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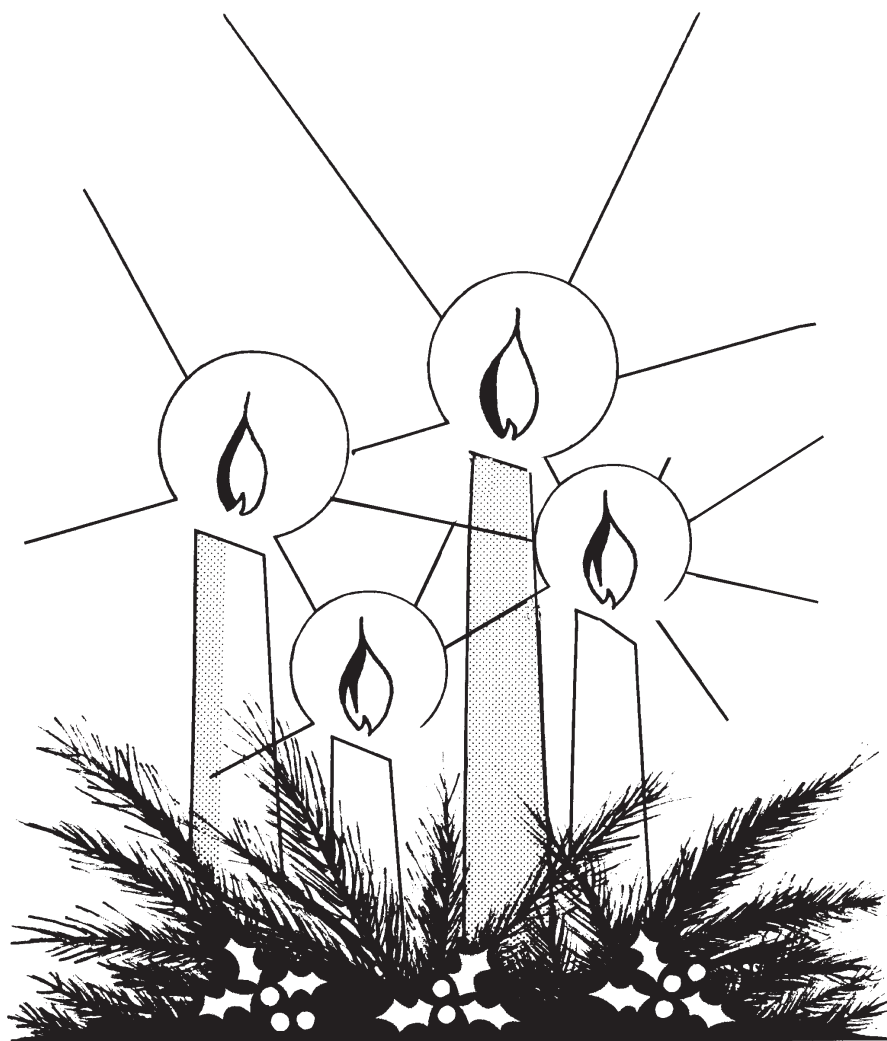
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# Advent

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT & FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



### Saturday, December 19

5:00 Adua Pizzolato & Jean Pizzolato req. by Angela & Dave Dumele  
Vincent & Ruby Crowley req. by the Family

### Sunday, December 20 Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 Bruno Pietrobon req. by the Family  
Emily Hanover req. by her Family  
9:30 Frank Ruberto req. by Teresa Ruberto  
Felixsa & Jozef Brzozowski req. by the Komor & Janusz Families  
11:30 Ody Argenta req. by his Family  
Immacolata Luciano req. by Alessandro Lucia & Family  
7:00 People of the Parish

### Monday, December 21 St Peter Canisius

8:00 Albina Tonet req. by Alba & Ann Marie  
Anna Bay & DaMinh Hau req. by the Duy Family

### Tuesday, December 22

8:00 Concetta & Agostino Panetta req. by Jim & Rosemary Panetta  
Dec'd mem of the Gautier & Hunt Families req. by John & Anna Hunt

