

# THIRTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 25, 2007

## FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Friday - Saint Andrew

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>

Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Walter Morin by Joan & Family
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Delina Farkas by C.W.G.
Saturday	7:00 p.m.	Gordon McFadden by Marie
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Manuel Costa by Gorette & Family
		John Edward Croft by Particular Council
	11:00 a.m.	Dorothy Cooney by Liz & Des Bolton

**LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS:** \$2,724.50 Thank You.



### **The Advent Season begins next Sunday**

The church will look a bit different next Sunday; and the music, prayers and Scripture readings will be of a different tone as well, compared to what we have experienced for the last 6-6 months. We are moving out of "Ordinary Time" into the Advent Season, the beginning of the Church's New Year, which is a little different from the calendar year.

But Advent is about more than a change of colour and different music. Next Sunday's church bulletin will include an insert that tries to capture that "more". We hope you find time to read it and, even better, to discuss it with family members, neighbours, friends. That is a form of faith formation so readily available, perhaps not used enough?

The point is that we try to prevent the observance of Advent being neatly locked up in the church-building. Advent is meant to be an important element of our Christian life. And obviously, we live most of our Christian life not in a church building, but at home, at work, at places of entertainment. Is it important to observe Advent? If we want to keep Christmas really Christian, then the best thing may be to keep the lid on "Christmassy things" in the next few weeks and observe the Advent season the best we can. Of course, society's pressure to jump the gun on Christmas is immense. But we can give it a try to keep things in perspective.

### **Saturday, December 1, 4:00 p.m.: The Advent Event**

This is in line with the above item. The point of ***The Advent Event*** is getting our church, our homes and ourselves in shape for the Advent season. A number of activities are being planned that adults, youth, and children can take part in. In other words, this is not something for children only. We would like it to be (what they call) intergenerational. We can all benefit from it, and it could serve as a good example for ongoing faith formation, again not "just for kids", but for all of us.

The plan is to begin the various activities in the Marvee Room at 4:00 p.m. These activities include getting the Advent wreath for the church ready, making advent wreaths for our homes, putting up the Advent

banners in the church, working through the Bible to see what is behind the symbols for the Jesse Tree, making the symbols for the Jesse Tree. Young and old are needed for all this.

Shortly after 6:00 p.m. we plan to have a chilli supper together (a number of offers to make the chilli have been made and are gladly accepted) and we hope to have everything in place for the 7:00 p.m. **First Sunday of Advent Mass.** All this is to help us get into the Advent mood.

### **Yearning and Living in Advent Time. An Advent Retreat:**

For those who want to get a little deeper into the Advent spirit, Rev. Kevin Flynn, Director of Anglican Studies at Saint Paul University is leading this retreat on **Saturday, December 1 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** It will be held in Saint Paul University Chapel, 249 Main, Ottawa (2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Laframboise Hall, corner of Main and Clegg). **Cost:** Donation **Info:** 613 751-4014 **Free parking** (enter at Hazel St intersection). Please bring a bag lunch and a drink.

**BAPTISM:** This Sunday afternoon, 12 children will be baptized. Kindly remember them and their parents in your prayers.

Megan	daughter of	Amy Faux & Bill Curry
Jessica	daughter of	Nathalie Banville & David Clarke
Emily	daughter of	Annik Gauthier & Stacey Demell
Benjamin	son of	Rachelle Lemire & David Nerama
Ethan	son of	Angie Forgie & Jason Parent
Cameron	daughter of	Christine & Kraig de la Salle
Spencer	son of	Cindy Foran & Claude Shipman
Alexia	daughter of	Sonia Desloges & Alain Brazeau
Jessica	daughter of	Roberta Gallant & Daniel Hughes
Reina	daughter of	Daniel Maci & Stephane Bleau
Audrey	daughter of	Jennifer White & Trevor Hampel
Noah	son of	Teresa Gravelle & Thomas Walsh



