

# Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 ~ Liturgical Year A

## Mass Intentions

‡ December 22<sup>nd</sup> to December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Monday.....NO MASS.....December 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Tuesday.....December 23<sup>rd</sup>**

8:00 am ‡ Assunta Mauro (by Maria Mauro)

‡ Giovanni & Elena Macoretta

(by Filomena & Santino Panunto))

**Wednesday.....The Nativity of The Lord.....December 24<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 am ‡ Brian Daniel LaFrenière (by Ginette)

‡ Antonio D’Ammizio (by Wife & Family)

5:30pm ‡ Donald Gregoire (Wife & Children)

‡ Geraldine Ann Claire Kogler (by Ludgi and Ginette)

**12:00 MIDNIGHT MASS – For the deceased Priests**

**Thursday.....The Nativity of The Lord.....December 25<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 am ‡ Antonio & Emilia Mazza (by Vince & Giselda Mazza)

‡ Damiano & Maria LePera (by Vince & Giselda Mazza)

11:00 am ‡ Mary & Adam Aiello (by Theresa & Philip)

‡ Larry Scappaticci (by Donna Scappaticci)

**Friday.....Stephen, the First Martyr.....December 26<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 am ‡ Albert DeRose (by Bernie DeRose)

‡ Fiorino, Raffaele & Vincenza Falovo (by Maria Falovo)

**Saturday.....St. John, Apostle, Evangelist....December 27<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 am ‡ Giuseppe & Chiarina Serravalle (by Fran & Irene)

‡ Michael & Mildred Yurkewich

(by Morris & Irene Yurkewich)

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

‡ Joe Tesolin (by Wife & Family)

‡ Deceased members of Lanese & DiTillo families

(by family)

‡ Filomena, Anthony & Lucy Luciani (by Daughter Mary)

‡ Giovanni & Antonietta Minicucci (by Maria Bussu))

‡ Lorna Peterson (by Hunt Family)

**Sunday.....December 28<sup>th</sup>**

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

8:00 am ♡ ‡ For The People of Holy Rosary Parish

9:30 am ‡ Sandy DeTiberiis (Nancy DeTiberiis & Family)

‡ Michelantonio Grincoli (by Antony Grincoli)

11:00 am ‡ Pauline & Sam Valenti (by Char)

♡ For the Holy Innocent Children



**SANCTUARY LAMP:** This weekly Sanctuary Lamp is donated in memory of *Allegro Carbone*. 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 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 from 9:15 am to 10:45 am.** For more information email: [dcorso@saintcd.com](mailto:dcorso@saintcd.com)

The readings for this Sunday are an immediate preparation for Christmas. We come upon Joseph. A very disappointed Joseph. The beautiful young girl he would soon take into his home was pregnant. His life was falling apart around him. What was Joseph thinking? Would he have forgiven Mary a supposed indiscretion if she were not pregnant? But she was pregnant. The child was ruining everything.

And then the angel came in the dream and told him that the child will make all things wonderful. He is the Saviour. Mary has remained virtuous. And Joseph was given the opportunity to take the Messiah into his family. Basically, Joseph was told to celebrate this unexpected birth.

This year we had quite many Baptisms – a positive sign for our parish. It means that many babies have become members of our community. Some of our young moms are carrying their babes under their hearts. Those first few months, when it is their secret, must be wonderful. Then when they are ready to share their secret, family and friends celebrate the coming child. And every child has a right to have his or her coming celebrated.

That right extends also to those children whose coming, like the Lord’s, is not expected, whether their parents thought they were done having children or whether their parents did not even consider that their actions could lead to their conception. It makes not difference. Once the coming of a child is learned, the child should be celebrated.

