

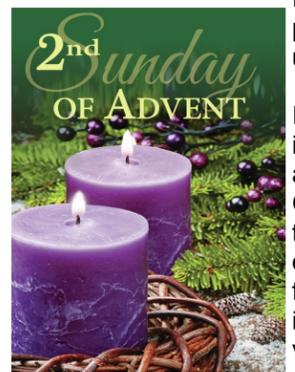
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Sunday, December 6th, 2020
Second Sunday of Advent



People knew over a year in advance that the Pope was coming for a visit to America and the preparations began. Security, space limitations and requirements, protocols, crowd management, itineraries, invitations, regulations, and so much more was necessary to pull this event off effectively. It's not every day that we get a visit from such a prominent dignitary. Thought, effort, meticulous attention to detail and vision all are necessary to make this thing work. After all, he can't just show up in the ordinary and normal daily routines of life and catch people unprepared! Tickets have to be purchased, buses rented, hotel rooms reserved, and travel arrangements made early because it will be impossible to see him if we wait too long! We do this kind of preparing not only for prominent religious figures but for political dignitaries, notable sports figures, people of fame, and even actors.



If an individual intrigues us, we are going to want to do all we have to do to get a "good seat" in the house. Does Jesus Christ captivate this much of our attention? We are asked to prepare the way of the Lord and to do so not with frantic frenzy but patient enthusiasm. Our task is prayerful, quieter, more interior, captivating, and consuming. We are asked to change. We have to conduct our lives with holy devotion. Is the cost of that ticket too much for you? Don't you want the "best seat" in the house? You don't want to miss Our Lord's arrival when he comes, do you? After all, if he comes while you are going about your daily routines without you even knowing, he may catch you off guard. Or, he may come in disguise looking like a beggar, a prisoner, migrant, refugee, or someone who is lost. Would you be ready to recognize him then?

Preparing for the coming of Christ requires a change of mind, heart, and behavior. It is not adequate to simply do the things we always do. We want our lives to speak of the exciting news of Christ's coming and the joy that the Gospel brings. Of course, it involves sacrifice. All anticipations do! Are you prayerful, excited, captivated, enthusiastic, and sitting on the edge of your seat eager to celebrate his coming among us at Christmas, and waiting for him to come again? If not, why not?

<u>MASS INTENTIONS</u>	
Sat. Dec 5	10:00am Traditional Latin Mass Fr. Brian Bevan (Delores & Gerard Kennedy)
4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions <u>Second Sunday of Advent</u>
5:00pm	Birthday Blessings for Christopher Bisson (Rosemary & Steve Lastovic)
Sun. Dec 6	8:00am Traditional Latin Mass ✠ Richard McDermott (Karen & Michael)
9:30am	✠ Katie & Anthony Raczka (Stan & Gloria Rutyna)
11:00am	Missa Pro Populo
Mon. Dec 7	9:30am ✠ Deceased Members of the Attokaran Family (Zita Alamparambil)
7-8pm	Holy Hour & Confessions
Tues. Dec 8	9:30am ✠ Andrew Erdelyi (Mary & Bill Podolyak) ✠ Anthony, Sybil & Wayne Rebeiro (Rebeiro Family)
Wed. Dec 9	9:30am ✠ Deceased Members of the Pallam Family (Zita Alamparambil)
Thurs. Dec 10	9:30am ✠ Ray Kardas (Stan & Krysia Fit)
Fri. Dec 11	9:30am Intentions of Amanda & Michael & their newborn baby Michael Jr. (Teresa & Colin Walters)
Sat. Dec 12	4-4:45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions <u>Third Sunday of Advent</u>
5:00pm	✠ Nicola Colangelo (Rosa Colangelo & Family) ✠ Betty & Les Szabo (Lana & Jan)
Sun. Dec 13	9:30am Missa Pro Populo
11:00am	✠ Mike Ciolfi (Pat Vaillancourt) ✠ Anthony, Sybil & Wayne Rebeiro (Rebeiro Family)

Confessions from 9-9:20am before all weekday Masses.

Please note that the Latin Masses on Saturday and Sunday are on hold until further notice. Also, the Christmas schedule posted in this bulletin and on the website may change. Revisions will be posted as soon as possible.

