

# Second Sunday of Advent

December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025 ~ Liturgical Year A

## Mass Intentions

✠ December 8<sup>th</sup> to December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Monday.....NO MORNING MASS.....December 8<sup>th</sup>**

**The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary**

**6:00pm Reconciliation**

**7:00pm Mass**

**Tuesday.....December 9<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 am ♥ **Special Intention of Lucia Abraham**

(by Isabel Schackman)

✠ Tino LaFratta (by Mike LaFratta & Family)

**10:00 am Mass with School Community**

✠ Lorna Peterson (by Marsha Hunt)

**12:30pm Mass with School Community**

✠ Margaret Jean Ross (by Don Guattrini)

**Wednesday.....December 10<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 am ✠ Stella Statti (by Maria Mauro)

✠ Theresa Zaredo (by Longo Family)

**Thursday.....December 11<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 am ♥ **Special Intention of Paul & Ailene Fournier**

(by Pearl Peritallo)

✠ Rebecca Ceralde (by Friend)

**Friday.....Our Lady of Guadalupe.....December 12<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 am ✠ Guido & Lisa Minicucci (by Chris & Julia)

✠ Giuseppe Serravalle (by Irene, Fran & Family)

**Saturday.....St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr.....December 13<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 am Santa Lucia (by Maria Mauro)

✠ Frank Caputo (by Cathy & Elio DiMarco)

5:00 pm ✠ Mary Rose Kenny (by John & Rita O'Brien)

✠ Giovanni, Carmela & Tonino DelGobbo (by Rosa Bussi)

✠ Léo LaCouvée (by Carole & Family)

✠ Gloria LeBlanc (by Branda & Family)

✠ Donato Perella (by Annunziata Perella)

✠ Giovanni & Toni Bussi (by Family)

**Sunday.....Third Sunday of Advent.....December 14<sup>th</sup>**

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

9:30 am ✠ Leonard Serravalle (by Marcella Serravalle)

✠ Grazietta Meffe (by Santino & Filomena Panunto)

11:00 am ✠ Ned Sauve (by Wife & Family)

✠ All the Souls in Purgatory (by Giselda & Vance Mazza)



**SANCTUARY LAMP:** This weekly Sanctuary Lamp is donated in memory of *The Coletti Family*. 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025 from 9:15 am to 10:45 am.** For more information email: [dcorso@saintcd.com](mailto:dcorso@saintcd.com)

The preparations for what we have turned Christmas into bring so much stress that we forget what Christmas really is. Yes, we all know we want to keep Christ in Christmas, but the steps needed to summon up what we think are the necessary feelings and emotions have overshadowed the meaning of the feast. The prescribed Christmas feelings of love, joy and peace cannot flow from the solid month of stress, which is December.

So, what are we to do? Well, that is precisely what Advent is all about. We are to prepare for the celebration of God's presence as one of us. We have to set aside more time than we normally spend in prayer.

John the Baptist came to help people get their priorities straight to prepare for the celebration of the Messiah among them. He told them to reform their lives, repent, not to presume that just because they were sons of Abraham that they will be saved, but instead to take action and produce the fruit of their conversions.

There are more important things to do than make cookies and buy presents. Yes, these things need to be accomplished, but there are more important things to do. We have to read the Christmas sections of Isaiah, the beginning of chapters 9 & 11, the first chapters of the Gospels of Luke and Matthew. We have to meditate on the wonders of the events leading up to the first Christmas, the annunciation to a young girl that her union with God was so complete that God had chosen her to become a human being through her. Her immediate response was to bring the joy and charity of God's coming presence to an elderly cousin who needed help as her child was coming. We have to meditate on the first Christmas, when a stinky barn became the first receiving hall for the King of Kings and townspeople passed by unnoticed while shepherds heard the announcement from angels. A good meditation is to put ourselves in the various roles of the Christmas miracle. In this task our beautiful nativity scenes can be very helpful! What if I were Mary or Joseph or Elizabeth or an innkeeper or a townsman or a shepherd? Am I open enough to the spiritual to hear Angels announcing Gloria? Are my eyes open enough to the spiritual to see a star? Will I ever be that wise or will I continually walk by Bethlehem with its hidden newborn treasure?