Soon at our homes we will sing sweet carols about the Babe of Bethlehem. Although we know that this is the Second Person of the Trinity, the All Powerful One, we also know that he chose to become one of us, totally one of us, even being conceived and carried in a womb and being an infant, toddler, child, teen and young adult before revealing himself to the world at his Baptism by John the Baptist. And so we focus on his infancy. We tell him in song to “sleep in heavenly peace.” We sing of the unexpected joy.

Every child has a right to be celebrated with love. Every child has a right to be carried inside and outside the Mom with deep love. Every child is a joy, whether a planned joy or an unexpected joy. Every child has a right to be carried and to sleep in heavenly peace, not in emotional turmoil. Babies and children in general need material things, but they need more than that. They need warmth and love.

It is clear from the scripture that Joseph provided for more than Jesus’s external needs. He loved the child. He took him into his family. He named him. And, I am certain, he held him and rocked him to sleep when Mary was exhausted. He celebrated this unexpected child and in doing so celebrated the presence of God’s love on earth.

We pray to St. Joseph today to help us to do what he did. We need to care for, to love and to celebrate our babies. In doing so we are celebrating the arrival of yet another reflection of the presence of God on earth.

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


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**IV DOMENICA DI AVVENTO / A**  
*Giuseppe si affida alle parole dell'Angelo e, obbediente, accoglie Maria e Gesù. La famiglia è un dono che va custodito con amore, sostenuti dalla fede.*

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**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.



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

wishes each and every parishioner, a very blessed and happy Christmas. May your hearts be filled with joy. Many thanks to our parish family...

Fr. Roginski, Fr. Corso, Fr. Lizzotti,  
Patti, Ginette, Donald... you are all exceptional! Thank you.

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**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.

**Broadcast of Midnight Mass**

The annual broadcast of Midnight Mass from the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria will be available on Newstalk 610 CKTB at 11:30 pm and at [www.610cktb.com](http://www.610cktb.com).

**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

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

8:00am, 5:30 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 31<sup>st</sup>**

8:00am, 5:00pm

**NEW YEAR'S MASS**

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

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

**Weekly Offering**

**14-Dec-25**

Offertory:	5,073.25
Online Offertory	1,066.25
Church Basement	4,740.00
Gift for Jesus	1,699.00
Christmas	225.00
Church Maintenance	55.00
Hall Donation	200.00
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$ 13,058.50</u></b>

**Thank you for your generosity!**

Basement Renovation	Collection	Expense	Balance
Donation Collected as of December 14th, 2025	\$ 85,825.50	-	\$ 85,825.50
New Donations: December 7th, 2025	4,195.00	-	90,020.50
2nd Collect December 7th, 2025 + Gift for Jesus \$1,699	2,244.00	-	92,264.50
Structure Engineering	-	\$ 2,469.05	89,795.45
Additional Lab Analytical-Asbestos (22)	-	678.00	89,117.45
Incurred Expenses as of April 13th, 2025	-	6,415.38	82,702.07
Consulting Fees invoiced by: <b>ECCOH Management Inc., E360 Solution &amp; Manpower</b>	-	27,890.00	54,812.07
Abatement and Demolition of the Basement	-	122,300.00	(67,487.93)
Uncategorized - Ductless Carrier Multi Zone	-	\$ 9,449.06	\$ (76,936.99)

**Reminder**

The Church office will be closed for the holidays from Monday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, to Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 and will reopen on Friday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026.

**WELCOME SUNDAY – SILENT AUCTION**

Today, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025, all parishioners are invited at the Parish Hall following all Masses to enjoy some fellowship and refreshment at our regular Welcome Sunday and to support the Silent Auction towards the Church Basement Renovation. Thank you for your continuous support. **Your gracious gifts baskets for the Silent Auction are always welcome.**

The Advent 2025 issue of **The Vineyard** is now available on the diocesan website: <http://saintcd.com/diocesan-directory/the-vineyard>



**A BLESSED, JOYFUL AND MERRY CHRISTMAS, FROM THE PARISH STAFF, TO YOU AND YOUR BELOVED FAMILY!**