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## Sunday, December 14th, 2025



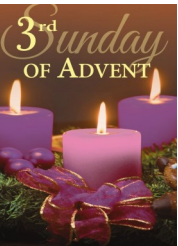
Sat. Dec 13	4-4:45pm	<b>Third Sunday of Advent Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions</b>
	5:00pm	✠ Nicola Colangelo (Rosa Colangelo) <b>Third Sunday of Advent</b> Gomez Family (Donna & Jean Larocque) Missa Pro Populo
Sun. Dec 14	9:30am	<b>No Mass</b> For Keri Harrison (Adelaine Nohara)
	11:00am	<b>HOLY HOUR &amp; Confessions</b>
Mon. Dec 15	9:30am	✠ Angelina Addario (Vince Addario)
Tues. Dec 16	7-8pm	✠ Tony Reilby (Catherine & Alan Sutton) Catherine Wenglowski (Edna O'Rourke) Special Intention Gabriel Secor (Melissa Middleton)
Wed. Dec 17	9:30am	✠ Dorothy Racz (Racz Family)
		✠ Jake Voogt (Ginny & Reg Green) Gomez Family (Donna & Jean Larocque) Lena Addario (Vince Addario)
Thurs. Dec 18	9:30am	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions</b>
Fri. Dec 19	9:30am	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> ✠ Gerry Kennedy (Nohara Family)
Sat. Dec 20	4-4:45pm	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> ✠ Lorraine Juhasz (Rosa Colangelo) Missa Pro Populo
Sun. Dec 21	9:30am	<b>Confessions from 9-9:25am before all weekday Masses.</b> <b>Offertory November 29 &amp; 30, 2025- \$3,557.60</b> <b>Offertory December 6 &amp; 7, 2025- \$3,164.75</b> <b>Maintenance-\$530.00</b> <b>Offertory envelopes for 2026 are in the parish hall.</b>

## Third Sunday of Advent Matthew 11:2-11

When I was 11, I was riding my bike on a Friday night in Scottsdale, Arizona. I saw giant spotlights swirling in the sky. Something amazing had to be happening. I pedaled after them with excitement. Sweaty and tired, I arrived, only to find a used car lot. Bright lights, flapping banners, inflatable balloon men swaying wildly in the wind. I stood there, heart sinking. All that spectacle, and all my effort ... for this?

As life proceeds, we learn what it is like to pursue promising but fruitless searches. This week we hear Jesus ask the crowds regarding John the Baptist: **“What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind?” (Matthew 11:7).** He's not just describing the crowd's mis-aimed pursuit. He's naming our tendency to chase after what's flashy but flimsy. What are our swaying reeds? For me, it is endless video reels on my phone, worldly pleasures, entertainment in sports, and the good opinion of others. Inflated distractions that bend whichever way the wind blows. But they can't satisfy my soul. What are your flimsy reeds?

John the Baptist wasn't a swaying reed. He was rooted, grounded, unafraid to speak the solid truth. The people went to see him because, deep down, they were starving for something real. This Advent, the Church asks us to reassess: What are we really looking for? Are we chasing the dazzling but hollow? Or are we seeking what is solid and lasting — that which points to Christ?

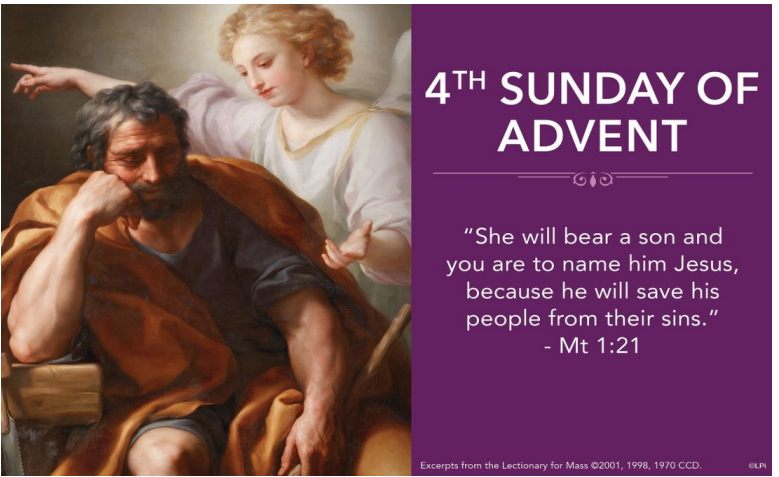


**Mass Changes for St. Ann Parish:** On May 23, 2025, His Excellency Bishop Gerard Bergie issued a memo to all Clergy, Religious and faithful of the Diocese regarding new pastoral assignments. The memo stated that **“Father Jacek Kryń, SAC is assigned to St. Elizabeth Parish, Wainfleet, in addition to St. Ann Parish, Fenwick” (effective January 1, 2026).** Due to Fr. Jacek's new ministerial responsibilities at St. Elizabeth Parish, the following changes will take effect on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 for St. Ann Parish, Fenwick.

