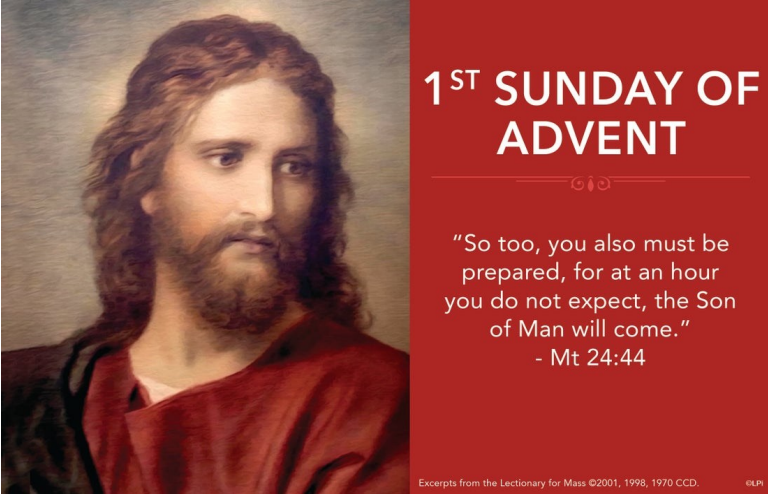


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Sunday, November 30th, 2025



Sat. Nov 29	4-4:45pm	First Sunday of Advent Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions CONFIRMATION
	5:00pm	✠ Frank & Giuseppina Covatta (Katherine Lostracco)
Sun. Nov 30	9:30am	First Sunday of Advent Birthday Blessings Marcello Iamonaco (Melissa Middleton)
	11:00am	Missa Pro Populo
Mon. Dec 1		No Mass
Tues. Dec 2	8:30am	✠ Dina Mastracci (Mastracci Family)
	7-8pm	HOLY HOUR & Confessions
Wed. Dec 3	9:30am	✠ OPP Con. Greg Pierzchala/Fam. (Nohara Family) Sisters of The Sacred Heart (Maryla Carnegie) Angela Covatta (Katherine Lostracco) For Fr. Jacek & his intentions
Thurs. Dec 4	9:30am	✠ Marianne Myszczyzyn (Gloria Egert & Family)
Fri. Dec 5	9:30am	✠ Antonio Addario (Vince Addario) Lostracco Family (Katherine Lostracco)
		✠ Anthony, Catarina & Charlene Sneek Angela Covatta (Katherine Lostracco)
	6:00pm 7:00pm 8:30am 9:30am 4-4:45pm	Holy Hour & Confessions Mass Holy Hour & Confessions Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
Sat. Dec 6		Second Sunday of Advent St. Ann School Advent Mass Spec. Int. Lostracco Family (Katherine Lostracco)
	5:00pm	
Confessions from 9-9:25am before all weekday Masses.		



First Sunday of Advent Matthew 24:37-44

A few years ago, my house was broken into on Super Bowl Sunday. Turns out, it's a great day for burglars. If the TV isn't on, people are probably watching the game somewhere else, so ... easy pickins'. I'll never forget walking into my bedroom and realizing someone had been there. My stuff was thrown all over the floor. The closet was torn apart. It was disorienting and disturbing — someone had invaded the space I thought was secure. After that, I bought an alarm system. And every Super Bowl Sunday since, I'm extra careful to lock the doors and keep the lights on. That experience made me more alert. Not scared. Just attentive. That's much like the spiritual place Jesus wants us to be on this first Sunday of Advent. He doesn't start the season with soft candlelight and cozy manger scenes. He starts with two brutal images: a flood and a thief. In other words, chaos and violation. Why? Because life will flood us. Chaos *will* come. And in the midst of it, Christ will come like a thief — not to steal from us, but to steal us back. He is the intruder we should want. The one who breaks in, not to ransack, but to rescue. Christ presents himself as the thief but also the new Noah. He builds the ark of the Church to carry us through the flood. And he invites us to join him. How? By participating fully in our parishes. By making our homes places of prayer. By guarding our hearts with truth. By refusing to let spiritual complacency leave us exposed. By repentance. This Advent, don't just stay vaguely "awake." Prepare. Build. Watch. The flood will come. But so will he.

Prayer for Advent – Arise- Bless God's Holy Name! Prepare our hearts for Your coming, Lord. Awaken them from any places that have become sleepy or despondent. Inspire us with new visions. Be with us as we climb closer to You. Amen.

Our Lady of Guadalupe– December 12th, 2026

When Mary appeared to Juan Diego as Our Lady of Guadalupe, she had encouraging words for him. "Am I not here, I who am your mother?" In the image on Juan Diego's tilma (tunic), Mary identifies herself with the Aztec people. She has their hair and features, their symbolic maternity dress. She incorporated their important symbols of the sun, moon, and stars. Our Lady of Guadalupe is pregnant. The image bears witness to Mary's yes to conceive the Saviour of the World. But even in her pregnancy, she goes to care for Elizabeth. Now Mother to all the world, Mary comes to the aid of her children, reminding them of her presence among them.

Congratulations to the following students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, November 29th.