Instead of being stressed over what we have to do, we need to put ourselves before the Lord and let him make Christmas happen.

Yes, proper celebrations take time and hard work. But Mary of Bethany had the better part. She stopped to enjoy the presence of the Lord while her sister, Martha, was running around busy. We can do both, enjoy the presence of the Lord and prepare well for the celebration if we unite both. Our preparations must flow from our prayers to God. Then the Lord will make Christmas happen.

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

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## LATIN MASS

### FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE GUADALUPE

**Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 6 pm**

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

*Giovanni Battista ci esorta alla conversione.  
Preparare la via al Signore significa cambiare  
radicalmente direzione, accogliendo, col perdono  
dei peccati, la nuova luce che orienta una vita  
rinnovata.*

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### EMMAUS YOUTH ADULT MINISTRY

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

This Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:corso.danielanthony@gmail.com) or follow us on [Instagram@emmaus.va](https://www.instagram.com/emmaus.va)

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### CHRISTMAS DINNER TICKET WITH THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #2319 for Saturday,

December 13, 2025 is sold out.

However, the **beef-on-a-bun** is held on the second Thursday of each month. The format is takeout only. **Beef on a bun, coleslaw and roasted potatoes for only \$13.** Our next Beef on a Bun Dinner Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025.



### 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. 6<sup>th</sup> - Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Delivery Date December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025 after 8:00 am Mass

Order forms will be found at the back of the church

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### Donation of Securities Form

To assist parishioners in year-end tax planning, the diocese has available a Donation of Securities Form. Parishioners can make donations of securities to the parish or diocese and receive a receipt for income tax purposes for the full market amount of the securities donated. This is an opportunity for parishioners to support the parish and also receive a donation receipt for income tax purposes.

➤ We extend our sincere condolences and prayers to the family and friend who mourn the recent loss of **James Adrian McGrath**. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen!

## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

### PARISH ADVENT MISSION

✈ Guest Speaker: Fr. Paul MacDonald

Theme: **"Come Lord and Save Us!"**

Saturday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, Confession: 4:00-4:50pm; Mass: 5:00pm

Sunday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, 8:00am; 9:30am Italian & 11:00am Masses

Monday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, Confession: 6:00pm; Mass: 7:00pm

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### EVENING PRAYER

Wednesday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, and Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm in the Church

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### LATIN MASS

With the Niagara Men's Schola on Friday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm

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**CHRISTMAS PLAY FRIDAY, DEC. 12 at 7:00pm-Parish Hall**

Practice for the play Monday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>,

& Wednesday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm to 7:00pm at Parish Hall

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### CHRISTMAS CONCERT IN OUR PARISH

With Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Music Ministry

And The Men's Schola.

**Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 pm ~ in the Church

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### CHRISTMAS EVE

**Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

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

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### CHRISTMAS DAY

**Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

9:30am Italian & 11:00 am

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### NEW YEAR'S EVE MASSES

**Wednesday, December 31st**

8:00am, 5:00pm

### NEW YEAR'S MASS

**Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**

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

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➤ We welcome, with great joy, our newly baptized, **Selena Isabelle Venditti, Elliot Jayne Graham, Selena Ann Chirico, Noah David Wooddard Blakely and Chimamanda Royalty Esimoleze**, who joined our Parish family. May God bless these new members and their families as they live as follower of Jesus Christ.

### Give a Gift for Baby Jesus

The fundraiser, **"Give a Gift for Baby Jesus"**, invites you to choose an Angel from the donation board. Behind the Angel there will be an amount, and if you can, you're asked to place your Angel on the Tree as a visible sign that you will donate! Your **"Gift for Baby Jesus"** can then be made at your convenience, and is tax deductible ♥ □