



## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 4, 2016



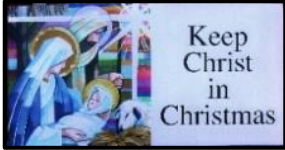
*The Advent season calls us to reflect. We renew our spirit through meditation and prayer and recommit ourselves to God through our good works. By striving to become a more compassionate and tolerant people, we grow closer to God. This is a time to focus on what we need to do to allow God to more fully enter our hearts.  
"Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight."*

### Christmas and New Year's Masses:

Christmas Confession: Dec 19<sup>th</sup>, 7pm & Dec 24<sup>th</sup>, 10am  
Christmas Eve Masses: 4pm, 6pm (pageant), 8pm  
Christmas Day Mass: 10:30am  
New Year's Eve Mass: 5pm  
New Year's Day Masses: 9am, 10:30am

The Rosary will be recited preceding weekday Masses during Advent.

**Children's Christmas Party:** Is today, Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 to 4pm in the parish centre. Crafts, snacks, carols, fun and surprises! Bring the kids and grandkids and please bring a plate of treats to share! Everyone welcome.



**Volunteers needed to participate in Christmas and New Year's Masses!!** Please call the parish office, (613)968-9950, if you would like to participate in any of our Christmas and New Year's Masses as lectors, Eucharistic ministers and individuals or families for the offertory procession during these special Masses.

**St. Joseph's Family and Friends Choir:** Please come & join forces with the Junior Choir such that we become a Family Choir for the Christmas season. We practice Mondays at 6:30. Men, women & children are invited. We will sing at the 6pm Christmas Eve Mass.



**St. Joseph's Church Third Annual Turkey Bingo - Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>,** 1:30pm in the parish centre. Games start at 2pm. Come one & all; young & old, and have a good time. You might win your Christmas turkey!

We will be having a **Seniors' Lunch** this Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am in the parish centre. Call the parish office to reserve your seat.

**Knights of Columbus Council 16308 News:** We would like to sincerely thank all those who supported our annual initiative to raise funds for Campaign Life Coalition, by purchasing their Christmas fruit cakes. Your kindness in recognizing the Culture of Life's efforts raised \$1,680.00.

**CWL News:** Our CWL Christmas Social will be Thursday, Dec 15<sup>th</sup> at 1pm in the Parish Centre. Christmas donations for Three Oaks and the San Damiano Foundation will be welcome. Gifts of clothing for women and children, towels and puzzles for children would be appreciated. Please come and join our Christmas festivities.

*Keep Christ in Christmas, The Greatest Gift of all.*  
**The Icon Book Store** is giving 15% off all books and gifts until December 25<sup>th</sup>.

### Upcoming Events in the Parish Centre:

Kid's Christmas Party: Today, Sunday, Dec 4<sup>th</sup>, 2pm

Seniors' Lunch: Wednesday, Dec 7<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 am

Turkey Bingo: Next Sunday, Dec 11<sup>th</sup>, 1:30pm

### Thank you from Archbishop O'Brien:

"I want to thank all those who supported *The Archbishop's Dinner to Feed the Hungry*, which was held on November 17<sup>th</sup>. Through the generosity of those who attended the dinner, as well as donors and sponsors, **\$60,000** was raised for food banks throughout the Archdiocese of Kingston. My sincere gratitude to all of you."

**Archdiocese of Kingston Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception** - All parishioners are invited to Archdiocesan Liturgical Celebration of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary at St. Mary's Cathedral, Kingston, on Thursday, **December 8<sup>th</sup>**, 2016 at 7:30pm. Reception to follow at École Cathédrale.

**Advent Spiritual Retreat with Bishop Scott McCaig, CC**, new Bishop of the Military Ordinariate of Canada. Theme: Rediscover Jesus. Saturday Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4 to 8pm including dinner & Sunday Dec 4<sup>th</sup> at 9am at Our Lady of Peace Chapel (CFB Trenton, 91 Namao Dr). FREE. Please register (613)392-2811 ext. 4593. All are welcome!

Join the Knights of Columbus and all parish families for our annual "**Light Up For Christ**" event at 6:30pm Tuesday, Dec 6<sup>th</sup> at St. Michael's parish centre. All Knights of Columbus Councils throughout the world will light up their Nativity scene or Christmas tree at 8pm. Join us for caroling, hot chocolate and treats after.

