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Rev. Mr. Chris Chisholm, Deacon



*Feast of the Holy Family*

# CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

# IN OUR PARISH

**Saturday, December 29th** ST. THOMAS BECKET (OM)

**FIFTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY**

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. **No Confessions**  
5:30 p.m. Wayne Bancroft by Raymond Billard

**Sunday, December 30th** HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

7:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners  
9:30 a.m. David Bellefeuille by Nancy Weir  
11:00 a.m. Gerald Parisien by Joe Parisien & Family

**Monday, December 31st** ST. SYLVESTER I (OM)

**SEVENTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY**

5:00 p.m. Fr. Peter Coughlin by The Joy of the Lord Prayer Group

**Tuesday, January 1st** MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD (S)

**WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY – HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

10:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners

**Wednesday, January 02nd** WEEKDAYS OF CHRISTMAS

ST. BASIL THE GREAT and ST. GREGORY NAZIANZEN (M)

7:30 a.m. Cathy Andrews Ginines by Yolande Robinson

**Thursday, January 03rd** THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS (OM)

7:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory by a Parishioner

**Friday, January 04th** SACRED HEART of JESUS – 1<sup>ST</sup> FRIDAY

7:30 a.m. Special Intention for Jane Anderson by Marion Tobin  
8:00 a.m. ADORATION

**Saturday, January 05th** IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY - 1<sup>ST</sup> SATURDAY

7:00 – 7:25 a.m. Confessions  
8:00 a.m. For the Healing & Conversion of Our Children by a Parishioner  
3:00 – 4:00 p.m. **No Confessions**  
5:30 p.m. Edgar Boudrias by Wife Dorothy & Son Robert

**Sunday, January 06th** EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

7:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners  
9:30 a.m. Tom Donohoe by Teresa MacInnis  
11:00 a.m. Jeannine Kirkey by St. Columban Senior Choir

**Monday, January 07th** WEEKDAYS OF CHRISTMAS

ST. ANDRE BESSETTE, PATRON OF FAMILY CAREGIVERS (M)

7:30 a.m. **No Mass**

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*“See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.” - 1 John 3:1*

During this season of giving, let us remember the most important gift we have received – being children of God. As God’s children, it’s important that we express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children and other family members and friends that you love them, frequently.

## PLEASE NOTE

While Fr. Ernest is away there will be no morning masses on Mondays & Tuesdays and no Saturday afternoon confessions.

## TODAY’S READINGS – DECEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>

1st Reading: Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14  
2nd Reading: Colossians 3.12-21  
Gospel: Luke 2.41-52 His parents found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers.

## INVITATION TO ATTEND BISHOP PRENDERGAST MASS WITH MEET & GREET

Please join Bishop Terence Prendergast as he presides at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Dec 30, 2018. All are invited to stay after Mass for coffee and fellowship and to exchange Christmas greetings with Bishop Prendergast and each other.

## FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK 2019 NEW YEAR MESSAGE

Dear brothers and sisters in the Lord!

New Year is the perfect occasion to appreciate all the good things that the past year has given you and all the good things that are yet to come. In the past 365 days, you have experienced beautiful moments that wouldn’t have been quite the same without all of the special people in your life. We wish to use this opportunity to thank all of you for your wonderful collaboration and support last year, more especially the volunteers of various ministries. We wish we could name everyone, but the space allotted to this message is limited. But we hope you know how much we deeply appreciate all that you do and are for us and our parish family. We are grateful to you, and we hope that this year you will do even more by the grace of God.

On another note, it is very important to recognize the special symbolism this holiday brings with it: A time of new beginning and a fresh start, which is accompanied by a time of reflection and promises that more often than not tend to be short-lived. For many who use the New Year to make important resolutions, it is a time for soul searching and sober reflections. It is not a time to condemn, judge or point accusing fingers at anyone for our failures and mistakes or blaming ourselves. No! 2018 has passed! We look on to the future. No one can go back in time to change what has happened. 2019 has brought another chance for us to set things right and to open up a new chapter in our lives. Let us make the best out of it!

Finally, brothers and sisters, let us keep our spirits and determination unshaken, and we shall always walk the glory road. With courage, faith and great effort, we shall achieve everything we desire. Besides, in all the above, let us always bear in mind our Diocesan Pastoral Theme for 2018-2019 as our guide: “CHRIST IS EVERYTHING FOR US”. “Let us work for the good of all, and especially for the family of the faith”. - Galatians 6.10.

We wish you a happy New Year, filled with God’s abundant blessings.

REV. FR. ERNEST EMEKA EMEODI, PAROCHIAL ADMINISTRATOR

REV. DEACON CHRIS CHISHOLM

MEMBERS OF PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM.

## FATHER ERNEST VACATION

Fr Ernest will be away on vacation from Dec 28 – Feb 08. We wish him a wonderful time spent with his family and look forward to his return. Please welcome Fr. Donnelly and Fr. Jerome as they preside at the various Masses while Fr. Ernest is away.

## FIRST FRIDAY – 4 JANUARY ADORATION

After 7:30 a.m. Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed with a Time of Adoration, prayer, Scripture & meditation, closing with Benediction.



## FIRST SATURDAY – 5 JANUARY

Confessions 7 to 7:25 a.m., Rosary prayed at 7:30 a.m. Mass at 8 a.m. Come and pray.