### Wednesday, December 23 St John of Kanty

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

### Thursday, December 24

8:00 Nancy & Nick DiPaolo req. by Jim & Rosemary Panetta  
Pietro Guerin req. by Maria Guerin & Family

### Thursday, December 24, Christmas Eve The Nativity of the Lord

4:00pm People of the Parish  
6:00pm People of the Parish  
8:00pm People of the Parish  
12:00am People of the Parish

### Friday, 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)

### Saturday, December 26 St Stephen

5:00 Victor Lea req. by Jeanne & Family  
Roger & Anita Archambault req. by the Family

### Sunday, December 27 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:00 Carmine DeMizio req. by Pasqualina DeMizio & Family  
Cecil Shannon req. by Charlene  
9:30 Madeline Rosati req. by the Grandchildren  
James & Flora Antonio req. by the Antonio Family  
11:30 Dec'd Watson, Gregus, Burbridge & Marshall Families req. by his Family  
Filippo, Thomas & Florentina Stranges req. by Flo Maruca & Family  
7:00 People of the Parish

### Monday, December 28 The Holy Innocents

8:00 Dec'd mem of the Lelievre Family req. by Fern Albert  
Leona Thibodeau req. by Danielle, Vic & Family

### Tuesday, December 29 St Thomas Becket

8:00 Mercedes & Oscar Bonaguro req. by the Family  
John & Margaret Pederi req. by their Dtr: Margaret

### Wednesday, December 30

8:00 Pat O'Brien req. by the Family  
Yolanda Fleming req. by Stu & Mary Lou Gallardi

### Thursday, December 31 St Sylvester I

8:00 Raisa Zuj req. by DeFoe & Zuj Families  
Alexandra Scott req. by the Family

5:00 Bruno Gagno req. by Nancy & Randy

Fr. Ben Hogan, O.Carm. req. by John Roberts

### Friday, January 1 New Years Day, World Day of Peace, The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

11:00am Mark & Wanda Solomon req. by Joseph & Nancy Solomon  
Dec'd mem of the Sacco & Villella Families req. by the Family

### Saturday, January 2 St Basil the Great & St Gregory Nazianzen

5:00 Chiara Marcon req. by Tullio Milani & Family  
Ricardo Hernandez Broncano req. by the Family

### Sunday, January 3 Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 Janina & Jan Czech req. by Danuta Lukach  
Teresa Chimienti req. by Anne & Giancarlo Condotta  
9:30 Sam DiCarlo req. by the Girardo Family  
Francesco Colangelo req. by the Colangelo Family  
11:30 Wilf Manuel req. by a Friend  
Claudine req. by Jane, Gabriella & William  
7:00 People of the Parish

### Collections

December 13: \$8,479.26  
Carmelite Missions: \$8,820.00  
Christmas Flowers: \$1,490.00  
Many thanks for your generosity!

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Cyndee Matvichuk, Sylvia Bosch and Ronnie Dobbin. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

### Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

David Kealey, Sean Keefe, O.Carm.