**Statue of Mother Mary:** Mother Mary would like to visit your home for a week through a special statue. Please sign up for a week with your name & phone number any time throughout the year. Sign up on the calendar at the main church entrance. For more info, call Suja 613-962-0225, Marilyn, 613-779-0349, Mathew, 613-967-1732, Sind Hu, 613-779-5979 or Sonia, 613-849-7735.

✠ **Remember in Prayer:** All who are ill, including Audrey Taylor, Raymond Brennan, Bradley Robson, Paul Bonneau, Jack Erwin, Maurice Waitson, Patricia Calnan, Kathy Mulder, Bernard Coughlin, Logan Frederick, Anne Young, Karissa Harrison, Kenneth Imhoff, Jim McKenzie and Brian Woodall. Please pray for the repose of the souls of Ted Perry, David Coates and John Watts.

## Parish Events:

Your 2017 Church donation envelopes will be available soon. Please ensure the parish office has your current address if you wish to receive an income tax receipt. If you would like to sign up for a new box of envelopes or for Pre-authorized automatic monthly donations, call the parish office for information.

**Children's Liturgy** is each Sunday at 9am Mass throughout the school session. A wonderful opportunity for children between the ages of 3 and 7 to participate in a deeper understanding of the Gospel message. The goal of this program is to engage and enlighten children in the teachings of the Church. The children are led in prayer, liturgy of the day and crafts/activities to emphasize the Gospel message. They also learn to participate in the Mass. We look forward to helping your children celebrate God's love at Mass. We are looking for volunteers to support our weekly program. If you would like to help, contact Anne Marie at or (613)966-7887.

**Parish Junior Choir** – We want to try a small experiment - something new and we are inviting you to help us out. If you're between 8-18 years of age and at a 9am Mass when the Junior Choir sings, come and join us. No previous practice required. We sing again *November 6<sup>th</sup>* at the 9am Mass. If our come-as-you-may approach works well, we will continue. You are also welcome to join us at practice on Mondays at 6:30pm (except school holidays).

If you or a loved one are going to the hospital or into a retirement home, please inform the parish office so a visit can be arranged.

Our **Prayer Network** has more than 100 people praying every day for our parish, for those who are sick and for special intentions. If you would like the Prayer Network to pray for you or your loved one, call the parish office to get the prayers started.



During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, we emphasize the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. The first Corporal Work of Mercy is "Feed the hungry". Give to the Gleaners Food Bank.

Just a reminder to everybody that our church has two Quiet Rooms, (one in the southwest corner and one behind the candle stand). Feel free to use these rooms if you need some quiet time and quiet space before or after Mass - OR - if during Mass you need a private space for you and your child. Also, there are diaper changing stations in all the washrooms.

## Diocesan Events:

**Emergency Relief to Haiti** - As you have heard in the news, Haiti has once again been devastated by a natural disaster. The hurricane which struck the country earlier this month killed over 800 people, and destroyed tens of thousands of homes. The United Nations estimates that 350,000 people are in need of assistance. The Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace is working with Caritas Haiti and Caritas Internationalis to provide assistance to the victims of the hurricane. Details of the humanitarian relief effort can be found on the Development and Peace website, [www.devp.org](http://www.devp.org). You are encouraged to support the efforts of Development and Peace to provide assistance to the people of Haiti. Financial donations can be made either online ([www.devp.org](http://www.devp.org)); by telephone (1-888-234-8533); or by cheque or money order (made out to Development and Peace and clearly marked 'Emergency Haiti') sent by mail to: Development and Peace, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, 1425 Rene-Levesque Blvd. West, Montreal, Quebec H3G 1T7.

**St. Mike's Youth News:** Food, fuel and fun - for teens, led by teens! Check it out! Bring your friends! 6:30 - 8:30 pm in the CAVE. Sun. Dec 4<sup>th</sup>: High school teens only - 6:30-8:30 in the Cave. Sun. Dec 11<sup>th</sup>: Cookie Baking n' Chili makin!: We're baking Christmas cookies and making chili for our Christmas Hamper Family. Bring your favourite gingerbread decorations - 6:30-8:30 in the Cave. Sun. Dec 18<sup>th</sup>: Delivering Christmas Sharing - deliver hampers then join us for hot chocolate at Tim Horton's. Start at the Youth Office, end at Tim Horton's Bridge & Sidney - 6:30-8:30.

