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*prepare the way...*



**ADVENT**

**MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR, FATHER CHRISTOPHER  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2025**

**Emmanuel: God With Us**

As Advent draws to a close, the Church invites us to reflect on the mystery of God's presence among us. Today's Gospel (Matthew 1:18-24) tells the story of Joseph, a man of faith who listens to God's voice in a dream and accepts his role in the divine plan. Through Joseph's obedience, the prophecy is fulfilled: "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means God is with us."

This final week of Advent is a time to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ — not only in the celebration of Christmas but in the everyday moments of life. Emmanuel reminds us that God is not distant; He is with us in our joys and struggles, in our families and communities.

**Questions for reflection:** Where do I need to trust God more deeply, as Joseph did?  
How can I make room for Christ in my home and heart this week?  
Who in my life needs to experience the reassurance that "God is with us"?

As we light the fourth candle of the Advent wreath, let us pray for the grace to welcome Christ with faith and love.

**Prayer for the Fourth Sunday of Advent**

God of Promise and Hope, As we light the final candle of our Advent wreath, we rejoice that You are Emmanuel — God with us.  
Give us hearts like Joseph, ready to trust and obey, even when Your plans are beyond our understanding.  
Fill our homes with peace and our lives with love, so that when Christmas dawns, we may welcome Christ with joy and faith.  
Come, Lord Jesus, and be with us always. Amen.

Advent Blessings, Fr. Christopher

**MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR, FATHER CHRISTOPHER  
CHRISTMAS DAY - THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2025**

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we gather to celebrate the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, my heart is filled with gratitude for each of you. Christmas is more than a day — it is the mystery of God's love made visible in the Child of Bethlehem. In a world often marked by uncertainty and division, the message of Christmas shines brightly: God is with us — Emmanuel.

This holy season invites us to pause and reflect on the gift of peace that Christ brings. Let us welcome Him into our hearts and homes, allowing His light to dispel darkness and His love to renew our lives. May this Christmas be a time of deep joy, shared with family and friends, and a reminder that we are called to bring hope and compassion to others.

On behalf of our parish family, I wish you and your loved ones a blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with grace and peace. Let us continue to walk together in faith, trusting that the Lord who came to us in humility will guide us with His mercy and love.

Merry Christmas and God bless you!

Rev. Christopher Bourdeau, PP EV  
Rev. Paul Okoth Auma, ICM  
Rev. Jaison Perumaden Antony, OFM Cap



**TODAY'S READINGS**

**FOURTH SUNDAY  
OF ADVENT**

**1st Reading**

Isaiah 7.10-14

**Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 24

**2nd Reading**

Romans 1.1-7

**Gospel** Matthew 1.18-24

**POPE'S PRAYER  
INTENTION - DECEMBER**

**For Christians in  
areas of conflict**

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

**SACRAMENTS**

If you are interested in getting information for any sacrament, please get in touch with **Mary Catherine, Pastoral Minister** at (519)685-2795 ext. 227 or via email at: [mcbishop@dol.ca](mailto:mcbishop@dol.ca)  
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## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2025 @ 10:00 AM**

*Christmas Novena Mass*

- (+) Deceased members of St. Justin Martyr Parish C. F. Leach
- (INT) Living members of St. Justin Martyr Parish C. F. Leach

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2025 @ 6:30 PM**

*Saint John of Kanty, Priest*

- (+) Ted Masters Rev. Christopher Bourdeau
- (+) Fr. Robert Anderson Rev. Christopher Bourdeau
- (+) Mary Jane Conway Rev. Christopher Bourdeau
- (+) Nancy Leonne Bourdeau Rev. Christopher Bourdeau
- (+) Sr. Mary Cornelius Foran Rev. Christopher Bourdeau
- (+) Maria Caruana Carmen and Pauline

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2025 @ 4:30 PM**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2025 @ 7:00 PM**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2025 @ 10:00 PM**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2025 @ 10:00 AM**

*Nativity of the Lord - Christmas Day Mass*

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2025 - NO MASS**

*Feast of St. Stephen*

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

**Monday, December 22**

- 10:00 AM Christmas Novena Mass
- 1:00 PM New Day Support Group (Hall)
- 7:00 PM Advent Mission Night course (Hall)
- 7:30 PM Co-ed Alcoholics Anonymous (Fred Merrill room)

**Tuesday, December 23**

- 7:30 PM Men's Prayer Group (Hall)

**Wednesday, December 24**

- 4:30 AM Christmas Eve Mass
- 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass
- 10:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass

**Thursday, December 25**

- 10:00 AM Nativity of the Lord - Christmas Mass

**Friday, December 26**

NO Mass today

## PRAYER REQUEST FOR DIOCESAN MINISTERS



**Please pray for the following Diocesan Ministers:**

- Sunday, December 21 - Mrs. Christa Mailloux, Coordinator of Children's Ministry
- Monday, December 22 - Deacon Joseph Manzara
- Tuesday, December 23 - Rev. Michael Ryan
- Wednesday, December 24 - Parish Administrative Assistants in the Diocese of London
- Thursday, December 25 - Nativity of the Lord
- Friday, December 26 - Rev. Seejo John
- Saturday, December 27 - Mrs. Julie de Gouw, Pastoral Minister

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday Offertory amount for:  
December 13 - 14, 2025 was \$9,051.30  
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# Thank You

## Journey Through Advent - CCCB

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops presents *Journey Through Advent* with the Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Hamilton.

Join us as we reflect on the Scriptures for the Sundays of Advent 2025. Visit [www.cccb.ca](http://www.cccb.ca) for the reflections on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of Advent.

# Fourth Sunday of Advent

## 2026 SUNDAY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The 2026 Sunday Offertory Envelopes for the new year are available for pick up at the back of the church. If you are unable to find yours or if you would like to receive a box, please contact our bookkeeper, Diana at 519-685-2795 ext. 226 or by email at [dsierra@dol.ca](mailto:dsierra@dol.ca). We also offer other ways to give, including: direct deposit, e-transfer to [stjustins@dol.ca](mailto:stjustins@dol.ca) (please specify the purpose in the message), and Pillenty via the QR Code on our bulletin or website.

## 2025 - 2026 MISSALS

The 2025-2026 Sunday Missals are available at the Welcome Desk in the narthex for \$6.00 each. *Spanish Missals* are also available at the office during business hours (Tues.-Fri. 9am-4pm); \$20 each.



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