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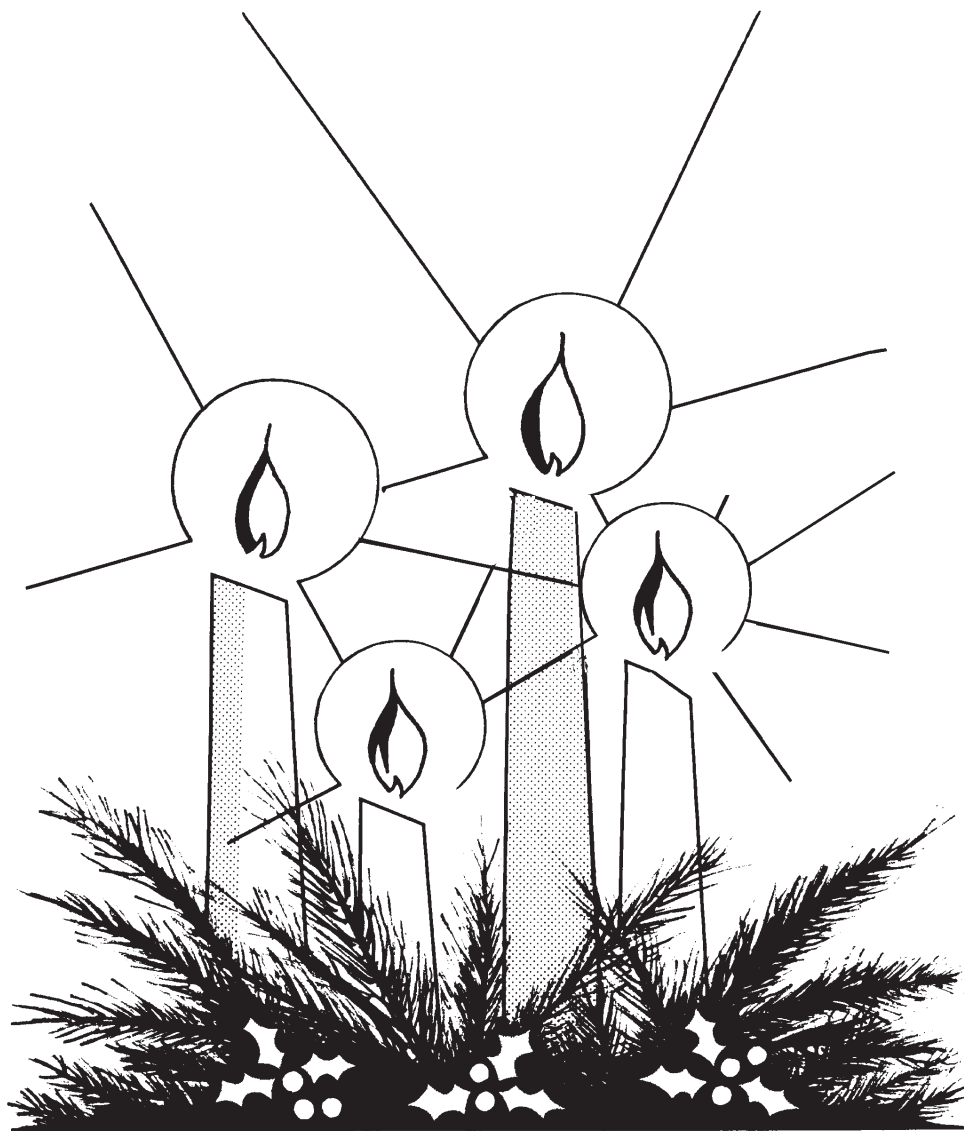
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Advent

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Saturday, December 18

5:00 Vincent & Ruby Crowley *req. by the Family*
Victor Lea *req. by Jeanne & Family*

Sunday, December 19 Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 Bruno Pietrobon *req. by Gloria Pietrobon*
Ody Argenta *req. by the Family*

