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Sunday, December 1st, 2024



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." - Lk 21:27-28

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Sat. Nov 30	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions First Sunday of Advent
	5:00pm	✠ Beatrice Kirk (Harrison Family)
Sun. Dec 1	9:30am	First Sunday of Advent Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	Birthday Blessings (Danuta Mazur)
Mon. Dec 2		No Mass
Tues. Dec 3	8:30am	✠ Richard Huneault (Mark & Dayna Young)
	7-8pm	HOLY HOUR & Confessions
Wed. Dec 4	9:30am	✠ Armand & Betty Mei (Patti & Cyril Simek)
		✠ Antonio Addario (Vince Addario) For Corey, Brandon & Carolle Gilbert & Deceased Family, Pope Francis & Lay people (Carolle Gilbert)
Thurs. Dec 5	9:30am	✠ Juliet Rochat & Living & Deceased members of family (Mastracci Family)
Fri. Dec 6	9:30am	✠ Donata Bruno (Vern & Josie Dell)
		✠ Wiltraud & Alfred Neumann (Nohara Family) Birthday Blessings Fiedorek & Carnegie Families (Stan Fiedorek)
	6:00pm 7:00pm	Holy Hour & Confessions Mass
Sat. Dec 7	4-4:45pm	Second Sunday of Advent Holy Hour & Confessions Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions St. Ann School Family Advent Mass
	5:00pm	✠ Gino Riganelli (Melissa Middleton)
Sun. Dec 8	9:30am	Second Sunday of Advent Blessings & Health for Stanislaw Fiedorek (Carnegie Family)
	11:00am	✠ Missa Pro Populo

First Sunday of Advent

When I was a young priest, about one year after ordination, I was called to the hospital to anoint a dying mother of three young children. She had a painful, terminal cancer. After celebrating Last Rites with her, I said, "Don't be afraid." She looked me square in the eye from her hospital bed and said, "Oh Father, I am in a lot of pain, but I am not afraid. Something wonderful is about to happen." A few days later she died.

Christians face the ending of our personal various "worlds" in a totally unique way. This first Sunday of Advent, Jesus says that when people see their world falling apart, they find themselves "fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world" (Luke 21:26). In our fear, our natural response is to check out, to hide our heads in drunkenness, distraction, and false securities. But Jesus commands us to "look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." He then compares what's coming to a lovely summer in full bloom. That's what the cross and resurrection empower us to do, as strange as it may seem.


Advent challenge: What world in your life is collapsing? A relationship, a dream, a work opportunity? Maybe you're troubled by a crumbling world in the political or economic sphere. Or maybe someone you love is seriously ill or dying. Name that world or worlds. Then pray: "Lord, help me to not faint with fear. Help me to raise my head and see your redemption coming."

Prayer for the first week of Advent: Prayer of Expectation

Dear God, As we prepare for Your arrival, align our hearts and homes to Your will. Pour into us Your grace, as we wait in joyful expectation. Amen

Fr. Jacek will hear confessions one half hour before all weekend Masses during Advent in addition to the regularly scheduled times. The new confessional, located at the back of the church is completed. The confessional was built according to the specifications mandated by the diocese.

Catholic Women's League



CWL membership drive begins in November. If you use offertory envelopes, the membership envelope is dated Nov. 3rd. **THE ANNUAL FEE is \$40. PLEASE DO NOT USE E TRANSFER TO PAY THE MEMBERSHIP. If you do not have offertory envelopes, please use a plain one with your name, address, phone and email. NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!**

Warmvember: Thank you for your generous donations for the warm clothing collection! They will be forwarded to the Welland Chapter of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Christmas Bazaar

Thanks to the generosity of our St. Ann's Parish community, the 2024 CWL Bazaar was able to raise a total of \$3183, 62. We would like to thank all who volunteered their time, donated beautiful items, baked amazing treats, and of course, all who came out to support us on the day of the bazaar. It truly was a community effort!

St. Vincent de Paul Advent Food/Gift card Collection: The St. Ann St. Vincent de Paul Society will have a food drive and gift card collection during Advent for Pelham Cares.