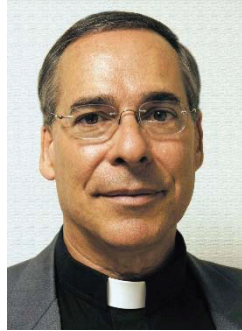


## IN OUR PARISH AND DIOCESE

### POPE FRANCIS APPOINTS AUXILIARY BISHOP FOR THE DIOCESE OF ALEXANDRIA-CORNWALL

Today, December 12, 2018, His Holiness Pope Francis appointed Father Guy Desrochers, C.Ss.R, to the position of Auxiliary Bishop of Alexandria-Cornwall.

Earlier this year, Pope Francis had announced that the Diocese of Alexandria- Cornwall and the Archdiocese of Ottawa would be united 'in the person of the bishop' [in persona episcopi], specifically Archbishop Terrence Prendergast. At that time, the pope committed to appoint a second Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Ottawa to assist Archbishop Prendergast primarily with the Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall.



Fr. Guy Desrochers was born in 1956 in Hull, Quebec. He is the third child in a family of five. Following his graduation in Fine Arts and Commercial Art from Algonquin College (Ottawa), he became a graphic designer for Le Droit in Ottawa where he worked for seven years.

During this period of work at the age of 24, while he was leading a rather disordered life without reference to God, the illness of his father led him to a conversion and to a complete change of life.

His spiritual journey led him, two years later, to enter the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, also known as the Redemptorists. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1989 at the age of 32. After his ordination, he spent seven years in a special project of evangelization in the Gaspé region of Quebec. This was followed by several years as the rector of the Aylmer-Gatineau monastery. He then spent seven years working at the Shrine of Saint Anne-de-Beaupré. After a brief period as superior of a retirement home for Redemptorists near Quebec, he returned to Saint Anne-de-Beaupré as director of the Annals of Saint Anne magazine for three years.

Passionate about proclaiming the Word of God, Father Desrochers has regularly devoted part of his time in ministry to preaching parish retreats all over North America.

The Redemptorists were founded in 1732 by St. Alphonsus Liguori in the Amalfi region of Italy, near the city of Naples. This was a unique religious community at the time, a community committed to preaching the Word of God and dedicated to the poor people in the hill country outside of Naples. After a difficult start, the Congregation spread to Northern Europe then to North America. Today they continue to preach the Gospel as well as show solidarity with the poor by promoting their fundamental rights to justice and freedom.

### SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTION

The living flame of the Sanctuary Lamp, signifying the Eucharistic presence of our Lord Jesus Christ, is offered this week in memory of The Most Reverend Eugene P. LaRocque.



### OFFICE NEW YEAR HOURS

Parish Office will close on Dec 31<sup>st</sup> at 12:00 p.m. and will remain closed until January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

### NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

New Year's Eve Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup> – 5:00 p.m.  
New Year's Day Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> – 10:30 a.m.

### PARISH FINANCIALS/INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

The Parish closes its Financial Books on Dec 30<sup>th</sup>. All monies received after Dec 30, 2018 will be credited for 2019.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

There will be no Children's Liturgy on Dec 30, 2018. The Children's Liturgy will resume on Jan 06, 2019.

### WOMEN'S MORNING OF REFLECTION

Sat. Jan. 5 from 9:30 am - 12:00 at the Centre Charles-Emile Claude on Chevrier St., Cornwall, for mass, confession, breakfast, a talk and the rosary. The guest speaker will be Joan Levy Earl. Her talk, "Living in the Present" will focus on how the Holy Spirit and Our Lady aid us in the growth of our faith. For any inquiries please contact Heidi Krol 613 347 7561 or Marilynn Light 613 537 2021. A free will offering of \$5 is appreciated. Please join us.

### BOOK TABLE NEWS

**SUNDAY MISSALS** are available on the Book table to purchase (\$4.50). Please do NOT remove them from the pews as they are needed for the coming year.

### MESSAGE FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Each year during Advent we embark on our annual fund raising initiative. We are an independent all-volunteer group, with no funding from outside agencies, and thus rely on the goodwill of our donors to assist us. The needy continue to exist, in fact are growing in numbers, and each month we assist some 320 local clients at our emergency food bank. We will spend in excess of \$10,000 on food and gift vouchers for our Christmas Baskets, which will serve 430 clients (125 children). We are a federally registered charity and will provide tax receipts for donations in excess of \$10.00. A donation envelope is available in this bulletin or at the back of the church if you feel you have the means to contribute to our cause. Charity is one of our guiding principles, as is assisting the poor, and this is an opportunity to address both.

### 2019 CHURCH CALENDARS

A reminder that the calendars are for sale at the back of the church, and will go fast! For only \$5.00 you get a calendar with beautiful religious artwork and lots of liturgical information.

### ST. JULIAN'S CHAPEL

Anxious? Lonely? Depressed? Do you need peace? Come to Simply Adore Jesus at St. Julian's Chapel - 24/7 Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration. Behind St. Peter's Parish (side entrance). You are always welcome!

### ST. COLUMBAN COLLECTION REPORT FOR DECEMBER 09, 2018

Sunday Envelopes	6,424.00
Loose Collection	332.74
Christmas Offering	30.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,786.74</b>





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