

Third Sunday of Advent

December 14th, 2025 ~ Liturgical Year A

Mass Intentions

✠ December 15th to December 21st, 2025

Monday.....NO MASS.....December 15th

Tuesday.....December 16th

8:00 am ✠ Agostino, Immacolata & Benedetto Falovo (by Family)

✠ Loreta DiFederico (by Mike LaFratta & family)

Wednesday.....December 17th

8:00 am ♥ **Special Intention** of Josephine Lamothe (by Mary Cody)

✠ Frank Caputo (by Maria DiMarco)

Thursday.....December 18th

8:00 am ✠ Antonio Paoliello (by Jocelyn Calixtro)

✠ All Souls in Purgatory (by Anne Marie Smyth)

Friday.....December 19th

8:00 am ✠ Agostino Nardelli (by Family)

✠ Angèle Aubin (by François Crépeau)

Saturday.....December 20th

8:00 am ✠ Elizabeth Longo (by Family)

✠ Holy Souls in Purgatory (by Pearl Peritalo)

5:00 pm ✠ Lucia & Ennio Micoli (by Paola Robbin)

✠ Joe Tesolin (by Wife & Family)

✠ Sante, Filomena & Nadia Alonzi (by Rosamaria Alonzi)

✠ Antonietta Savoia (by Theresa Ruscio)

✠ For the Deceased members of Harrison

& Gallagher family (by Randy & Lill Harrison)

✠ For the Deceased members of McGaughey

& Gonzalez families (Jeanne-Anne Gonzalez)

Sunday.....Fourth Sunday of Advent.....December 21st

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

9:30 am ✠ Francesco & Raffaella Meffe

(Giovanni & Antonietta Meffe)

✠ Silvana Nardangeli (by Umberto Nardangeli)

11:00 am ✠ Nicola Venditti (by Maria Venditti)

✠ Nunzio & Annunziata Venditti



SANCTUARY LAMP: This weekly Sanctuary Lamp is donated in memory of *Don Warkentin*. The Sanctuary lamp is lit to remind us of Christ's presence in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.

Pope s' Prayer Intention for the Month of 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.

BECOME CATHOLIC THIS YEAR! The RCIA/RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults/Children) is a journey of faith for adults or children who are seeking to be baptized in the Catholic Church. **Our Journey of Faith continues this Sunday, December 14th, 2025 from 9:15 am to 10:45 am.** For more information email: dcorso@saintcd.com

WELCOME SUNDAY – SILENT AUCTION Sunday, December 21st, 2025 at the Parish Hall following all Masses. Thank you for your continuous support towards the Parish Basement. **Your gracious gifts baskets for the Silent Auction are always welcome.**



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Christmas 2025

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light" (Isaiah 9:2)

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

It seems at this present moment that we are walking in darkness. Our world and country are facing many challenges that seem overwhelming at times. It is becoming increasingly more difficult to see a way forward. That is why we need the light.

In the first chapter of the Gospel of John we read the following: "There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world" (John 1:6-9).

John is referring to Jesus, who tells us that he is the Light of the World: "I have come as light into the world, so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in the darkness" (John 12:46).

At Christmas we celebrate the fact that Jesus was born in Bethlehem. The light has entered the world so that we would be saved from the darkness of sin and death. Here we see the great generosity of God the Father in giving to us the gift of his only begotten Son.

As we know, shades of darkness remain in our world. As followers of Jesus, we still need to "testify to the light so that all may believe in him". A powerful way for us to do this is to be generous and follow the example of God the Father who gave us Jesus, the Light of the World.

Across our diocese, I have been inspired by many faith-filled individuals who have given of their time, talents, and financial resources to spread the light of Christ by helping others. Their actions remind me of how blessed I am to be your bishop.

Thank you for your generosity and love. You are indeed helping many who walk in darkness to see a great light. At Christmas and throughout the year this helps to strengthen the weary and inspire hope.

May Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, grant you a joyous Christmas and a grace-filled New Year.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

+Gerard Bergie

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Giovanni Battista in carcere dubita, ma Gesù lo rassicura con le opere che compie. La fede può anche vacillare, ma Dio agisce sempre. Non smettiamo mai di cercare i segni del suo passaggio nella nostra vita e già così vedremo il regno dei cieli.

Oggi si celebra il Giubileo dei Detenuti.

