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HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE. **ADVENT**

Sunday, December 4th, 2022

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. - Mt 3:4

Sat. Dec 3	8:00am 9:00am 4-4:45pm 5:00pm	Holy Hour & Confessions Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions Deceased Members of the Csukerda Family (Bill & Mary Podolyak)
Sun. Dec 4	9:30am 11:00am	Missa Pro Populo Cecil (Sisto) Amadio (Racz Family)
Mon. Dec 5 Tues. Dec 6	9:30am 9:30am	No Mass Intentions of Vern & Donna Walters (Colin & Teresa Walters)
Wed. Dec 7	7-8pm 9:30am	HOLY HOUR & Confessions Conversion of the Gujadhur & Zia Family (Divya G.) Health & Blessings for Carolyn & Marianne Myszczyzyn (Lorraine Goodman)
Thurs. Dec 8	9:30am	Deceased Friends of the Podolyak Family (Bill & Mary Podolyak)
Fri. Dec 9	9:30am	Helen Albanese (Vince Addario) Special Intention for Gloria Egert & Family (Lorraine Goodman) Special Intention for protection of Marriage & children & blessings In 2023 (Clarice & Neil)
Sat. Dec 10	4-4:45pm 5:00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions Nicola Colangelo (Rosa Colangelo)
Sun. Dec 11	9:30am 11:00am	Missa Pro Populo Vince Addario Lena Addario

Confessions from 9-9:25am before all weekday Masses.

Second Sunday of Advent

At sixty years of age, Maria and Paul had a beautiful life. High school sweethearts, they had four children, five grandchildren, a successful business, good friends and a fabulous beach house. They felt very blessed. Their strong faith in God saw them through some difficult challenges. Without warning, Paul died suddenly. Maria was devastated. Why did God do this? Why did God allow this to happen? An indescribable depth of sadness weighed heavily upon her heart. She felt betrayed by the God she thought was looking out for her. She was overwhelmed by despair. Have you ever experienced such incredible and deafening sadness? Where is God in all of the pain?

We often want God to fix things or intervene and change nature's course. When He doesn't act as we desire, it shakes our faith. We do not always understand or appreciate why things happen as they do. There is much that is beyond our control. John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus and Jesus is the way to God. There is something more going on in life than what we can see with human eyes. We are on a sacred path, and God is with us. God is with us in our confusion, suffering, doubts, and intense sadness. Jesus announced God's vision for humanity and taught people to see God and themselves for who they are. There is a way through and beyond all hardship and suffering. God does not abandon us.

God has a clear vision for the future, both for us individually and for our world. It is a vision of harmony and gentleness where all will live as one and the "wolf shall be a guest of the lamb." God is not indifferent. He is the God of "endurance and encouragement." In God, we see what we may be, what may come and who we can become. When Maria opened herself to God's creative presence, she learned to trust. She began to realize that she could endure more than she had imagined. She also discovered a spark of encouragement, bringing her through the sadness to where she could be. In retrospect, Maria knew that God's reassuring presence was with her.

We welcome in Baptism Emmanuel Leoldin Wood, Colombe Noach Youtchekou & Archer, Ronyn & Killian Mollo. May the gifts which Baptism bestows grow unhindered in us all.

SINGERS WANTED! St Ann Church is starting a Youth Choir. Practice will be held in the church on Thursdays at 6:30 pm starting December 1st. All ages welcome, parents are encouraged to stay and listen or have a coffee break downstairs. We look forward to hearing our Youth perform at the Christmas Eve Mass.

Christmas Flower Memorial Envelopes: We invite everyone to make a gift towards the cost of the Christmas greens and flowers that will decorate our parish this blessed season. Honour a family member or friend, give thanks for a special event (such as a wedding or the birth of a child), or remember a departed loved one. Envelopes are in your offertory boxes or use a plain envelope with your contact information included.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED: Registration forms are at the back of the church.