**WEEKDAY MASSES:**  
**Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday Reconciliation 9-9:20am**  
**Mass 9:30am**  
**On Tuesday and Thursday we will allow for up to 4 Mass Intentions**  
**Holy Hour**  
**Tuesdays from 7-8pm**  
**First Friday (Adoration 6-7pm & Mass 7pm) & First Saturday (Adoration 8:30-9:30am, Mass 9:30am)**  
**WEEKEND MASSES:**  
**Saturday**  
**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions 4-4:45pm**  
**Mass 5pm**  
**Sunday**  
**Mass 10am.**  
**St. Elizabeth Parish:**  
**Weekday Mass: Friday 9am**  
**Weekend Mass: Sunday 11:30am**

**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.

## Sunday, December 21st, 2025



Mon. Dec 22	9:30am	<b>No Mass</b>
Tues. Dec 23	9:30am	✠ Margaret Marshall (Mike & Anne Young) <b>HOLY HOUR &amp; Confessions</b>
	7-8pm	<b>Christmas Eve Mass</b>
Wed. Dec 24	5:00pm	✠ Anthony Gualtieri (Fiedorek & Carnegie Families) <b>Christmas Day Masses</b> Missa Pro Populo
		<b>Midnight Mass</b> Thurs. Dec 25 <b>10:00am</b> ✠ Blessings & Health Carnegie/Fiedorek Families (Stanislaw Fiedorek)
Fri. Dec 26	9:30am	✠ Ralph Biancaniello & Gerrard Gosselin (Vince Addario)
		✠ Matthew Owen (Cathering & Alan Sutton) <b>Feast of The Holy Family</b>
Sat. Dec 27	4-4:45pm	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions</b>
	5:00pm	✠ Wally & Sophie Paterak (Chris Meyo & Family) <b>Feast of the Holy Family</b>
Sun. Dec 28	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ John Blaszyński (Jay Yurchich)

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

**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!

**Parish Food Drive – Help Us Make a Difference!**  
Our parish is collecting non-perishable food items to support local families in need through pelham Cares. Your generosity can bring comfort and hope to someone in our community this Christmas season. Please consider donating canned goods, pasta, rice, peanut butter, or other shelf-stable items. There is a list of most needed items in the bulletin. Drop off your contributions at the church entrance anytime until December 22nd. Thank you for sharing kindness and nourishing our neighbours!

**Office closure:** The parish office will be closed from Dec 24th and will reopen on Friday, January 2nd, 2026. During the closure, emails and phone messages will be monitored regularly.

## Fourth Sunday of Advent Matthew 1:18-24

A priest friend recently told me a remarkable story. One of his cousins reported having a vivid dream in which an angel told him the family needed to exhume their grandmother's body from a cemetery in New York and return it to her birthplace in Romania. She had been dead nearly 10 years. As you might expect, the family thought it was, well, crazy. But astonishingly they exhumed her body. It was incorrupt, showing no signs of decomposition. That experience sparked healing, faith, and reconciliation throughout the family.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Joseph also receives a dream. He's confused, afraid. But in the quiet of sleep, God speaks: **“Do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home” (Matthew 1:20).** When he wakes, Joseph acts. He doesn't overanalyze or dismiss the message. He trusts, and acts.

God still speaks — not necessarily through literal dreams but through those deeper intuitions of the heart. St. Ignatius of Loyola taught that God's voice draws us into peace, courage, and love. But we have to listen to it. Advent is a time for stillness. As we prepare for Christ's coming, we're invited to enter that quiet space where God's voice can be heard. When and how do you become most receptive to God? Is it in silence? In prayer? In nature? At Mass? This week, go there. Be still. Listen. And like Joseph, have the courage to act on what God shows you.



**The Nativity of the Lord**  
Our hearts are aglow with the joy of Christmas! Our senses are alive with the season, from the rich smells of evergreen and gingerbread to the feel of crisp air on our skin and the warmth of a loved one's embrace. At some point in the holiday hustle and bustle, take a few moments of quiet. In the silence, reflect on the other senses of the season. Imagine the cool damp of an animal stable, the earthy smell of hay and feed, and the crisp night air blowing in softly. Imagine kneeling beside an exhausted, joyful mother and a relieved, protective father. Imagine an infant wrapped in cloth scraps held out to your open arms. Imagine holding the infant Jesus. As his eyes meet yours, welcome into your heart the greatest gift of Christmas.

**Christmas Blessing:** On this blessed Christmas day, may the joy and goodness of the sweet baby Jesus fill our home and our hearts. Jesus, bless every member of our family, near and far. May peace prevail, goodness reign, and love triumph. Amen.

**Catholic Women's League**  
Thanks to the generosity of our St. Ann's Parish community, the 2025 CWL Bazaar was able to raise a total of \$2,472.15. We would like to thank all who volunteered their time, donated beautiful items, baked amazing treats, made porch pots and of course, all who came out to support us on the day of the bazaar. It truly was a community effort!

**Please keep in your prayers the soul of ✠Agnes Wellenreiter & ✠Charlene Shannon** and their families. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.



