

# First Sunday of Advent

December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 ~ Liturgical Year C

## Mass Intentions

December 2<sup>nd</sup> to December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Monday**.....No Mass.....Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Tuesday**.....St. Francis Xavier, Priest.....Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>

**8:00 am** † Antonio Palumba (by Wife & Family)

† Carlo Zappavigna (By Lisa Nigro)

**Wednesday**.....Dec 4<sup>th</sup>

**8:00 am** † Ciecina & Pasqualina Minicucci (by Maria Bussi)

† Deceased members of the Legion of Mary

(by Legion of Mary)

**Thursday**.....Dec 5<sup>th</sup>

**8:00 am** † Carlo Zappavigna (by Lisa Nigro & Grace Cuffaro)

† Jeremiah Dominic (by Family)

**Friday**.....Dec 6<sup>th</sup>

**8:00 am** † Ralph Guarasci (by Donna Scappaticci)

† Eugenia Mieszkian (by Anna DeDivitiis)

**6:00 pm** ♥♥♥ In Honour of The Sacred Heart of Jesus♥♥♥

**Saturday**.....St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor.....Dec 7<sup>th</sup>

**8:00 am** † Mary Teresa Miksza (by the Parish)

† Chiarina Seravalle (by Irene Yurkewich)

**5:00 pm** † Constantino Afonso (by Maria Afonso & family)

† Donna Robbins (by Family)

† Gloria Due (by Willie Due & Babes Morales)

† Rosa Meffe (by Frances Meffe)

† Addolorata, Gerardo & Rosa Grossi (by Family)

† Blake Evelyn (by Angela & Joe Pisano)

† Aldo Romanin (by Family)

† Paolo DiPompeo (by Family)

**Sunday**.....Second Sunday of Advent.....Dec 8<sup>th</sup>

**8:00 am** ♥ † For The People of Holy Rosary Parish


**9:30 am** † Felice Ferraro (by Family)

† Domenico & Maria Ricciuto

(by Angelo, Angelina Gabriele & family)

**11:00 am** † Adam Aiello (by Theresa Feor & Philip Aiello)

† Nicola Venditti (by Maria Venditti)

 **SANCTUARY LAMP:** This week's Sanctuary Lamp is donated in memory of *Antonio D'Amazio*. The Sanctuary lamp is lit to remind us of Christ's presence in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.

## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for the Month of December

### FOR PILGRIMS OF HOPE:

*Let us pray that the coming Church Jubilee Year 2025 strengthens us in our faith; helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.*

## Emmaus Young Adult Ministry

(Tuesdays, 7-9pm, St. Denis Church)

This Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, the young adults of the diocese invite you to **join us for prayer, formation, and fellowship at St. Denis Church, 230 Lake Street, St. Catharines.** For more information, contact Fr. Daniel at [corso.danielanthony@gmail.com](mailto:corso.danielanthony@gmail.com) or follow us on [Instagram@emmaus.ya](https://www.instagram.com/emmaus.ya).

When I took a course of Italian before my studies in Rome, one of the students from Lebanon, Ahmad, sang about his love to his girlfriend. He sang in Arabic. Thus we couldn't understand it, but in his voice, in the melody there was so much nostalgia that you could feel it in your heart. It was simply beautiful, but when he translated the words into Italian, we all remained astonished. He sang: "When you, my love, are far away from me, I miss you so much that I lose my senses, but when you are in my arms I feel nothing but boredom and annoyance." How come? - We kept asking. How come?

When we read today's first reading, we can sense in the words of the ancient prophet Jeremiah similar longing. When he writes these words, his people are far away from their country, driven by force away from their motherland. From afar the ancient promise of a future Saviour sounds more powerful and the desire to see him grows high. But when the Messiah finally came, instead of a shout of joy, he heard: "Crucify him!" And again we all astonished can ask: "How come?"

When we read today's second reading with attention, we can almost feel in our soul the love that Saint Paul had for Jesus, his Lord. He cares so much that the community, which he founded in Thessalonica, be ready for the second coming of Jesus, that he almost lacks words to express it. And yet – when we look at nowadays Christians, what can we see? They with all excitement and care, go to supermarkets to buy appropriate presents for their beloved ones for Christmas; with detailed attention they prepare their houses for Holidays: Christmas tree, ornaments, lights inside and outside their houses, snowmen, Santa with reindeers and the sledge; they carefully choose their menu for Christmas Vigil and dinner. But when finally this expected moment of Christmas comes, they feel not so much joy as much tiredness, fatigue and weariness. And we all astonished can ask: how come?

Did really Ahmad expect his beloved girl, desiring to meet her or rather concentrated on his own feelings overlooked the beauty of his girlfriend's love?

Did really Israelites expect the God's messenger who would teach them the ways of God? Or rather concentrating on their difficult situation wanted someone with supernatural power to fix their problem?

Do really nowadays Christians expect the second coming of Jesus, trying to prepare their hearts by living in a way pleasing to God? Or rather concentrating on themselves, they walk through their lives with eyes directed down to earth, not even noticing any other perspective?

Dear Brother, dear Sister,

It doesn't need to be this way. Today we begin Advent. You don't have to run! Rather – stop for a moment, gain your freedom! Kneel down in your house along with your wife and children and pray together for a while, read the Bible stories about Christmas! Maybe this time at Christmas you will be astonished, when you will see your family united around the Christmas tree and talking with eagerness about Jesus... and again you will ask yourself: How come?