Food: non perishable items to be put in the baskets at the church entrance. **Gift Cards:** Will also be accepted from Seaway Mall and Pen Centre. Please put gift cards in the offertory collection or bring to the church office. Thank you kindly for your generosity!!

Offertory envelopes for 2025 are now available in the parish hall. E-transfer will continue to be available to make your donation. **FOR THE YEAR 2025, USE ONLY THE ENVELOPES ASSIGNED TO YOU FOR THAT YEAR.** Thank you!

Sunday, December 8th, 2024



2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." - Lk 3:5-6

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Mon. Dec 9	8:30am	The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary Adoration & Confessions Birthday Intentions for Fr. Janusz Roginski (Nohara Family)
	9:30am	
Tues. Dec 10	9:30am	✠ Helen Albanese (Vince Addario)
	7-8pm	HOLY HOUR & Confessions
Wed. Dec 11	9:30am	✠ James & Elsie Smith (Catherine Sutton) Vince Addario (Lena Addario) For Corey, Brandon & Carolle Gilbert & Living & Deceased Family Members & Pope Francis & Lay people (Carolle Gilbert)
Thurs. Dec 12	9:30am	Blessings & Health for Gertrude Miszk (Randy, Jane & Maryla Carnegie)
Fri. Dec 13	9:30am	✠ Frank & Giuseppina Corvatta (Katherine Lostracco) ✠ Bill Pedersen (Bernadette's Ontario Friends) Special Intention Lena Addario (Vince Addario)
Sat. Dec 14	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions Third Sunday of Advent
	5:00pm	✠ Nicola Colangelo (Rosa Colangelo)
Sun. Dec 15	9:30am	Third Sunday of Advent ✠ William Brueske (Mark & Dayna Young)
	11:00am	Missa Pro Populo

Confessions from 9-9:25am before all weekday Masses
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 9th at 9:30am. Adoration one hour before.**

Second Sunday of Advent

In the year 1995, in the seventeenth year of my life, when Fife Symington was governor of Arizona, Bill Clinton was president of the United States, Chuck Keiffer was pastor of St. Theresa parish in Phoenix, Arizona, and Ron and Mary were my parents, the word of God came to my youth minister Eric and through him I started to see the salvation of God. Soon, Christ came into my life never to leave. I'm thankful beyond words. Why am I being so specific, you ask? Because in the Gospel this week we hear the specific names of people holding civic and religious authority in first century Palestine when "the word of God came to John the Baptist:" Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate, Herod, Philip, Lysanias, Annas, Caiaphas, and Zechariah. All this is meant to help us see that God breaks into our *history*, into real human events. Jesus is no mere myth. He is the Word-which-breaks-in, in concrete moments, you might say. And now we anticipate his coming once again in our specific situations. **Advent challenge:** Name as many civic and religious leaders who are in authority currently in your life. Now, name who the potential John the Baptists may be. A spouse? A friend? A podcaster? A work colleague who brings God's word to you? Spend a moment considering that this comprises the concrete, historical setting into which Christ wishes to come. Then, with these specifics in mind, pray: "Come, Lord Jesus. Come."

Prayer for the second week of Advent- Prayer of Preparation

With abiding hope as we look forward to Jesus' arrival — Make straight the paths, Lord! Fill us with holy excitement, in Your name. Amen.

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.

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 dated December 8th, or use a plain envelope with your contact information included. E-transfer can also be used.

Youth Ministry: Last session before the Christmas Break will be Wednesday, December 18th 6:30-8:30pm. YM will resume on Wednesday, January 15th, 2025.

We welcome in Baptism the following: Nicholas, Gianluca & Gabriel Iacobucci, children of Tony Iacobucci & Hailey Faris. May the gifts which Baptism bestow, grow unhindered in us all.

Our Lady of Guadalupe- December 12th

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. Today's Mass includes two Gospel options. Both are familiar passages from the Gospel of Luke - the Annunciation and the Visitation. Both are equally relevant to today's feast because Mary's yes to Christ isn't only to care for him but to come to us. 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.

Offertory November 17th, 2024- \$1,840.00
Offertory November 24th, 2024- \$2,168.05
Deo Gratias Total- \$470.00
Maintenance November- \$945.00

