



# Mass Intentions for the Week

**Saturday, December 7 - 4:00pm**

*Pearl Lemire, anniversary of death* - requested by Tracey, Stuart & Norma

**Sunday, December 8 Second Sunday Of Advent**

**7:00am**

*Lillian Leclerc* - requested by Gerry & Priscilla Tanguay

**10:30am**

*Beth Moulin* - requested by her husband Frank

**Monday, December 9 - 8:30am**

**Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary**

*Gerry de Repentigny* - requested by his wife Irene

**Tuesday, December 10 - 8:30am**

*Angelo Bucchino* - requested by Fr. John

**Wednesday, December 11**

*No Mass*

**Thursday, December 12 - 8:30am Our Lady of Guadalupe**

*Lauretta Demers* - requested by Lisa & Michael Siraco

**Friday, December 13 - 8:30am**

*Edward Vieira* - requested by his wife & family

**Saturday, December 14 - 4:00pm**

*Sumner Menken* - requested by his wife

**Sunday, December 15 Third Sunday Of Advent**

**7:00am**

*Rev. Robert Marchand* - requested by Irene de Repentigny

**10:30am**

*Steve Gilmartin* - requested by the Kirby family



**Living the Faith:** "I wish to encourage the beautiful family tradition of preparing the nativity scene in the days before Christmas, but also the custom of setting it up in the workplace, in schools, hospitals, prisons and town squares." ~ Pope Francis

Because the Feast of the Immaculate Conception falls on the Second Sunday of Advent this year, the feast day is transferred to Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, and is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.



**November 30 & December 1, 2019**

**Weekend Offertory**

Envelopes \$2,814.19

Loose \$1,205.20

Electronic Offering \$1,470.00

**Total Offertory: \$5,489.39**

**General Parish Fund**

Candles: \$77.00

Adoration Chapel: \$5.00


**Outreach Fund**

Food Pantry: \$110.00

St. Anthony Bread for the Poor: \$301.80

Thanksgiving baskets/dinners: \$407.00

**Thank you for your continued support of our Parish and our Outreach Programs.**



Next Saturday we will sponsor our annual Children's Christmas party. It is always wonderful to watch over 100 children, some who come from poor families, enjoy meeting Santa & Mrs. Claus in our hall. They line up to sit on Santa's lap and ask for a gift that they would like to have. Last year it was so cold that even I went up to Santa and asked him if he would consider getting me a parish in Hawaii to keep myself warm! He looked at me and shook his head "no" and reminded me that I already was in a warm parish: warm-hearted, that is! And so I gratefully accepted his gift once again this year. Getting back to the children, after they receive their special gifts and enjoy a large pizza party, we take time to give honor to our new-born Savior by re-enacting the first Nativity. And naturally we want it to be a live production, so we ask the children to take the parts of those who were the first people to visit Jesus and neighbors from the nearby towns! Of course, after the parts of Mary and Joseph are taken, everybody wants to be an angel! They look so neat and innocent in their white gowns, with a halo wired around their heads! If they can't be an angel, the children choose being a shepherd carrying their staff; and if that doesn't work out, they choose being rich magi. But there is one more character that although he is not part of the First Nativity, plays an extremely important role in the story of the new born king. His name is John the Baptist. He is in today's Gospel and is the cousin of Jesus. John sounds strange to us, austere, sort of a humorless character. That's because his role is a tough one as today's Scripture describes him as "A voice of one crying out in the desert, prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." John is not popular because he reminds people that they need to change, to repent, to admit their sins and try to love and forgive their neighbor. We can all agree that his message is not a popular one, is it? Yet that is exactly what Advent calls us to do. When we think of a person in our lives who is hard to love and forgive, John's message seems unrealistic. How can we love someone we can't tolerate? How can we change our unhealthy ways, ways that have taken root in our souls? How can we become better people? But then this is where the Advent story teaches us great lessons about God's power in our lives to help us change. Just think of the great miracles of Advent: God coming as an infant baby and our true Savior. Just recall how a virgin teen-age girl said "yes" to God and became God's mother. Just recall how foreigners from all different places in the world: magi, shepherds, kings and princes, came to find peace and hope in an infant lying in a manger. God can do anything in our lives if we let Him. Do you believe in Advent miracles? I do!!!

~ Fr. John

**St. Theresa of Lisieux Adoration Chapel**

Open Daily: 7am-7pm

**Open Hours:**

**Sundays: 2pm**

**Tuesdays: 5pm**

**Fridays: 4pm**

**Mondays: 10am**

**Thursdays: 2pm**

**Saturdays: 11am & 2pm**



**We have 7 open hours!!! We need your help!!!** If you have never been to our chapel, come and volunteer for an hour. If you can't commit to a set hour, please consider being a substitute. There is always a great need of substitutes to cover sick calls, vacations etc. Call Irene de Repentigny, Chapel Coordinator at 622-7775 for more information.