Offertory November 20th, 2022- \$1, 938.60
Offertory November 27th, 2022- \$2, 180.00
Deo Gratias—\$835.00
Maintenance November—\$945.00

Sunday, December 11th, 2022

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you." - Mt 11:10

Mon. Dec 12	9:30am	No Mass
Tues. Dec 13	9:30am	St. Ann School Advent Mass For Health & Salvation of Lena Lucia Addario (Douglas & Alexandra Martin)
Wed. Dec 14	7-8pm 9:30am	HOLY HOUR & Confessions Deceased Members of the Gujadhur & Zia Family (Divya G.) Intentions of Tyler & Melissa Goodman & Family (Colin & Teresa Walters) Lena Addario (Vince Addario)
Thurs. Dec 15	9:30am	Helen & Ashley Lelievre (Racz Family) Special Intention for protection of Marriage & children & blessings In 2023 (Clarice & Neil)
Fri. Dec 16	9:30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions Angelina Addario (Vince Addario)
Sat. Dec 17	4-4:45pm 5:00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions Missa Pro Populo (Racz Family)
Sun. Dec 18	9:30am 11:00am	Missa Pro Populo Dorothy Racz (Racz Family)

Confessions from 9-9:25am before all weekday Masses.
YOUTH MINISTRY HAS RESUMED ON MONDAY EVENINGS FROM 6:30-8:30PM IN THE PARISH HALL. Registration forms are at the back of the church. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THE LAST YOUTH MINISTRY SESSION FOR THE YEAR WILL BE ON DECEMBER 12TH. YM WILL RESUME JANUARY 16TH, 2023.**
Children's Liturgy: During 9:30am Mass when scheduled.

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Dec 12). (Patroness of the Americas) The Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council, founded by the CCCB in 1998, proposes that the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe be a National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples. All are invited to join their Indigenous sisters and brothers in a special way this day through prayer and acts of solidarity. Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared in Mexico as the pregnant Mother of God to Blessed Juan Diego, an Aztec Indian, on December 9, 10 and 12, 1531. She left a Miraculous image of her appearance on his cactus fibre cloak, or "tilma", which still exists today for all to see in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City.

Third Sunday of Advent

Life can leave us feeling dark and desolate. Sandy was just twenty-eight when her husband, Rob, died, leaving her to raise their two young children. She was without paid employment. Rob went to work one morning and never returned home. Sandy, though, had faith and trusted that somehow God would help her through, even though most days brought deafening, piercing loneliness. She persevered, and the darkness gave way to light. Remarking one day to a friend hesitant to commit to a relationship, Sandy shared her wisdom. Even if she knew the outcome would be the same, she would marry Rob again. She assured her friend that she would even do this if eight years could only be eight minutes. We are being led by God and God transforms the darkness into light.

"Be strong, fear not!" Those are easy words to say. Putting them into practice is the challenge. When our paths are dark and life's roads become treacherous, we can easily complain about life's unfinished nature. When will the pain go away? Will the loneliness ever cease? Will I experience happiness again? As the farmer needs to exercise patience with the soil, we need to do the same with our lives. We have to wait for the early and late rains to come, properly tend to our gardens, and ensure that the rich nutrients of God's merciful and tender presence continue to enrich us. God is not done. God has only just begun his work in us.



We cannot allow life to hold us captive. The systems, agendas, protocols, regulations, expectations, and unfinished business can distract us from what it means to be God's child. Life can leave us feeling cheated, negative, and parched. All times and seasons of our spiritual and liturgical lives lead us to three virtues: faith, hope and love. Stop complaining about what is wrong and look to what God can make right! Joy that flows from the Baptist's message: in Jesus, the one mightier than he, are found healing, reconciliation, and freedom. Christ will save us from life's distortions, illusions, and disappointments. Do you believe this?

Catholic Women's League
CWL membership drive begins in November. **PLEASE NOTE: THE ANNUAL FEE HAS INCREASED TO \$40.** The envelopes, which were prepared last year have the previous fee of \$25.
Thank you... to all who donated and purchased items for the CWL Bake Sale. A total of \$336 was raised for the CWL.

Advent Wreath: If you or your family would like to light the wreath during the Advent season, during any of the weekend Masses, please email or phone the office.

Offertory envelopes for 2023 are now available in the parish hall. E-transfer is also available. Please check your envelopes for Special Collection dates. **FOR THE YEAR 2023, USE ONLY THE ENVELOPES ASSIGNED TO YOU FOR THAT YEAR.** This will ensure that donations are credited to the proper person. **If a box has not been prepared for you, let the office know.** Also, please do not begin using your new envelopes until 2023. Thank you!

All Church contributions/donations for 2022 must be received on or before Dec. 31st, 2022 to be applied to your 2022 tax receipt. It is best to make your last donations of the year on the weekend of Dec 24/25 as the office will be closed from Dec 24-Jan 1st. Donations received after that weekend will be applied to your 2023 tax receipt. Thank you!

