



**Advent 4**  
**December 24, 2017**

**8:30 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

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**Collect of the Day**

Heavenly Father, who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour, now fill us with your grace, that we in all things may embrace your will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**First Reading:** 2 Samuel 7:1-11

**Gospel:** Luke 1:26-38

**Sermon**

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**The Blessing**

**IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

**The Church in the World:** We pray for Markus Ibrahim, Yola – Jos, Nigeria.

**Diocese of Ottawa:**

We pray for John, our Bishop, and for Pat, our Priest and St John's, March, St Paul's, Dunrobin, St Mary's, North March, The Rev John Wilker-Blakley and for all the Parish Secretaries and Parish Administrators in the Diocese of Ottawa. In our Companion Diocese of Jerusalem we pray for Salt Training and The Resource Institute for Disability, Salt, Jordan.

**Our Mission Partners:**

We pray for the Reverend Ken MacLaren and the Ottawa Inner City Ministries.

**Our Local Community:**

We pray for Local Farm Support providing various forms of support to Lanark County farm families who are having a tough time due to financial or family stress and, we pray for the people and leaders of this town of Almonte and the surrounding communities that the Lord will help us contribute to its well-being.

**In Our Parish:** We pray for comfort and healing for Lucy Poaps,

Anne Wheatley, Kathy Aird and, Bessie Exley. We pray for our sponsorship family: Assad, Alsit, Lana and Elias as they settle into life in Canada. We give thanks for the life and witness of Robbie Anderson and we pray for her family and friends.

**In Our Parish Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for Cathy & Amber Fassbender & family, Cathy & Michael Gallagher, Cathy & Jeff Gayton, Casey & Shandi, and Sally Gentry.

**For the Whole Human Family** that we may learn to live together in justice and peace. We pray for refugees and displaced persons, thinking especially of the people seeking refuge from war and persecution and we remember the victims of terrorism around the world. We pray for all those whose lives are impacted by social unrest, disaster & poverty.

**Prayer for St. Paul's:** Heavenly Father, you have welcomed us into your kingdom and your heart's desire is to draw every human being to yourself. Grant us clear eyes to see people as you see them, sensitive feet to stand in their shoes, and warm smiles to welcome them into your name. Give us generous hearts, that our church becomes a foretaste of heaven where every soul you send us finds their loving home in the community of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

**Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:22-40**

*Flowers in the church today are offered to the glory  
of God and in loving memory of...*



*Wally & Agnes Ayling and Robert Nichols given by Ron & Katrina  
Ayling*



*Frank & Dorothy Edwards given by Brenda & Richard Beaubien*



*Robert Exley given by his sister, Barbara Humphreys*



*Jack McCormack & Joan Seeley given by Bobbie McCormack*



**OUR CRÈCHE FIGURES:** The figures which make up St Paul's crèche have become an integral part of our Christmas celebrations for many years. They were donated in December 1974 by the artist Doris McCarthy, thanks to the efforts of the late Madeleine Moir, a long-time friend of the artist and member of St. Paul's. Doris was well known for her painting of landscapes from Newfoundland, to the Rocky Mountains, to the Arctic. The figures were restored last year thanks to the generous donation from Madeleine Moir's estate and the combined efforts of Ann Bird and Bob Bassett.

## *Welcome to St. Paul's Anglican Church*

*The Right Rev. John Chapman, Bishop of Ottawa  
The Rev. Canon Pat Martin, Rector*



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**Greeter: Lois Rochon**



*We ask that you please refrain from wearing perfumes or colognes.*

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