

First Sunday of Advent

November 30th, 2025 ~ Liturgical Year C

Mass Intentions

✠ December 1st to December 7th, 2025

Monday.....NO MASS.....December 1st

Tuesday.....December 2nd

8:00 am **Special Intention of Fr. Janusz** (by Josephine D'Addario)

✠ Sean Byrne (by Friends)

Wednesday.....St. Francis Xavier, Priest.....December 3rd

8:00 am ✠ Holy Souls in Purgatory (by Jennifer Olszowy)

✠ Margherita & Salvatore Gualtieri (by Family)

Thursday.....December 4th

8:00 am **Special Intention of Robert & Marita Spaan** (by Pearl Peritallo)

✠ Philip Doyle (by Margery Longo)

Friday.....December 5th

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

✠ Gloria Due (by Babes Morales & Willie Due)

6:00 pm Mass In Honour of The Sacred Heart of Jesus

✠ Fiorino Falovo

✠ Amelia Flores

Saturday.....December 6th

8:00 am ✠ For the Souls of the deceased of The Legion of Mary

✠ Clelia Lucciola (by Cosimo & Maria Napoli)

5:00 pm **Special Intention of Emma Grace Ralph**

(by Jeannine Sibley)

✠ Paolo DiPompeo (by The Family)

✠ Deceased members of the DeCoste family (by Susan MacDonald)

✠ Domenico & Maria Ricciuto (by Tony Ricciuto)

✠ Antonio D'Ammizio (by Wife & Family)

Sunday.....Second Sunday of Advent.....December 7th

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

9:30 am ✠ Dino Joseph Girotti (by Marcello Iamonaco)

✠ Ann Iamonaco (by Marcello Iamonaco)

11:00 am ✠ Nazzareno Riganelli (by Ida Riganelli & Family)

✠ Anna & Oswaldo Rinaldi (by Ida Riganelli Family)



SANCTUARY LAMP: This weekly Sanctuary Lamp is donated in memory of **Jackie O'Brien**. 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, November 30th, 2025 from 9:15 am to 10:45 am.** For more information email: dcorso@saintcd.com

LATIN MASS

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE GUADALUPE

Thursday, December 12th, 2025 at 6 pm

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

What It's All About

Dear Family in Christ,

I experienced something powerful this week.

Between our morning Masses on Sunday, someone approached me with the following request:

"Father, our family has been richly blessed this year. We would be honoured if you could connect us with a family that is struggling financially, so that we could sponsor them and cover the gifts, food, and clothing that they are currently unable to afford. Please keep our names anonymous."

Of course, I was moved. I started thinking and praying, asking God to clearly point out the family He intended to bless through this request. Three days later, I received the following message, entirely unprompted:

I hope this message finds you well. I am reaching out to you with a humble request... This year has been hard. As of right now, we cannot afford Christmas gifts for our children, and have not been able to afford food. We have been relying on the generosity of food banks, and are praying that there might be a family within the parish who would be willing to sponsor our family for Christmas. Any support would be so greatly appreciated. Please keep our names anonymous."

At this point in my life, I feel that I have seen too much to be 'surprised' by God. Still, this moved me deeply- the generosity of the first family, the humility of the second, and the sheer grace of God's providence.

This of course got me thinking: surely, there are other families in our parish who, like the first family, have been blessed this year and are in a position to help. Even more assuredly, there are other families in Thorold who are experiencing a similar need as the second family. Most assuredly, our God is infinitely providential in connecting those who are in need with those in abundance. I cannot help but think that our parish is a key part of His providence.

This Advent season, if you or someone you know experiences either the need for help, or the ability to provide it, please send us a message via our website. As a Parish Family, we would be so very blessed to coordinate this. This is, after all, what it's all about.

God love you,



Father Corso

EMMAUS YOUTH ADULT MINISTRY

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

This Tuesday, December 2nd, 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)

Gesù ci invita a vegliare, perché la vita è imprevedibile. Ma nulla deve temere chi vive ogni giorno con amore e responsabilità, pronto all'incontro con lui.



Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church

The CWL Christmas Party!

Sunday December 9, 2025! 6 pm Turkey Dinner!