<u>Offertory November 28th & 29th, 2020</u>	
Envelopes	\$1,990.00
Loose Collection	\$ 30.00
Total Offertory	\$2,020.00

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Christmas Mass Schedule 2020/2021



Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

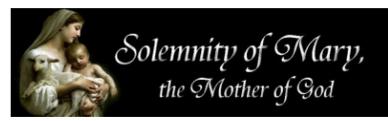
Thursday, Dec 24th	5:00pm Christmas Eve Mass 8:00pm Christmas Eve Mass
Friday, Dec 25th	Midnight Mass (Traditional Latin Mass) 9:30 & 11am Christmas Day Masses

Saturday, Dec 26th
 9-10am Confessions **cancelled**
 10am Latin Mass **cancelled**



Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Saturday, Dec 26th	4-4:45pm Holy Hour & Confessions 5:00pm Mass
Sunday, Dec. 27th	8:00am Traditional Latin Mass 9:30am Mass 11:00am Mass
Monday Dec. 28th	9:30am Weekday Mass 7-8pm Holy Hour and Confessions
Tuesday Dec. 29th	9:30am Weekday Mass
Wednesday Dec 30th	9:30am Weekday Mass
Thursday Dec 31st	9:30am Weekday Mass



Solemnity of Mary the Most Holy Mother of God

Thursday, Dec 31st	5:00pm Mass
Friday, Jan 1st, 2021	8:00am Traditional Latin Mass 9:30 & 11am Masses

Please note that five Masses are being offered on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day to accommodate as many people as possible, and to provide more options for people to spread out their attendance so that the church congregation always remains within the 30% capacity limit at each Mass. Should we attain 30% capacity at any Mass we will have to lock the doors. Bishop Bergie provides helpful advice on this matter: "If people are unable to attend Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day due to lack of space or concern regarding crowds, they should be reminded that the Church in her wisdom has established the Octave of Christmas. Individuals can celebrate Christmas and attend Mass on any of the eight days." The Octave runs from Christmas Day (which includes Christmas Eve) to Jan. 1.

Christmas Flower Memorial Envelopes are in your offertory boxes dated **Dec. 6th**. 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. If you do not have envelopes but would like to contribute, you may use a plain envelope and include your name, address and phone number.

Parish Calendar

December.....	
Dec 8th....	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. 8am Latin Mass & 9:30am Mass
Dec 12th...	Latin Mass begins at 6:30am
Dec 19th....	Confessions 9-10am cancelled

Offertory envelopes for 2021 will be available next weekend. Volunteers will hand them out as you enter the church. If you want to make alternate arrangements, let the office know. E-transfer will continue to be available to make your donation. Check your envelopes for Special Collection dates. Every year there are updates made to the offertory numbering system. **FOR THE YEAR 2021, 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 2021. Thank you!

PLEASE NOTE: All Church contributions/donations for 2020 (envelopes and e-transfers) must be received on or before **Dec. 31st, 2020** to be applied to your 2020 tax receipt. It is best to make a donation by envelope for 2020 on the weekend of Dec 26/27 if you are attending Mass. If you mail in donations, please be sure to give some extra time as there may be delays with the post office. The parish office will be closed from Dec 24-Jan 1st.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS- Jubilation to Share

Sometimes you have something to share with people that causes you to well up inside with excitement to the point of going crazy. A pregnancy test, a pay raise, a college acceptance, a wedding or engagement are all examples of moments in life when we might be bursting at the seams to tell somebody the good news. When we finally get the chance to tell somebody, joy just seems to flow through us with ease. We literally want the entire world to share in our jubilation. When was the last time you shared with a friend or loved one how much your faith in Jesus means to you? You don't feel the same motivation to share? Are you not overwhelmed with a desire to spread the Good News? Don't feel bad. You are not alone. As Christians, we often fail to grasp the powerful implications of being a disciple of Jesus Christ. We can become complacent and lose sight of what matters the most. That is when sharing with others about our faith seems uncomfortable. Faith is a gift. As everyday stewards we are called to share with others what God has given us. Advent is a great time to grow in our faith and love of the Lord. The more we cultivate our faith and the closer we draw to Him, the more we will want to share about Him. We might not have the impact of John the Baptist in the course of human history, but our proclamation of the Gospel to another might be the gift that changes their history.

Please remember in your prayers the soul of **✠ Hannah Reece** who passed way on November 29th. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

Dec 12th is the National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples. The Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council, founded by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) in 1998 proposes that the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Dec 12) 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.