**The CWL from St. John the Apostle Catholic Church**, 88 Patrick Street, Kingston is hosting a ham supper with all the fixings on Wednesday, **December 7** at 5:30. Cost is \$10.00 per ticket, \$5.00 for 5-10 year-olds, and free for under 5. Everyone welcome! Please contact Mary Amodeo at 613-544-2305 or Theresa Miller at 613-542-3117 to reserve your tickets.



Do you want to deepen your Spirituality and build community with others committed to serving with compassion? The Providence Associates of the Sisters of Providence of St. Vincent de Paul meet monthly at Queen of the Most Holy Rosary parish in Belleville. They invite women and men to consider attending one of their meetings to learn more about who they are. For information, email [associates@providence.ca](mailto:associates@providence.ca) or call 613-544-4525 ext. 148.

**Providence Care needs volunteers from parishes in the Archdiocese of Kingston to assist with Roman Catholic ministries that help meet spiritual needs in the following ways:**

**Providence Manor Volunteer Opportunities**

- Assist residents going to and from Mass on Tuesday – Friday (10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon), which includes pushing wheelchairs and walking alongside residents who require assistance/supervision.
- Extraordinary Minister for the Distribution of Holy Communion, especially to Residents who are unable to attend Mass, during the week.

Please contact Ruth Flores, Coordinator of Recreation and Volunteer Services at Providence Manor at **613-548-7222, ext. 3160** or [floresr@providencecare.ca](mailto:floresr@providencecare.ca)

**St. Mary's of the Lake Hospital Volunteer Opportunities**

- Assist patients going to and from Sunday Mass (10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon), which includes pushing wheelchairs and walking alongside patients who require assistance/supervision.
- Extraordinary Minister for the Distribution of Holy Communion to patients during the week. Please contact Tania Christie at 613-548-7222, Ext. 2292 or [smolvolunteer@providencecare.ca](mailto:smolvolunteer@providencecare.ca)

*Thank you for considering our invitation to join us as we care for vulnerable persons seeking spiritual nurture.*

**Separated and/or Divorced?** Looking for support through your healing process? You are welcome to attend the New Life Group a Support Group for those experiencing separation and divorce. Alternate Tuesday evenings - 390 Palace Road, Kingston. For further info e-mail [family@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca](mailto:family@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca) or phone the Family Ministry Office 613-548-4461.

**Marriage Encounter:** If you would like to improve your marriage, deepen your love, live more happily together, and draw closer to each other, the Marriage Encounter program can help. Marriage Encounter is an experience which focuses on communication between husband and wife. It is an opportunity to spend a weekend together away from the distractions and the tensions of everyday life and to concentrate on each other as a couple. The next Marriage Encounter weekend will be held in Ottawa **January 20-22**. To register call Sally and Wayne Fink at 613-777-0262, or e-mail [wslovers98@gmail.com](mailto:wslovers98@gmail.com). Info about Marriage Encounter can be found at [www.wvme.org](http://www.wvme.org).

**Community Events:**

**The Belleville Choral Society** presents its annual Christmas concert on **December 4, 2016**, 3 pm at St. Michael the Archangel, 296 Church St, Belleville. "Welcome Christmas" will be an impressive performance of vintage classics - not to be missed. Tickets: \$25 adult, \$5 ages 6 – 18. Available at St. Mikes Parish Office, Quinte Arts Council or online at [www.bellevillechoralsociety.org](http://www.bellevillechoralsociety.org). More info: 613-771-1758.

**Regi Presents Little Mermaid** - RND Arts Presents Disney's The Little Mermaid - A Broadway Musical, **Dec 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>** at 7pm Tickets are \$12 for Students, \$20 for Adults. A Saturday Matinee will be performed Dec 10 at 2 pm. Tickets \$15 Adults, \$8 Students, \$6 for children. We hope to see you Under the Sea! 130 Russell St, Kingston.