9:30 Rosina Paonessa *req. by Tony & Rosa DeAngelis*
Jozef & Feliksa Brzozowski *req. by Komor & Janusz Families*

11:30 People of the Parish
Immacolata Luciano *req. by Alessandro Luciano & Family*
Rick Heximer *req. by the Family*

7:00 NO MASS

Monday, December 20

8:00 For the Healing of Gaetan Buteau *req. by his Family*
Antonetta Picca *req. by Mirella Spadafore*

Tuesday, December 21 St Peter Canisius

8:00 Dec'd mem of the Cometto Family *req. by Anna & Family*
Luigi Coletti *req. by Rosemary Panetta*

Wednesday, December 22

8:00 Dec'd mem of the Gautier & Hunt Fam *req. by John & Anna*
Dec'd mem of the Bortolin Family *req. by Anna & Family*

Thursday, December 23 St John of Kanty

8:00 Lucrezia Rizzo *req. by Mary, Patti, John, Steve & Families*
Philomena Shepherd *req. by Debbie Jane Shepherd*

Friday, December 24 Christmas Eve The Nativity of the Lord

8:00 Pietro Guerin *req. by Maria & Family*
Nancy & Nick Di Paolo *req. by John Di Paul*

4:00pm People of the Parish

6:00pm People of the Parish

8:00pm People of the Parish

12:00am People of the Parish

Saturday, December 25 Christmas Day The Nativity of the Lord

8:00 People of the Parish
9:30 People of the Parish
11:30 People of the Parish **(No 7pm Mass)**

Sunday, Dec. 26 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:00 Cecil Shannon *req. by Charlene Shannon*
Leo Martin *req. by Sandi Martin*
9:30 James & Flora Antonio *req. by the Antonio Family*
Frank Ruberto *req. by Teresa Ruberto*
11:30 People of the Parish
Peter Moi *req. by the Nguyen Family*

Fillipo, Fiorentina & Thomas Stranges *req. by the Maruca Family*

7:00 NO MASS



Congratulations and best wishes to
Eleanor Fortier & Nikolina Antonio
who were recently baptized

2022 Church Envelopes

Please make sure you pick up your Offertory Envelopes as soon as possible. Call the Office (905-354-7451) to arrange for pick up during the week. They are in the sacristy, to the left of the altar, if you are here at Mass on the weekends. Many thanks.

Attention CWL new and existing members, your Membership Dues of \$25 for 2022 are now due. Please submit to the Church Office or drop in the Offertory as soon as possible. Thank you



Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Mel Watson, Nancy Mathewson & Idamay Banick. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Andrea Fisher, Leon French, Guy Snyder, Charlene Shannon, Teresa Calzonetti Spiller