Michael Adams	Kate Lilliot
Clara Baumgart	Parker Marotta
Kentyn Boyce	Ebsen Scott
William Boyce	Lia Maria Stevenson
Elia Cargnelli	Leela Tupman
Melia DiPietro	Jacob Troyan
Cameron Federico	Alexis Vanderzanden
Ashton Gilbert	Alexandra White
Sofia Inneo	Noah Young
Nathaniel Junkin	Julliana Zari
Elia Kasunic	

Special thank you to everyone who assisted with the celebration of Confirmation. And, the CWL for providing gifts for the students,

Sun. Dec 7		Second Sunday of Advent
	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	Blessings/Health Danuta Mazur (Danuta Mazur)

Sunday, December 7th, 2025



Mon. Dec 8	8:30am	Immaculate Conception of Mary Ruth Rykse (E. Ferrara) Birthday Blessing S. Fiedorek (Carnegie Family) HOLY HOUR & Confessions
	7-8pm	✠ Helen Albanese (Vince Addario)
Tues. Dec 9	9:30am	Students/Staff Eastdale S. School (Melissa Middleton) For Tyler Harrison (Adelaine Nohara) Fr. Jacek & his intentions (Parish)
Wed. Dec 10	9:30am	✠ Armand & Betty Mei (Patti & Cyril Simek) OPP Con. Greg Pierzchala/Fam. (Nohara Family) Spec. Int. Lostracco Family & Angela Covatta (Katherine Lostracco)
		✠ Betty & Les Szabo & Nina & Czeslaw Alekseijuk (Lana & Jan Alekseijuk)
Thurs. Dec 11	9:30am	Third Sunday of Advent Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
Fri. Dec 12	9:30am	✠ Nicola Colangelo (Rosa Colangelo)
		Third Sunday of Advent
Sat. Dec 13	4-4:45pm	Gomez Family (Donna & Jean Larocque) Missa Pro Populo
	5:00pm	
Sun. Dec 14	9:30am	
	11:00am	

Confessions from 9-9:25am before all weekday Masses. The Parish office will be closed on Friday, December 5th.

St. Ann School Advent Mass: Will be on Saturday, December 6th, 5pm.

Youth Ministry: The last session before the Christmas break will be on Wed. Dec 17th, 6:30-8:30pm.

All Church contributions/donations/e transfers for 2025 must be received on or before Dec. 31st, 2025 to be applied to your 2025 tax receipt. All donations received after Dec 31st will be applied to your 2026 tax receipt. Thank you!

Offertory November 15 & 16, 2025- \$2,045.20

Offertory November 22 & 23, 2025- \$1,735.00

Maintenance-\$495.00

Deo Gratias- \$740.00

Second Sunday of Advent Matthew 3:1-12

This week we hear that John the Baptist is out in the wilderness eating “**locusts and wild honey**” (**Mark 1:6**). It's not just a strange historical detail. It's a symbolic expression of a healthy spiritual diet. The path to Christ includes both the hard and the beautiful, the gritty and the sweet. We have to learn to gulp the locusts and savor the honey.

I remember working with a young couple preparing for marriage. They were sincere, but raw — barely beginning to discover faith. Part of me wanted to rush them ahead, to fill in all the gaps, to bombard them with scripture and church documents. I swallowed that instinct. It was like eating locusts.

But I also recall them light up as they spoke about each other, about their first child, then their second. And they wanted to be close to God. Something innocent and beautiful was unfolding. That was the honey. I knew God was asking me to savor it.

This Advent, maybe we're each being invited to accept both locusts and honey. Maybe it's time to stop avoiding the difficult parts of faith — prayer that feels dry, the call to repentance, the patience with the troublesome. It's time to eat some locusts. But we also need to notice the small gifts God gives us: a peaceful moment, a good conversation, the joy of serving someone else, new life, good intentions of our friends. That's the honey. Savor it! John didn't avoid either. He took it all in. And so can we. What are your locusts? Your honey? If we let God feed us with both, we'll be ready — really ready — for the coming of Christ.

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. E-transfer can also be used.

Offertory envelopes for 2026 will be available the weekend of Nov 22/23 in the parish hall. E-transfer will continue to be available to make your donation. Check your envelopes for Special Collection dates. **FOR THE YEAR 2026, 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, phone or email the office.** Also, please do not begin using your new envelopes until 2026.

Catholic Women's League
Annual CWL memberships are now due. \$40
The Catholic Women's League will have their Christmas gathering at the Grill on Canboro, on Friday, December 12th at noon. A reservation will be made, so please let us know by Monday, Dec 8th if you plan to attend. We look forward to seeing you there for this annual gathering!

Immaculate Conception of Mary: Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing!" December 8th is one of our feasts celebrating Mary - the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. From the beginnings of the Church, spiritual writers and theologians have acknowledged the innocence and holiness of Mary. St. Irenaeus called her the "new Eve." Both faced with the pure freedom to accept or reject God, Mary began with work of redemption with her yes to Christ! The Church began to celebrate the feast of Mary's conception in the early Middle Ages. In 1854, Pope Pius IX infallibly declared that Mary was free of original sin from the first moment of her conception. On this feast day, we celebrate the beauty and goodness of Our Lady! **Mass will be celebrated on Monday, December 8th at 8:30am.**