### Please pray for those who are ill

Baby M, Mary Power, Erika Bell, Sherry Wales, Missy Bilotta, Rita Ross, Kathryn Kneller, Fern Albert, Andrea Fisher, Ron O'Neill, Francis Patterson, Leroy Collee, Eric Van Noort, Gaeton Buteau, Rose MacDonald, Ralph Davey, Maureen Tustin, Maureen Kealey, Betty Crete, Mahmat, Sean Sandel, Armando Rossi, Gerry Laffrady, Lori Ann Pizzolato, Dr. Andy Fisher, Bianca MacDonnell, Gus Bagarozza, Judy, Andy Scotnicki, Rosanna Ricci, Karen Bradley, Ron Winslow, Carmine Astorino, Corinne Journeau, Arlene Collee, Betty & Joe Power, Mary Ann Quigley, Maria Nobile, Pat DiLorenzo Jr., Teresa Hebb, Carole Ann Ogilvie, Jarod Hickey, Julian Cassidy, Mary Frances Pye, Carol DeVilliers, Joe Young, Leo Martin, Mamey Broderick, Sister Prem, Kerie Szuch, Gregory Roulston, Cameron Boyes, Pasquale Abrunzo, Alice Dalton, John Nicks, John Calder, Victor Sincich, Nancy Praakel, Bernadette Moore, Norma Zanus, Patricia Williams, Mark Pepple, Nancy Huber, Danielle Barranca, Kelly Laslo, Toni Brideau, Edward Brzozowski Jr., Nikki Mansfield, Lester Snow, John Cox, Nicolina Compare, Alvin Learn, James Moody Sr., Nancy Jean Rose, Charlene Shannon, Eric Corcoran, Carmella Modenti, Anna Hunt, Rose MacDonald, John Kealey, Elizabeth Stachura, Denise Colalillo, Brian Smith, Donna Bradley, Margaret Smith, Anna Vergalito, Helen Lelievre, Nancy Weiss, Jeanne Lea, Rebecca Evans, Samuel Potapczyk, Mary Lawrence, William JA De Foe, Bernard Martin, Joyce Weaver, Michelle Price, Donna Cormier, Margaret Waghorn, Drago Bicanic, Jeanne S, Bob Marshall, Gloria Smelko, Fran Smelko, John Smelko, Evelyn Rose Baker, Lorraine Spence, Vito Fuccillo, Tom Hilton, Robert & JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Marie Massolin, Jeannette Fabian, Francesco Albanese, Maria Melchiorre, Jozefa Bilski, Todd Reid, Mary Brennan, Conner Hawkswell, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Maria Guerin, Patricia O'Reilly, Audrey Vendramin, Faith Amadio, Patrick Kealey, Cheryl Granton, Walter Wallace, Florrie Heimbigner, Francois Chayer, Jadwiga Wozniak, Julie Nicholson, Stefanie Borin, Patrick McCarthy, D.D., Alessia Commisso, Baby Victoria, Mary Jo O'Kell, Trina Washington, Cheryl D'Amizio, Pepper Martin Jr.

Please help us update our list of those who are homebound, infirm, or hospitalized by calling the parish office.



Congratulations and best wishes to  
Euan Miguel Deocos  
who was recently baptized

CWL Ladies...please note that your CWL 2021 Annual Dues of \$25.00 is now due. Please put your envelope in the collection at the end of Mass or bring to the Parish Office. If you have any questions please call Maggie at 905-246-6212



### Christmas Gift Campaign

Many thanks to all of you who signed out gift tags for our Annual Christmas Gift Campaign. God bless you for your kindness! Many children will be happy, and many families will be fed this Christmas because of your generous hearts.

### Children Sacramental Dates 2021

Confirmation: Saturday, April 17, 2021 @ 5:00 PM

First Reconciliation: TBA

First Communion: Sunday, May 2, 2021 @ 9:30 AM and 1:30 PM

(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.)



Many thanks for your generosity to our Carmelite Missions. Please continue to Pray for our Missions! God bless you for your kindness.

### Seniors Attending Mass

Now that the weather is turning colder, we still have to enter through the main doors of the church, and go through the proper screening. The Accessibility Entrance is there for anyone with mobility issues. That also includes our senior parishioners. If any of our seniors have difficulty with the front steps, or walking long distances, especially during the winter... please... please... for your convenience, park in the school parking lot, and feel free to use the Accessibility Entrance. It's more convenient and safer during these cold months. Stay safe.

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

Check out our website: <http://www.stpatricknf.ca>



**Dear Friends:**

This is the 4th Sunday of Advent! Today's parish bulletin material had to be sent to the publisher on December 15th. We are probably on the verge of going into a Red Zone, and hopefully not a full lock down. Everything changes hourly and daily. Our next bulletin will be printed on the First Sunday in January.