### **INTERESTED IN SOME THEOLOGY?**

#### **Evening Courses - Winter 2008**

Saint Paul University offers a number of theology courses in the evening during the winter term. They normally go from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The following courses are being offered in English: **Introduction to Pastoral Practice** (Luc Tardif), **Jesus the**

**Christ** (John van den Hengel), **General Introduction to Eastern Churches** (Andrew Onuferko), **Ethical Perspectives, Ethics of Care, Ethics of Justice** (Margaret Love), **Introduction to Theology** (John Gibaut)

For information, call 613 236-1393 ext. 2247 or [theology@ustpaul.ca](mailto:theology@ustpaul.ca)

### **Last Saturday, a beneficial get together for representatives from the English Parishes in our Diocese...**

Some forty of us got together at Our Lady of the Annunciation Parish in the Hull sector to continue the struggle with the challenge of our bishop "to move from preparation for sacraments to formation in the Christian life". We used a 7-point grid entitled **A few Guidelines for the implementation of A Parochial Catechesis** which Luc Aerens from Louvain has devised. The discussion was very beneficial. We hope to be able to implement, ever so slowly, some of our findings.

### **Two ways of looking at the Nativity Story**

Many of our parishioners participated in the sessions on **The Spiritual Life** that Sister Rosemary O'Toole presented and many benefited from the sessions. How do we follow it up in some fashion? Five of us got together on November 8th. Several suggestions were made. One of them is the following:

On **Friday November 30, at 7:00 p.m.**, we will look at the 2006 film entitled *The Nativity Story*. This will be followed on **Wednesday December 5<sup>th</sup>** by looking at the way the Bible actually deals with that same enormous event. We will do so with the help of two little booklets that the renowned Catholic biblical scholar Raymond Brown wrote a few years ago. The titles of his two booklets are *A Coming Christ in advent* and *An Adult Christ at Christmas*. These two booklets deal with the first two chapters of the Gospel of Matthew and of Luke.

Please note: participation in these sessions is not limited to those who took part in the sessions offered by Sister Rosemary O'Toole. Nor do you have to participate in both sessions. Anyone interested is welcome.

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT:** St. Mark's Church choirs present a "**CHRISTMAS CONCERT**" on **Sunday December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall**. Invite your family and friends – come and enjoy some of your favorite Christmas songs performed by choir members and guests. **Entry fee:** non-perishable food item or a **donation** to the "**Feed a Family Christmas Basket Program**."



**CASTENCHEL CHOIR: "The Water is Wide" Concert Sat. December 1, 7:30 p.m.**

St. Stephen's Church, Chelsea – Tickets: \$10 in advance \$15 at door.

The 60 member choral group performs under the direction of well-known local baritone Gary Dahl, accompanied by Carol Wiebe on the piano. The theme of water connects the 15 choral selections for our fall concert, including the introit for the *Celtic Mass for the Sea*, by Scott MacMillan, *Bridge over Troubled Water*, *La Mer*, and *Shenandoah*. New members welcome!

**Information and tickets:** Sherie Croft @ 819 682-6943 or 819 459-3787.

### **AMITIE RELIGIOUS ARTICLES**

We invite you to come and visit us if you wish to purchase souvenirs for First Communion, Confirmation or Baptism. We have rosaries, plaques, medals, books, statues, crosses. November/December, we are giving 10% off and we absorb the taxes. For seniors, we can come to you. Please call us at 682-2269 Carmen and Gerry Proulx.



**THANK YOU:** Thank you to everyone for contributing to our annual Christmas bazaar. It brought in \$6400.00. The winners of the raffle were (1) Quilt – Lise Casey, (2) Sweater – Joan Henneberry, (3) Painting – Phyllis Paquette.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Kindly remember Wandaw Bobrowski, Hilda Preslawski, Odette Gratton and their families in your prayers.

**PRAYERS & SYMPATHY:** Our prayers and sympathies are extended to Wayne Parrington & Family on the loss of his mother, and to the Cosgrove Family on the loss of Patricia Ann.



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