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Erika Bell, Sherry Wales, Tony Laslo, Patrick Macri, Sandra DeFoe, Nancy Waters, Christine Priddy, Natalie Speth, Missy Bilotta, Mary Lou Gallardi, Marcellina Mativo, Lena Loro, Rita Ross, Francis Patterson, Fern Albert, Estelle Critelli, Dr. Andy Fisher, Ron O'Neill, Andrea Fisher, Kelsey Liles, Angelina Greco, Rosanna Ricci, Betty Crete, Leroy Collee, Eric Van Noort, Joe Young, Judy, Gaetan Buteau, Ralph Davey, Rose MacDonald, Kathryn Kneller, Maureen Tustin, Mahmat, Maureen Kealey, Lori Ann Pizzolato, Andy Scotnicki, Pat DiLorenzo Jr., Dennis Bowers, Bianca MacDonnell, Karen Bradley, Ron Winslow, Corinne Journeau, Carmine Astorino, Arlene Collee, Betty & Joe Power, Mary Ann Quigley, Teresa Hebb, Carole Ann Ogilvie, Mary Frances Pye, Nancy Weiss, Julian Cassidy, Marney Broderick, Sister Prem, Kerrie Szuch, John Nicks, Gregory Roulston, Cameron Boyes, Pasquale Abrunzo, John Calder, Victor Sincich, Nancy Praakel, Bernadette Moore, Norma Zanuz, Patricia Williams, Mark Pepple, Nancy Huber, Danielle Barranca, Kelly Laslo, Toni Brideau, Jeanne Lea, John Cox, Nikki Mansfield, Edward Brzozowski Jr., Nicolina Compare, Nancy Jean Rose, Anna Vergalito, Charlene Shannon, Carmella Modenti, Anna Hunt, Elizabeth Stachura, Denise Colalillo, Brian Smith, Donna Bradley, Margaret Smith, Rebecca Evans, Samuel Potapczyk, Michelle Price, Mary Lawrence, William JA De Foe, Bernard Martin, Joyce Weaver, Margaret Waghorn, Drago Bicanic, Jeanne S, Gloria Smelko, Fran Smelko, John Smelko, Evelyn Rose Baker, Lorraine Spence, Vito Fuccillo, Tom Hilton, Robert & JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Jeannette Fabian, Francesco Albanese, Maria Melchiorre, Jozefa Bilski, Todd Reid, Mary Brennan, Conner Hawkswell, Faith Amadio, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Maria Guerin, Patricia O'Reilly, Audrey Vendramin, Patrick Kealey, Cheryl Granton, Walter Wallace, Florrie Heimbigner, Francois Chayer, Baby Victoria, Vital & Anna Chayer, Emmanuel & Aline Chayer, Jadwiga Wozniak, Julie Nicholson, Stefanie Borin, Patrick McCarthy, D.D., Alessia Commisso, Mary Jo O'Kell, Pepper Martin Jr., Trina Washington, Jackie, Cheryl D'Amizio, Bob Marshall
Please help us update our list of those who are homebound, infirm, or hospitalized by calling the parish office.

Collections

December 12: \$3,995.19

Carmelite Missions: \$9,820.00

Many thanks for your generosity!

Children Sacramental Dates 2022

Confirmation: Saturday, April 30, 2022

First Communion: For 2021 & 2022 TBA

(If you are a parishioner at St. Patrick Church, and have a child who does not attend St. Patrick or St. Mary Schools, and would like to celebrate their sacraments here, please contact the parish office for the registration forms.)

Little Flower Society Cards

Did you know that St. Patrick Parish Office has Mass Cards in stock from the Carmelite's Little Flower Society? We have Healing Mass Cards, Living Intentions, Five-Year Memorial Cards, and also Perpetual Memorial Cards. By using those cards, you not only comfort a family member or friend, but you also support the mission of the Carmelites, our Carmelite Vocation Efforts, and our Carmelite Formation Programs in several countries.

The Soup Kitchen, Niagara Falls Community Outreach...

*Needs your help: Cash donations are appreciated as they receive no government funding. nifcommunityoutreach.org 905-354-1640
All donations can be dropped off at 4865 St. Lawrence Avenue*

Catholic Marriage Tribunal... If you are considering remarriage in the Catholic Church or hoping to enter a marriage with someone previously married, please speak to a priest, or contact the St. Catharines Catholic Marriage Tribunal at 905-687-8817 or tribunal@saintcd.com.

Please refer to the Bulletin Boards at the back and side entrances of the Church for many important notices and events.

*The Church Office will be closed on December 24th
& reopen on December 29th at 8:30am*



Dear Friends:



It's hard to believe we are beginning the 4th week of Advent. Before we rush into Christmas, I invite us to use this week to reflect on and pay homage to the **Blessed Virgin Mary**. Her faith and trust made the birth of the Messiah possible. And maybe spend some time reflecting on St. Joseph and his faith and trust.

This Sunday we have the Gospel scene of Mary visiting her cousin Elizabeth, who was pregnant with John the Baptist! And when impregnated Mary came near, John kicked in Elizabeth's womb! What a wonderful image of welcoming the Saviour! And John would be the one to call the people to **repent, to prepare the way of the Lord, and to make His paths straight**, as we heard all during Advent!

