animated movie THE STAR. Charity event to help families in need. Ottawa Family Cinema at Notre Dame Catholic HS, 710 Broadview Ave., **Sat., Dec. 23, 2:00 p.m.** Tickets in advance \$9; at the door \$12. Hosted by Ottawa Family Cinema Foundation. Info: [www.familycinema.ca](http://www.familycinema.ca).



**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 at (613) 832 8063. We are looking for new volunteers to participate.

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

**The Angel Tree (Last Opportunity).** Please select an angel and purchase an age appropriate gift for your angel child. Return your **unwrapped gift no later than December 17 (Next Sunday).** 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.

**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](mailto: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.*

***The more desperate things seem, the more must we hope in God. When your aid fails, God's aid is close by***  
- Saint Ignatius of Loyola