The 4th Sunday of Advent always highlights Mary! It was her 'yes', her blind faith, that made the birth of Christ possible. Being a young Jewish girl, she had every reason to be frightened, but the angel assured her, "Do not be afraid." And we know the rest of the story, how it unfolded. "Nothing will be impossible with God!" Mary trusted God. We trust our God, that all shall be well. May we have the strength and faith of Mary!

On this Christmas, we know everything will be different. Well, almost everything! No matter which Zone we're in, during this Covid Pandemic, Orange, Red, Lock Down, we still celebrate our Savior's Birth! Christmas is never canceled. Never. As Christians, on Christmas Day, we need to stop and reflect on God taking on our flesh in the manger in Bethlehem 2000 years ago. God became one of us, to be closer to us. And just as Baby Jesus had his arms open wide in the Manger, he kept those arms open his entire earthly life, to welcome sinners, cure the sick, feed the hungry, comfort the grieving, leading the lost home. And may we never forget what he did for us on Good Friday. His arms were opened wide on that Cross for our Salvation. The **Wood of the Manger is the Wood of the Cross**. May each of us feel the gentle touch of God this Christmas. May he comfort us, fill any voids in our lives, ease our burdens and sorrows, still our fears and pains. God bless you all this Christmas Day and Christmas Season. Merry Christmas to all!

As we celebrate the **Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph** on December 27th, my prayer is that we will find inspiration in the Holy Family to do everything possible to keep unity and peace and joy in our families. The best of all gifts around any Christmas tree, is the presence of a happy family all wrapped up in each other. This year many of us may be physically separated by this virus, but we can certainly remain deeply rooted and connected spiritually and virtually! None of our families will ever be perfect, but there's absolutely no reason why our families can't be a little **holier and sacred, and joy-filled**. May Jesus, Mary and Joseph intercede for us, and draw our families closer together.

As we end the year 2020, none of us will be sad to see it go. We will turn over a new leaf for 2021, and with God's help, this virus will be brought under control, the vaccine will be effective, and we can get on to leading somewhat normal lives again. It may be good for all of us to reflect on how this year has affected us. What have I truly learned? What things will I need to change in my life, in my family life, in my way of life? God bless you all, and may the graces of God and the strength of Mary carry us into 2021. Happy New Year!



**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

All Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses are **PRE-REGISTRATION ONLY!!!!** Each individual **must** have a pew pass to attend. Please call the parish office to pre-register **9:00 AM to 2:00 PM Monday to Friday**. You can pick up your passes at the parish office. These passes are numbered and colour-coded for each Mass. Pews are pre-assigned. Only 110 people are permitted in the pews or in the Gym at each Mass. **If passes are not picked up by December 23rd, they will be re-issued to those on the waiting list.**

**St. Patrick Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Schedule**  
Maximum permitted at each Mass is 110 persons  
All Masses are pre-registration only

**Christmas Eve- Thursday, December 24th**

4:00 PM (Full)  
4:00 PM- Mass in Gymnasium (Filling)  
6:00 PM (Full)  
8:00 PM (Full)  
12:00 AM- Midnight Mass (Full)

**Christmas Day- Friday, December 25th**

8:00 AM  
9:30 AM  
11:30 AM  
NO 7:00 PM MASS

**Mass Schedule during Christmas Season**

(Beginning on December 26th, we are required to keep a written log of all persons attending each Mass. This is for contact tracing. If you're a regular parishioner, just your name will suffice. If you are from out of town, we will need your name and telephone number.)

**Feast of the Holy Family - December 26th-27th**

Saturday- 5:00 PM  
Sunday- 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 AM and 7:00 PM.

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

New Year's Eve- 5:00 PM  
New Year's Day- 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.



Many thanks to our St. Patrick Bingo Committee for their wonderful work this year. Even during this pandemic, we are still able to receive funds from Charitable Gaming.

**The Soup Kitchen, Niagara Falls Community Outreach...**

*Needs your help: Cash donations are appreciated as they receive no government funding. [nfcommunityoutreach.org](http://nfcommunityoutreach.org) 905-354-1640  
All donations can be dropped off at 4865 St. Lawrence Avenue*

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