My prayer is that we will allow Mary and Joseph to be a model for us. If we have trouble trusting God with our lives, stop and reflect on this young Jewish couple. And we learn that with God everything is possible. Trust. Trust. Trust.

And just as John the Baptist leaped for joy in Elizabeth's womb, may we each find some reason to be joyful, even if we find this time of year to be difficult. May Mary and Joseph intercede for us, and help prepare our hearts and souls for Christmas Day! Have a blessed 4th week of Advent!

Fr. Gerard



Helping Local Children at Christmas

Many thanks to all of you for signing out gift tags for our Christmas campaign for local needy children and families. The response has been absolutely amazing. The gifts were delivered to the schools this past week and picked up by the parents. Your generosity and huge sacrifices make this such a joyful campaign. Every child on our list will have gifts, and every family on our list will have food. PRAISE GOD, and THANK YOU!

IMPORTANT NOTICE

All Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses are **PRE-REGISTRATION ONLY!!!!** Every person **must** have a pass to attend. Please call the parish office to pre-register during the following hours only: **9:00 AM to 2:00 PM Monday to Friday**. You can pick up your passes at the parish office, or in the ushers room at Mass. These will be numbered and colour-coded for each Mass. Six-Foot Distancing must be strictly followed at each Mass, and wearing a Mask is mandatory, unless for medical reasons. Pre-register early. By telephone only!!! Priority will be given to parishioners.

Thoughts for Christmas

Those who have not Christmas in their heart will never find it under a tree. The best of all gifts around any Christmas tree: the presence of a happy family all wrapped up in each other.

Check out our website: <http://www.stpatricknf.ca>
and watch Mass on our Facebook page

St. Patrick Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Schedule All Masses are pre-registration only

Christmas Eve- Friday, December 24th

4:00 PM
4:00 PM- Mass in Gymnasium
6:00 PM
8:00 PM
12:00 AM- Midnight Mass

Christmas Day- Saturday, December 25th

8:00 AM
9:30 AM
11:30 AM

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Mass Schedule Sunday, December 26, 2021
8:00 AM
9:30 AM
11:30 AM



New Years Mass Schedule Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

New Year's Eve, December 31, 2021
5:00 PM

...
New Year's Day, January 1, 2022
11:30 AM

Prayer For Those who Grieve at Christmas

Comforting God, while the world is bright and sparkling, my heart feels laden and has an emptiness that cannot be filled. How can I enter into this season of joy? Instead of entering into the **Rejoice** of Christmas, I long for the sorrow of Lent. I beg you Lord, show me how the two are connected. I ponder the name *Emmanuel* and know that it means "God with us." With us. With me in this world, in this sorrow. If I look beyond my pain, I know that you too, suffered so much in this world. I never understood so clearly before that *Emmanuel* is what your nativity is really about. You are in my world, in my pain. Thank you, Lord, for the loved one you blessed my life with. Grant me now in my grief, a peace. Give me a comfort that might not make the tears go away, but that lets me feel your presence as you take up a place deep in my heart, *with* me. Amen.



SYNOD 2021-2023, Journeying Together

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has invited the Catholic Church to participate in the **Synod on Synodality**, which is all about our journeying together. Through listening and discernment rooted in the Holy Spirit, the entire people of God are called to contribute to a process by which the Church deepens in understanding of Her mission and looks toward the future. A Synod, which is the process by which the Church will begin this important work, is not just a convening of Bishops advising the Pope. It is a journey of discernment in which the entire people of God are called to pray and reflect upon the Holy Spirit's will for the Church. Through our listening and our sharing, we will seek to understand what the Holy Spirit's will is for the Church. More information will be forthcoming.



Please continue to bring food items to Mass for Project Share! Every item helps!
"Lord, when did we see you hungry?"

Congratulations and Best Wishes to
Alison & Selma Ferri
on their 40th Wedding Anniversary

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