*Fr. Janusz Roginski, S.A.C.*

**SCHOOL CONFESSIONS:** Confession for students will take place on Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 starting at 10:00 am at Our Lady of The Holy Rosary School.

*This week's Bulletin is dedicated to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*

**“To those devoted to my Sacred Heart, I will pour abundant blessings on all their undertakings.”**

**I DOMENICA DI AVVENTO / C  
1° DICEMBRE 2024**

*Il Signore viene nella sua gloria in mezzo agli sconvolgimenti delle potenze dei cieli e del mondo. Molti saranno presi dal terrore per ciò che dovrà accadere, mentre i credenti veglieranno pregando per poter sfuggire a tutto questo e presentarsi fiduciosi davanti al Figlio dell'uomo.*

**CONTEMPLATIVE ROSARY- EVERYONE IS INVITED!**

**Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7:00 pm** at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church, let's begin the Advent season with a joyful expectation, by reciting the Joyful Mysteries in Sacred Scriptures and songs, *With Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Music Ministry and Niagara Men's Schola.*



**The Members of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Catholic Women's League**

invite all the Ladies of the Parish and their guests to join us at our

**Annual Christmas Dinner and Social.**

Date: **Tuesday, December 10, 2024**

Time: Doors open at 5:00p.m.



Location: **Club Belvedere**; Dinner is served at 5:30p.m.  
Menu: Turkey and all the trimmings - Price: \$25.00 a person.

**Please consider bringing a Gift card for the**

**St. Vincent de Paul Children's Christmas Program.**

Please put your envelope in the collection plate by **Sunday,**

**December 8** to ensure your reservation or contact Kim

Kuchar at 905-732-6601 or [cwlholyroary@outlook.com](mailto:cwlholyroary@outlook.com)

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, CHILDREN CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

The SDVP Christmas Program helps families in our community who are in need and those registered within the Community Care. In addition to providing food hampers & food vouchers to the families registered within our program, a \$25 gift card is also given to each of their children. This Year, we count 169 children in the Christmas Program and our goal is to ensure that every child within this program receives a gift card. Please help us to achieve this important goal, serving 169 children, by donating \$25 gift card, which can be placed in the Sunday offertory basket or dropped off at the Church office and or mail slot. Thank you for kind support and generosity.

**WELCOME:** We welcome, with great joy, our newly baptized *Arimilia Ajajah and Ariana Daijah Alleyne, Michael John Mark Cappelozzo-Stark and Zyah Jolee Barbara Higgins* who joined our Parish family on November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024. May God bless these new members and their families as they live as followers of Jesus Christ.

**CHRISTMAS PLAY** All youth of the parish are invited to participate in our *Christmas Play on Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall.*

**Practice times for Christmas Play are on:**

**Wednesday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> / Monday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> &**

**Wednesday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 7pm**

**Sign-up at the main entrance of the Church.**

**PARISH EVANGELIZATION MISSION**

Please start praying especially for those Catholics who do not practice their faith so that they participate in our mission.

**Guest Speaker ⇨ Fr. Stephen Bruzese**

Date	Time
Saturday, Dec. 14 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm Mass
Sunday, December 15 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am, 9:30am & 11:00am Masses
Monday, December 16 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm - Mass
Tuesday, December 17 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm - Reconciliation Service

*God bless you.*

**DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

**This Friday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm**

Mass in Honour of The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus at Our Lady of The Holy Rosary Church. By consecrating ourselves to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we acknowledge Him as our Creator and Redeemer. All are welcome!

**SUNG MASS WITH LATIN**

**FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE GUADALUPE**

**Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7 pm**

at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church, Thorold, ON.

**Fr. Dan Corso and the Niagara Men's Schola are doing a Sung Mass with Latin. All are welcome!**

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**\*NEW\* HOLY ROSARY YOUTH GROUP**

**Thurs. Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>**

**6:00pm in the Parish Hall.**

*Young people in grades 6-12 are invited to join our youth group for fun, faith formation, and fellowship. For more information, to sign up, or to get involved, please contact Father Daniel.*



All are welcome to the Christmas Dinner hosted by The Knights of Columbus on Saturday, December 7, Club Belvedere, Thorold. Doors open at 6 pm, dinner served at 6:30 pm. The 4-course dinner menu includes Bread Rolls & Butter, Antipasto, Penne in Tomato Sauce with Meatballs and Sausage, Green Beans with Olive Oil & Cashew Nuts, Lemon Sauce Chicken and Roasted Potatoes, Tomato and Cucumber Salad with Italian Dressing, Tartufo Dessert, Coffee and Tea. Family style service to the tables. The cost is \$40 per person. Cash bar. The Knights' 50/50 Draw will also take place at this event. Contact Tony Scalzi, **905-933-8227** or [tscalzi@cogeco.ca](mailto:tscalzi@cogeco.ca) to purchase tickets in advance by Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**FRANCISCAN GROUP MEETING:**

**Friday, December 13, 2024 at 7 pm Caritas Room at Holy**

**Rosary Church.** If you are interested in the life of St. Francis of Assisi and would like to experience what Secular Franciscans do at their meetings, join us for a meeting! **If you would like to attend, please**

**call Debbie at 905-734-3053 or email at [deborahdessier57@gmail.com](mailto:deborahdessier57@gmail.com)**

**Condolences:** We sincerely extend our condolences and prayers to the family and friends who mourn the loss of *Salvatore De Mita*. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him and let the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. **Amen!**