EMMAUS YOUTH ADULT MINISTRY

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

This Tuesday, December 16th, 2025, 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 or follow us on [Instagram@emmaus.ya](https://www.instagram.com/emmaus.ya)

Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Children Christmas Program

Each year **SVPD** collects donations from our parish community for the children's Gift Program. Our goal is to collect enough so that every eligible child will receive a \$25 gift card. Last year we provided gift cards to 171 children. We are expecting to have a similar number of children this year's program. The gift cards can be placed in the Sunday offertory basket or dropped off at the parish office. Generic cards such as: Wal Mart, Pen Center, Movie passes are ideal as they can be used by any age or gender. This program is not possible without your support and generosity. Thank you for helping us to make Christmas a little brighter for the children.



Poinsettia Sale

**Poinsettia Sale to Support
the Church Basement Renovation**

Orders Due by Dec. 18th, 2025

Delivery Date December 19th, 2025 after 8:00 am Mass

Order forms will be found at the back of the church

Mass of Thanksgiving for All Married Couples

Bishop Bergie will be celebrating a Mass of Thanksgiving for all married couples on 8 February 2026, at the Cathedral at 3:00pm.

World Day of Marriage, Sunday, February 8, 2026, 3:00pm.

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving with Bishop Gerard Bergie at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria, 3 Lyman Street, St. Catharines, ON. Celebrating All Married Couples especially those with significant 2026 Anniversaries.

Reception to Follow, No registration needed. All are welcome.

The Nativity Scene

The Nativity Scene is once again on display at City Hall in St. Catharines (50 Church Street, St. Catharines). All the faithful are encouraged to visit this display in the hope that the humble beauty of the creche will help inspire hearts to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. This meaningful religious display was made possible through the dedication of the Catholic Women's League of St. Mary of the Assumption parish and the generosity of Mr. Tom Rankin and the crew of Rankin Construction, for storing, transporting, and setting up the display, and Garden City Home Hardware Store for electrical cords and décor. It will be up until January 5, 2026.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

EVENING PRAYER

Wednesday, December 17th, at 7:00pm in the Church

CHRISTMAS CONCERT IN OUR PARISH

With Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Music Ministry
And The Men's Schola.

Thursday, December 18th

7:00 pm ~ in the Church

CHRISTMAS EVE

Wednesday, December 24th

8:00am, 5:30 pm and 12:00 am Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY

Thursday, December 25th

9:30am Italian & 11:00 am

NEW YEAR'S EVE MASSES

Wednesday, December 31st

8:00am, 5:00pm

NEW YEAR'S MASS

Thursday, January 1st

8:00am, 9:30am Italian & 11:00am English

Weekly Offering

30-Nov-25

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07-Dec-25

Offertory:	3,744.95	Offertory:	4,118.75
Online Offertory	1,066.25	Online Offertory	1,066.25
Church Basement	1,617.75	Church Basement	1,644.95
Christmas	70.00	Christmas	20.00
Flowers	130.00	Flowers	85.00
Total	\$6,628.95	New Year Day	20.00
		Total	\$6,954.95

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Basement Renovation	Collection	Expense	Balance
Donation Collected as of November 23rd, 2025	\$ 82,562.80	-	\$ 82,562.80
New Donations: November 30th, 2025	426.90	-	82,989.70
2nd Collect November 30th, 2025	1,190.85	-	84,180.55
Structure Engineering	-	\$ 2,469.05	81,711.50
Additional Lab Analytical-Asbestos (22)	-	678.00	81,033.50
Incurred Expenses as of April 13th, 2025	-	6,415.38	74,618.12
Consulting Fees invoiced by: ECCOH	-	27,890.00	46,728.12
Abatement and Demolition of the Basement	-	122,300.00	(75,571.88)
Uncategorized - Ductless Carrier Multi Zone	-	\$ 9,449.06	\$(85,020.94)

Basement Renovation	Collection	Expense	Balance
Donation Collected as of November 30th, 2025	\$ 84,180.55	-	\$ 84,180.55
New Donations: December 7th, 2025	380.00	-	84,560.55
2nd Collect December 7th, 2025	1,264.95	-	85,825.50
Structure Engineering	-	\$ 2,469.05	83,356.45
Additional Lab Analytical-Asbestos (22)	-	678.00	82,678.45
Incurred Expenses as of April 13th, 2025	-	6,415.38	76,263.07
Consulting Fees invoiced by: ECCOH	-	27,890.00	48,373.07
Abatement and Demolition of the Basement	-	122,300.00	(73,926.93)
Uncategorized - Ductless Carrier Multi Zone	-	\$ 9,449.06	\$(83,375.99)

NOTICE

The Church office will be closed for the holidays from Monday, December 22nd, 2025, to Thursday, January 1st, 2026 and will re-open on Friday, January 2nd, 2026.