### PARISH LEADERSHIP

#### PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRIES

St. Anthony Food Pantry	
Colleen Hayward	289-5276
My Brother's Keeper Sleeping Bags	
Rosemary McNair	647-2797
Shoes For Kids/General Outreach	
Lisa Siraco	622-5445
St. Anne's Closet (clothing for children)	
Parish Office	622-5445
Parish Elderly Ministry	
Sr. Marjorie Lupien	622-5445

#### PARISH MINISTRIES

Adoration Chapel	
Irene de Repentigny	622-7775
Boy/Cub Scouts	
Ron St. Cyr	622-8182
Parish Prayer Line	
Gemma Houde	668-3993
Funeral Ministry	
Sr. Marjorie Lupien	622-5445
Liturgical Ministers (Eucharist Lectors, Altar Servers)	
Sr. Marjorie Lupien	622-5445
Memorial Meals	
Gloria Pilotte	623-8173
Terry Sylvain	669-2582
Prayer Shawl Ministry	
Diane Sufat	625-8665
Religious Education (Gr. K-8)	
Martha & Steve Donohue	627-4868
RCIA	
Sr. Marjorie Lupien	622-5445
Secular Franciscan Order	
Ron Latouche	396-5168
Social Committee	
Donna Guertin	669-5232
Youth Group	
Ellen Vigneault	867-8881

#### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS

Baptism, Marriage, Sacrament of the Sick	
Fr. John Bucchino, ofm	622-5445

#### MUSIC MINISTRY

Music Director & Organist, Adult Choir and Cantors:	
James Butka	540-7638

#### 300 Club Weekly Winners:

##### Week 20

#29 Herman Mooney; #61  
Norma Charest; #71  
Matthew Madden; #162  
Bill Davis and #184 Joe  
Pouliot



Congratulations!



Serving God By Serving Others

Born to Rise will be hosting the Children's Christmas Party. On Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> we will be decorating the hall & tree and wrapping presents from 6-9pm. This is a festive way to give back to the community. There will also be yummy snacks and Christmas movies while we prepare. All are welcome to help us set up and wrap. Bring your friends, the more the merrier!

The Christmas Party will take place on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Hosting duties include leading the game & craft tables, helping to prepare the children for the Nativity reenactment, serving lunch and passing out the presents. Youths are needed from 10:30am-2:00pm. This is a great event for families to volunteer together. Please call Ellen Vigneault with any questions (867-8881).



**Let us pray for these special intentions:** For all our parishioners that are homebound and in nursing homes; for all our parishioners, family and friends that are struggling with illness or recovering from surgeries; and for Virginia Clark, Maurice Allard, Joe Bennett, Larry Green, Steve Price, Jackie Theodorou, Acilda Dachowski, Joan Bick, Norma Lemire, Rita Marshall, Stephen P. Gilmartin, Bob & Linda Tetreault, Arthur Proulx, Aiden Weeds, Ginny Gallien, Linda Tajieux, Laura Jankowski, Kathy Klamm, Roland Dufour, S.P.P., Maurice Lavigne, Jean Levasseur, John Young, Grace Colella, David Rattigan, Cheryl Farro, Dorothy Compagna, Bert Beaudette, Fr. John Bavaro, Patty Abdelkarim, Pauline Gagnon, Barbara Pinard, Sylvia Corriveau, Richard Kuhlmann, Jeanne Monty, Mark Luongo, Donna Tobey, Sr. Cecile Tremblay, Damien Gill, Louise G.C., Muriel Labore, Andre Laventure, Barbara Dubisz, Doris Cote, Joanne Worthen, Jacob Lamoureux, Peter Silvia, Bernard Rossi, Jack Defren and Robert Morrisette.

#### Calendar of Events

##### Monday, December 9

- \* My Brother's Keeper, 9am - Noon, hall
- \* Boy Scouts, 6pm, hall

##### Tuesday, December 10

- \* Parish Office Closed today
- \* Devotion to St. Anthony following Mass

##### Wednesday, December 11

- \* St. Anne's Closet, 1-3pm
- \* Food Pantry, 1-3pm
- \* ESL classes, 3pm OLOM Center
- \* Advent program, 6:30pm, hall
- \* Marian Prayer Cenacle, 7pm, chapel

##### Thursday, December 12

- \* Cub Scouts, 6pm, hall

##### Friday, December 13

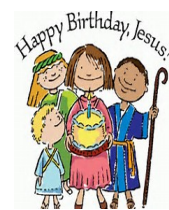
- \* Born To Rise Youth Group, 6pm, hall

##### Saturday, December 14

- \* Children's Christmas Party, 11am-1pm, hall

#### Boy Scout Tree Sale

Please be sure to visit our Boy Scout's Troop #106 Christmas Tree Sale for your tree and Christmas wreaths. Located at 115 John Divine Dr. They are open M-F from 10am-9pm and Sat/Sun 9am-9pm. Support the Scouts and receive a gorgeous tree, fresh cut from up North.



The children of the parish are invited to join us for Christmas Party on **Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 11:00am - 1pm** in our church hall. Games, crafts and a Nativity reenactment with Fr. John & the children, plus a visit from Mr. & Mrs.

Claus. Lunch will be served. **Please RSVP with the child's name and age by December 12<sup>th</sup> by calling Lisa in the parish office (622-5445).** Children must be pre-registered, no walk-ins (we have to plan ahead for lunch/presents). You may only register for your children not your friends or relatives. The Party is for children 0-12 years of age only. Youths over 12 are invited to participate as hosts, leading in the games and crafts.



#### Christmas Giving Tree:

Help us remember those less fortunate this Advent & Christmas by taking an ornament off the Christmas Giving Tree in the back of the church. Each ornament has a request to help with our homeless ministry and St. Anne's closet. Items may be left in the back by the tree. Gift cards may be placed in the offertory baskets. Thank you for sharing your treasure with those in need.

Please join us for an Advent program: "**Living As A Graceful People**" on Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the parish hall. The evening will include scripture readings, quiet reflection and prayer as we prepare for the coming of our King. Included will be a video presentation by Thomas Groom on "What makes Me Catholic".