Christmas Alive presents the musical drama "**The Mission**" - Presented by Calvary Community Church, **Dec 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>** at 7pm, Calvary Community Church, 679 Dundas St w, Belleville, (613)969-0888. Info at [www.calvarycc.ca](http://www.calvarycc.ca)  
On Saturday, **10 December 2016, International Human Rights Day**, join **Amnesty International's Write for Rights**, the world's largest human rights event, by writing cards and letters on behalf of prisoners of conscience and human rights defenders. Drop in from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Bridge St. United Church, 60 Bridge St. E., Belleville. **It makes a difference.** Sponsored by AI's Belleville Group 111. For more information, call Connie at 962-7416 or Mieke at 969-1782.

**Christmas in Song:** Featuring the choirs of the Hastings & Prince Edward Regional Chorus, **Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>** at 7pm at St. Thomas' Anglican Church, 201 Church St, Belleville. Adults \$20, 12 & under \$5. Everyone welcome. Tickets available at: Quinte Arts Council, St. Thomas' Church office, at the door or visit our website for contact info [www.hastingsandprinceedwardregionalchorus.ca](http://www.hastingsandprinceedwardregionalchorus.ca)

**Canada International Student Placement Inc.** is seeking families with teens to host Catholic teens from France for 4-8 weeks during the summer of 2017. These young people, aged 12-17, want to be immersed in Canadian families to experience another culture and to become more fluent in English. Families will be matched with an adolescent of the same gender and approximate age. Each Canadian family will receive \$850 per month as compensation. To learn more about hosting a French teenager or having your child participate in a European exchange please contact [paul@cispi.ca](mailto:paul@cispi.ca) or [pat@cispi.ca](mailto:pat@cispi.ca).

**EWTN NEEDS MEDIA MISSIONARIES!** Has EWTN Global Catholic Network impacted your life? Would you like to tell others about Christ and His Church with EWTN? If so, become an EWTN Media Missionary right where you are and make your parish, community, family, and friends aware of EWTN as the best source for Catholic television, radio, online and print resources. To learn more, [ewtnmissionaries.com](http://ewtnmissionaries.com) or call **205-795-5771**.



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Youth Choir	Anne Moloney	966-4999
Ascension Singers	Elizabeth Wallace	968-9950



### Invitation to Minister at Mass

**Altar Servers** - Weekends: Youth after their First Communion can volunteer. Contact: Deacon Bob. Weekdays - Adult volunteers. Contact Father Charles.

Funerals - Adult volunteers. Contact Father Charles.

**Eucharistic Ministers** - Lay Ministers assist in distributing the Eucharist to the congregation during Masses on weekends and weekdays. Monthly schedules are provided.

**Offertory Gifts** - Volunteers carry the gifts to the altar. Monthly schedules are followed.

**Lectors** - Parishioners proclaim the readings. Monthly schedules are provided.

**Junior Liturgy** - Younger children are welcome to join the weekly celebration with a Gospel message for them. Also, adult volunteers are needed to lead children's liturgy.

**Music** - Parishioners of all ages are welcome to participate in sharing their musical talents. There are various choirs open to different age groups. Practices are held weekly.

**Ushers** - Responsible for finding seats for parishioners and taking up the collection at weekend Masses.



### Invitation to Serve

**Card Parties** - Once a month on the third Sunday of the month for fun and social purposes. Organizer: Paul Sosiak.

**Catholic Women's League** - monthly meetings on the third Thursday, contact the Parish office.

**Knights of Columbus** - Second and Fourth Tuesdays of the month. Contact Roy Goodridge.

**Hospitality Sunday** - After Masses on the last Sunday of the month.

**Junior Liturgy** - Sundays, 9am Mass during the school season, September to June. Co-ordinator: Anne Marie Barrett.

**Rosary** - Before Saturday, 5pm Mass in May and October.

**Parish Visitation Program** - Visits to parishioners. Contact Karen Holtz.

**Prayer Network** - Every day 90 people pray for you and special intentions. Contact Maureen Hamilton.

**St. Vincent de Paul** - (613)962-8675.

**Ascension Singers** - Saturday Mass, once a month. Contact: Elizabeth Wallace.

**Senior Choir** - Sunday Mass at 10:30am. Practice every Wednesday at 6:30 pm. Director: Debbie Shaw.

**Youth Choir** - Sunday, 9am Mass once a month. Practice every Monday at 6:30pm during the school year. Director: Anne Moloney.

**Youth Group** - Meets once a month. Check the bulletin.

