

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

NOVEMBER 22, 2009

John 18:33--37

- Lord, that is a strange question you asked Pilate: "Do you ask this on your own?" It pushes me back to my own piety: Is it springing from the needs of my own heart, or is it second-hand, asking questions and taking answers out of books and sermons?
- Let me belong to the truth, listen to your voice, and answer you not with borrowed thoughts or emotions, but with the seeking, however ill-formed, in my own heart.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 23RD

Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	
Friday	9:00 a.m.	
Saturday	7:00 p.m.	Harold Blackman by Lydia Richard
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Diane Gauvreau by Frank O'Donnell
	11:00 a.m.	Dick Henderson by Gloria & Family
		Jose Joaquin Alvarez by Alfredo Garcia & Family

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS: \$ 2,862.00 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 months. We are moving out of "Ordinary Time" into the Advent Season. The Church begins a new year, which does not coincide with 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.

Next Saturday, November 28, 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) inter-generational. We can all benefit from it, and it could serve as a good example of ongoing faith formation, again not "just for kids", but for all of us.

The plan is to begin the various activities at a number of spots in the church 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, making the symbols for the Jesse Tree, working through the Bible to see what is behind these symbols for the Jesse Tree, getting familiar with the Advent music, having an Advent Bingo. Young and old are needed for all this.

Shortly after 6:00 p.m. we plan to have a Chili Supper together somewhere in the Rectory. And we hope to have everything in place for the 7:00 p.m. "**First Sunday of Advent Mass**". All this, to help us get into the

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 Joanne Fortin & Daniel Brousseau
 Rachel Gervais & Chad Renaud
 Sonia Desloges & Alain Brazeau
 Tanya Dupont & Martin Lovett
 Lise Potvin & Sylvain Chartrand



Our Lady of the Annunciation 9th Annual Christmas Variety Concert will be held Wednesday, December 2nd at the Church Centre, 189 Archambault Street, Gatineau (Hull Sector) at 7 p.m. The concert will feature Alexander's Old Time Band, Paddy Kelly and Paddy Maher and various other local artists. There will be door prizes and a reception following the concert at no extra charge. Tickets: \$15. Call 819 778-2827.

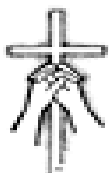
ATTENTION CURSILLISTAS

For all who have a love of the Cursillo movement and the good of it at heart, the Cursillo community earnestly needs your insight. The Secretariat is seeking a means to get more community participation into decision making on how our Ottawa movement operates. To that end, consideration is being given to a School of Leaders (SOL), a format designed to elicit wider community input. "School" simply means a 'school of thought', that is, people of like mind, and "Leaders" refers to all the interested/concerned persons themselves. First, though, we want to assess the SOL's potential for us in Ottawa. To that end a **School of Leaders WORKSHOP**, put on by our National Secretariat, is set for **November 27/28**, at **Our Lady of Fatima Church**, the location of Central Ultreya. It starts **Friday night, November 27, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.** and then on **Saturday, November 28, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.** Your attendance would be much valued and very appreciated. Admission is FREE, just a good-will offering, if one wishes, to cover some of the expenses. You are asked to bring your OWN bag lunch on Saturday.

For information, please contact Kevin & Rosemary Burke at 613 228-1958.

Participation in Aylmer's Santa Claus Parade, November 27 ?

Christ Church Aylmer is, once again, organizing an Ecumenical Float of the Nativity Scene for the annual Santa Claus Parade. They ask for our participation in the form of walking by the Float. In case you are interested, it would be best to wear a simple costume of a blanket, poncho and head covering over regular winter clothes, and to carry a lit flashlight for the walk. If there are children who wish to be on the Float as a shepherd or an angel, please, contact Cynthia Turpin at 819 684-2054 or meka@sympatico.ca. You are expected to be at the Marina (starting point) by 6:15 p.m.



SYMPATHY & PRAYERS: Our prayers and sympathies are extended to the McConnell family on the loss of Kevin, the Mueller family on the loss of Magdalena, the Brisebois family on the loss of Robert, the Preslawski family on the loss of Casmir.

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