

# ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD PARISH

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Office Closed December 25<sup>th</sup> - January 2<sup>nd</sup>

## MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

### NEW YEAR'S MASS TIMES

New Year's Eve: 5:00 p.m. New Year's Day: 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.

### Joy to the World, a Saviour is Born!



This is one of my favorite Christmas hymns because it is a pretty good summary of what this time of year is all about. Yes, a time to socialize and decorate, a time to give and a time to receive, and if you are so blessed, a time to spend with the people

you love; all wonderful stuff. But through all the celebration and the accompanying trimmings let's remember to take a moment to make room for the Christ Child.

On behalf of Fr John and myself, I would like to thank you all for welcoming us to Annunciation this past year and we wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a blessed New Year.

### Alpha @ Annunciation

Do you have a friend or family member who has questions about God?

This Christmas give them the gift of your time. Invite them to join you at Alpha. A safe place to ask anything about life, faith and God.



**Everyone** has questions:

- Why am I here?
- What is the purpose of my life?
- Where am I heading?
- Does it matter what I believe?

#### Alpha is for Everyone

Weekly sessions begin with a meal, followed by a video presentation and discussion.

#### Come and See Evening

February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 6:45 pm in the Parish Hall

RSVP: [alpha@annunciation-ottawa.com](mailto:alpha@annunciation-ottawa.com)

How Modern Culture Is Robbing  
Billions of People of Happiness

## THE BIGGEST LIE IN THE HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY

New York Times Bestselling Author  
**MATTHEW KELLY**

Do you believe it's possible to be happier than you have ever been before? Not for fleeting moments, but consistently? Bestselling author Matthew Kelly believes it is possible – and in his latest book, *The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity*, he explains how.

We all want to be happy and live life to the fullest, but the answer isn't found in the world's definition of happiness. Modern culture is constantly feeding us lies, and these lies affect you more than you know. This book provides the practical tools necessary to help you regain your fervor and leave your mark on the world – and experience more happiness than you thought possible. Together we can change the course of history – with humility, generosity, kindness, and joy, one Holy Moment at a time.

Copies of *The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity* are available in your pew.

**Archbishop's Christmas Message 2018**

Christmas Day comes soon after the longest night of the year.

It follows that one of the prayers in Advent invites God to let the splendour of His glory dawn in our hearts to scatter the shadows of the night.

Unfortunately, the darkness of these days is not just a seasonal disorder. Anxiety and depression have invaded our culture, particularly among younger people. The scandal of the sexual abuse of minors by priests and its cover-up by bishops has roiled the Catholic Church worldwide. The domestic church – the family – is increasingly stressed by separation, single parenthood, addiction, and shortages of time and money. Youths are less likely to turn to faith for consolation and wisdom.

Yet God remains faithful to us. The celebration of Christmas is an opportunity to meet the God who came to earth to give meaning to life. I encourage you to visit the crèche in your parish and to contemplate the mystery that it reveals.

Adored by shepherds and wise men in Bethlehem, Jesus offered the message he would give later in his ministry, "Come to me, all you who labour and are heavy burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11.28).

God is close to you in the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes lying in the manger. All your needs are so near to his heart that he gave himself freely to bear your burdens.

That's the message of Christmas, if you will but give yourself time and quiet to let it touch you.

Merry Christmas!



✠ Terrence Prendergast, SJ  
Archbishop of Ottawa



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**SACRAMENTS**

**Baptisms:**

Three-month notice, and attendance at a baptismal preparation course is required.

**Confessions:**

Monday to Friday 8:30 - 8:50 and Saturday 4:00 - 4:50 pm or by appointment.

**Marriages:**

Nine-month notice, and attendance at a marriage preparation course is required.

**Spiritual Direction:** God reaches out to every person in various ways. One way is through spiritual direction. To facilitate your spiritual growth, call Deacon Roger Amyot at 613-837-1610.

**SICK AND SHUT-INS**

Home, hospital visits arranged with a priest or deacon please call the parish office. For a visit by a member of the Pastoral Home Care, please call the parish office 613-745-7774.

**Christmas Mass Intentions**

Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

4:00 p.m.

**Int. of Penny Flood** by the Binda Family

**Int. of the Timmons Family** by Lucky Timmons

† **Tony Houlahan & Jack Wilson** by Fran & Family

† **Sharon Heffernan** by the Leiva Family

† **Dec'd Members of the Lamb Family** by the Walker Family

6:00 p.m.

† **Rita & Arthur Leroux** by Sheila & Family

8:00 p.m.

† **Dec'd Members of the Prézeau Family** by Laurette Russell

10:00 p.m.

† **Cliffelene Young** by the Family

Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

11:00 a.m.

† **Bernard Whalley** by the Whalley Family

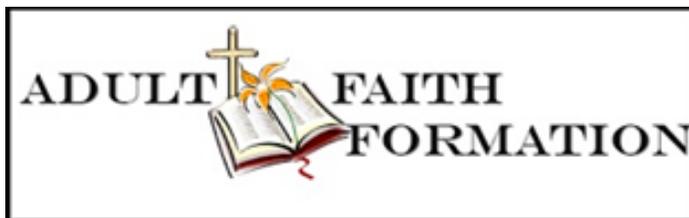
† **Maria Lewicka & Family** by Alice Tupling

† **Ray Bergevin** by Aline Sirois



**Please pray for our brothers and sisters who are sick...** Michael & Jean Woodhouse, Dorothy & Graham Moore, Randy Orr, Rod MacDonald, Brian Fleck, Pat Lepine, Eugene Arnett, JP Proulx, Jane Gratton, Margaret Stanfield, Lois Wishak, Tina Provick, Jakob Gruber, Gail Ladurantaye, Monica Rios, Marta Popela, Ken Sanford, Janet Nadeau, Elaine Lynch, Austin Douglas, Holly Huard, Gerald Binda, and Gerry Belanger.

Please be respectful of the **Scent Free** zone to the right of the choir, nearest the reconciliation room. We have parishioners allergic to scents who need to sit here.



**Sessions start as early as Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Registration for Winter/Spring formation is now underway. Check out the details of what's being offered. Brochures are in the Narthex, and on the parish website.

Adult Faith Formation helps people encounter Jesus, grow in holiness and prepare for mission by providing learning opportunities that are welcoming, engaging, educational, and spiritually enriching. For information or feedback contact Jackie Cuthill at [aff@annunciation-ottawa.com](mailto:aff@annunciation-ottawa.com).