



**1st Sunday after Christmas
December 31, 2017**

8:30 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

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Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have shed upon us the new light of your incarnate Word. May this light, enkindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

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IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

The Church in the World: We pray for The Rt Revd Monument Makhanya, Zululand, Southern Africa.

Diocese of Ottawa:

We pray for John, our Bishop, and for Pat, our Priest and St Thomas', Stittsville, The Rev. Jane McCaig; for all the Archdeacons of the Diocese and for the New Year's Levee.

Our Mission Partners:

We pray for the Lanark County Food Bank.

Our Local Community:

We pray for the leaders and the development of the local hospice initiative 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 Helen Gilhooly, Wayne & Lynn Guthrie, Sarah & Richard Hall and Arlo, Getson & Griffin.

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

Isaiah 60: 1-6 Matthew 2: 1-12

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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Greeters: Barbara Humphries & Christy Bindhardt
Reader: Christy Bindhardt

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

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