Club Belvedere! \$35.00 church collection/church office

Clearly marked "CWL Christmas"

Deadline December 1, no extensions please.

Your Membership is important ... please submit \$40 (CWL)

2026 is a special year and you will be a part of it!

Thank you kindly.



MAS DINNER

The Knights of Columbus #2319 invite you to

their Christmas Dinner on Saturday, December 13, 2025 at Club Belvedere, 47 John St. Thorold. All

are welcome to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. Doors will open at 6:00 pm and dinner will be served at 6:30 pm. Eat, drink and be merry.

The festive menu features the Belvedere Soup, Manicotti and Meatballs, Roast Chicken, Potatoes and Vegetables, Dessert, Coffee. The dinner ticket price is \$35.00 per person (all-in), a pay bar will be available. The Knights will be drawing of the annual 50/50 raffle. Don't miss your chance to win half the pot, and support Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church basement renovation at the same time. For tickets, contact Past Grand Knight, Tony Scalzi, via email: tscalzi@cogeco.ca or text at 905-933-8337 to reserve your seats.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Children Christmas Program

Each year **SVDP** 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.

50/50 FIFTH DRAW PRIZE

The 50/50 Fifth draw will be raffled off this Sunday, November 30th, 2025 at 12:30pm. Thank you!



A Big Thank You!

On behalf of **Live Christ, Share Christ Community**, we would like

to say a big THANK YOU for the successful event of last Saturday's Year-End Gathering and Clergy Appreciation Party of Fr. Janusz. Your presence, prayers, and kind words made the day truly special. It was a beautiful reminder of the love and unity in our parish family.

PARISHI ADVENT MISSION

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

Guest Speaker ⇨ **Fr. Paul MacDonald**

Date	Time
Friday, December 5 th	6:00pm Mass
Saturday, December 6 th	4:00 – 4:50pm Confession 5:00pm Mass
Sunday, December 7 th	8:00am; 9:30am & 11:00am Masses
Monday, December 8 th	5:00-6:00pm – Confession 7:00pm Mass

God bless you.

Messages of Hope Speaker Series

The MESSAGES OF HOPE Speaker Series is a special Jubilee 2025 initiative designed to engage those living in the Diocese of St. Catharines to learn about hope, and together, reflect and explore ways to restore a climate of hope in our world that desperately yearns for it. Each talk explores some messages and themes that Pope Francis highlighted in this Jubilee's Bull of Indiction - SPES NON CONFUNDIT: Hope does not disappoint. The next event will be on: December 9, 2025 7:00m – 9:00pm Speaker: Dr. Stephanie Kafie "Hopeful Dying: Reframing Hope at the End of Life"

Place: St. Alexander Parish (50 Pelham Town Square, Fonthill)

Weekly Offering

23-Nov-25

Offertory:	3,215.65
Online Offertory	1,066.25
Church Basement	1,477.10
Church Maintenance/Utilities	90.00
Flowers	230.00
Deo Gratias	139.00
World Mission	5.00
Total	\$ 6,218.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Basement Renovation	Collection	Expense	Balance
Donation Collected as of November 16th, 2025	\$ 81,085.70	-	\$ 81,085.70
New Donations: November 23rd, 2025	535.00	-	81,620.70
2nd Collect November 23rd, 2025	942.10	-	82,562.80
Structure Engineering	-	\$ 2,469.05	80,093.75
Additional Lab Analytical-Asbestos (22)	-	678.00	79,415.75
Incurred Expenses as of April 13th, 2025	-	6,415.38	73,000.37
Consulting Fees invoiced by: ECCOH Management Inc., E360 Solution & Manpower	-	27,890.00	45,110.37
Abatement and Demolition of the Basement	-	122,300.00	(77,189.63)
Uncategorized - Ductless Carrier Multi Zone	-	\$ 9,449.06	\$ (86,638.69)

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

CHRISTMAS PLAY

All youth of the parish are invited to participate in our **Christmas Play** on Friday, December 12th at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall.

Practice times for Christmas Play are from:

Monday, December 8th, Tuesday December 9th and Wednesday, December 10th, from 6:00pm – 7:00pm.